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Twenty-fourth Joint Meeting
Chiang Mai, Thailand
5 May 2012

PLACE AND DATE OF THE 25TH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMISSION

Item 9 of the Provisional Agenda

Note by the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General submits to the Joint Meeting of the two Commissions information related to the place and date of its 25th Joint Meeting
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Background

1. In April 2005, a unanimous decision was taken by the Commission for South Asia during its 46th Meeting (i.e. CSA 46) in Lahore (Pakistan) to hold its future meetings jointly with the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific. This was with a view to reducing member countries’ budgetary allotment to meetings while at the same time, giving the two commissions the opportunity to share experiences about issues relating to the development, growth, management and promotion of their tourism industries.

2. This decision was seconded by the Commission for East Asia and the Pacific during its 42nd Meeting (i.e. CAP 42) in Otsu, Shiga Prefecture (Japan) in June the same year. Thus future meetings of the two commissions were to be held at the same venue but hosted by a country of each commission on a rotational basis.

3. The 47th CSA and 43rd CAP meetings were held in Dakar, Senegal during the 15th General Assembly. In 2006, following the above-mentioned decisions to hold subsequent CAP and CSA meetings at the same venue, Macao, China hosted the 44th CAP and 48th CSA Meetings. Pakistan hosted 45th CAP and 49th CSA meetings the following year (i.e. in 2007). The 19th CAP-CSA Joint meeting was also held at the same venue.

4. However, in Kobe (Japan) where the 20th CAP-CSA joint meeting took place, neither the 47th CAP nor the 50th CSA meetings took place since their agenda items were covered during the joint meeting. In order to avoid repetition of discussion points, the decision was taken to have one single meeting of the two commissions jointly in the corresponding venue during a non-General Assembly year. Furthermore, separate meetings of the respective commissions will take place every two years within the framework of the General Assembly of the Organization.

5. In compliance with the rotational rule, the subsequent three joint meetings (i.e. the 21st CAP-CSA, 22nd CAP-CSA and 23rd CAP-CSA) were hosted by Iran, Vietnam and Sri Lanka respectively. The 24th CAP-CSA (the forthcoming joint meeting) will be hosted by Thailand.

Decision

6. During discussions on item 9 of the attached provisional agenda for the Chiang Mai Commission meeting, a decision will have to be taken about which country in South Asia will host the 25th CAP-CSA meeting. Members of the Commission for South Asia that wish to present their candidature as hosts for next year’s joint meeting are kindly requested to send a fax to the Secretary-General by 15th April 2012 at the latest.