DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE WTO COMMISSION
FOR SOUTH ASIA AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST MEETING

Islamabad, Pakistan, 11 January 1995

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CSA/DEC/1(XXXI)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Agenda item 1 (document CSA/31/Prov.Ag.)

The Commission,

1. **Amends** the provisional agenda of the thirty-first meeting as contained in the document (CSA/31/Prov.Ag.) submitted by the Secretary-General by adding "Other matters" as Agenda item 7 and renumbering the last item accordingly; and

2. **Adopts** the agenda as amended.

CSA/DEC/2(XXXI)

COMMUNICATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION
Agenda item 2

The Commission,

**Having heard** the Communication of the Chairman,

1. **Thanks** him for his Communication;

2. **Appreciates** his words of welcome and greetings extended to all Members, non-members, the representatives of international organizations present at the meeting and the Secretary-General and his officers; and

3. **Agrees** with his suggestion that to succeed in the 1990s, the countries of the region should devote more resources towards development of tourism infrastructure and upgradation of skills of personnel in the tourism sector.
CSA/DEC/3(XXXI)

PRELIMINARY REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Agenda item 3 (document CSA/31/1)

The Commission,

Having heard the preliminary remarks of the Secretary-General,

1. Thanks him for a very comprehensive review of world tourism in 1994;

2. Notes with satisfaction the growth achieved by the region in 1994, both in terms of international tourist arrivals and tourist receipts;

3. Congratulates him on the action taken to implement various segments of the general programme of work of the Organization in the region; and

4. Calls upon the Members to extend their support and cooperation in full measure to the Secretary-General in order to achieve the objectives of the programme of work during the current biennium.

CSA/DEC/4(XXXI)

PRESENTATION OF THE STATISTICAL MONOGRAPH OF THE REGION

Agenda item 4

The Commission,

Having listened to the detailed presentation of the Statistical Monograph for South Asia,

Having considered the Statistical Monograph circulated among the participants,

1. Appreciates the submission of the Statistical Monograph which will be of immense value to the national tourism administrations in the region in their planning and marketing activities;
2. **Notes** the summary of the latest tourism trends in the region and the world as a whole;

3. **Urges** the Secretariat to include more analytical information as well as brief technical notes on the country-specific methodologies of data collection and classification so that the finished data is more comparable;

4. **Requests** the Secretariat to conduct a seminar/workshop in the region to implement the recommendations of the Ottawa Conference on Travel and Tourism Statistics, and **accepts with gratitude** the offer of India to host the seminar/workshop during the first half of 1996; and

5. **Calls upon** the Members to supply the statistical data to the Secretariat regularly and on a time-bound basis.

CSA/DEC/5(XXXI)

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Agenda item 5 (document CSA/31/2)

The Commission,

**Having considered** the working document submitted by the Secretary-General on the subject,

1. **Notes** the various activities carried out during the first half of the current biennium and the development of relations with Members and international organizations;

2. **Notes** the activities planned for the second half of the biennium;

3. **Notes with satisfaction** that a workshop on sustainable tourism development and an educating the educators course were conducted in India in 1994 and an educating the educators course is scheduled to be held in Pakistan in 1995;

4. **Greatly appreciates** the internship scheme introduced by the Organization and **calls upon** the Members to take full advantage of the scheme;
5. **Urges** the Secretariat that, resources permitting, training programmes oriented towards the operational sector should be conducted in the region;

6. **Requests** the Secretariat to explore the possibilities of designating a WTO education and training centre in the region;

7. **Suggests** that development of Spice Route on the lines of the Silk Route, be undertaken with the joint efforts of the Members and international organizations;

8. **Accepts with gratitude** the offer of the representative of ESCAP to provide faculties for in-country training programmes in the region;

9. **Joins** the representatives of Iran, Maldives and Sri Lanka in appreciating the Secretariat’s technical cooperation activities in the region; and

10. **Urges** the Members to incorporate the tourism sector into their national development programmes and grant it a high priority, taking advantage of the mechanisms existing for this purpose, such as WTO’s technical assistance.

CSA/DEC/6/(XXXI)

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE SIXTH PROGRAMMING CYCLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

Agenda item 6 (document CSA/31/3)

The Commission,

Having been informed of the details of the UNDP’s Sixth Programming Cycle, financing mechanisms and implications for the tourism sector,

1. **Thanks** the Secretariat for bringing the objectives and methodologies of the Programming Cycle to the notice of the Members;

2. **Requests** the Secretariat that, wherever needed, the Organization’s technical assistance be extended to the Members in formulating definite project proposals;
3. **Welcomes** the statement of the Secretariat that even in cases where projects are nationally-executed, WTO's technical support will continue to be extended to the Members as a cooperating agency; and

4. **Calls upon** the Members to make every effort to secure a high priority for the tourism sector in the allocation of resources during UNDP's Sixth Programming Cycle.

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**CSA/DEC/7(XXXI)**

**OTHER MATTERS**  
Agenda item 7

The Commission,

**Expresses** its deep gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Pakistan for making excellent arrangements for hosting the first Asian Tourism Conference as well as the Commission meeting and for their overwhelming hospitality.

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**CSA/DEC/8(XXXI)**

**PLACE AND DATE OF THE**  
**THIRTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMISSION**  
Agenda item 8

The Commission,

**Noting** that the thirty-second meeting of the Commission will be held in conjunction with the eleventh session of the General Assembly,

1. **Accepts with gratitude** the offer of the Government of Nepal to host the thirty-third meeting of the Commission in its territory during the first quarter of 1996.
ANNEX

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