

Development, to undertake effective consultations with Governments with a view to implementing that resolution and appointing the members of the Advisory Committee, taking into account, *inter alia*, the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

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15 December 1977*

### **32/156. Agreement on Co-operation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization**

*The General Assembly,*

*Having considered* Economic and Social Council decision 254 (LXIII) of 3 August 1977 and the draft agreement annexed thereto on co-operation and relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization,

*Approves* the Agreement on Co-operation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

*107th plenary meeting  
19 December 1977*

#### **ANNEX**

#### **Agreement on Co-operation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization**

The General Assembly of the United Nations, in its resolution 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969, decided, *inter alia*, that an agreement should be concluded which would establish close co-operation and relationships between the United Nations and the future World Tourism Organization, define the modalities of such co-operation and relationships and recognize the decisive and central role that the World Tourism Organization was to play in the field of world tourism in co-operation with the existing machinery within the United Nations system.

Article 3, paragraph 3, of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization provides that the World Tourism Organization, in order to establish its central role in the field of tourism, shall establish and maintain effective collaboration with the appropriate organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

Therefore, the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization agree as follows:

#### *Article I*

##### **RECOGNITION OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The United Nations recognizes the World Tourism Organization as being responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its statutes for the accomplishment of the purposes set forth therein, with due regard to the competence and responsibilities of the United Nations and its organs and of the agencies within the United Nations system.

2. The United Nations takes note that the World Tourism Organization, in pursuing its aims, is concerned to pay particular attention to the interests of the developing countries in the field of tourism.

#### *Article II*

##### **RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS**

The World Tourism Organization, having regard to the obligations of the United Nations to promote the objectives set forth in Article 55 of the Charter of the United Nations, agrees to arrange for the submission as soon as possible to its General Assembly or its Executive Council, as appropriate,

of all formal recommendations that the United Nations may make to it and, in due course, to report to the United Nations on the action taken by it or its members in order to give effect to such recommendations or on the other results of their consideration.

#### *Article III*

##### **RELATIONSHIP AND CO-ORDINATION**

1. The United Nations and the World Tourism Organization agree to strive for the maximum co-operation and the elimination of unnecessary duplication between them in their respective activities related to tourism.

2. The United Nations and the World Tourism Organization agree that the activities of the World Tourism Organization and the activities in respect of or related to tourism of the United Nations and other organizations within the United Nations system shall be co-ordinated by the Economic and Social Council through consultations and recommendations. Intersecretariat co-ordination shall be ensured through the machinery of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, in the operation of which the World Tourism Organization shall participate in respect of matters of common interest.

3. The World Tourism Organization will seek separate arrangements for co-operation with individual agencies within the United Nations system engaged in tourism or tourism-related activities.

#### *Article IV*

##### **RECIPROCAL REPRESENTATION**

1. The United Nations shall be invited to send representatives to attend in an observer capacity the meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization and any subsidiary bodies which may be established by the World Tourism Organization, as well as such conferences as the World Tourism Organization may convene, and to participate, with the approval of the body concerned and without the right to vote, in debates on questions of concern to the United Nations.

2. The World Tourism Organization shall be invited to send representatives to attend in an observer capacity meetings of the Economic and Social Council or its subsidiary organs, conferences convened by it and meetings of other United Nations bodies which deal with matters of common interest and to participate, with the approval of the body concerned and without the right to vote, in debates on questions of concern to the World Tourism Organization.

#### *Article V*

##### **WRITTEN STATEMENTS**

The United Nations may submit written statements to meetings of bodies of the World Tourism Organization and other meetings organized by it on matters of common interest which are relevant to the work of those bodies. The World Tourism Organization may submit written statements to the Economic and Social Council, to its subsidiary organs and to conferences convened by it, and also to the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly of the United Nations, on matters of common interest which are relevant to the work of those bodies.

#### *Article VI*

##### **PROPOSAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Subject to such preliminary consultations as may be necessary, the secretariat of the World Tourism Organization may include in the provisional agenda of the General Assembly and the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization items proposed to it by the United Nations. The Secretariat of the United Nations may include in the provisional agenda of the Economic and Social Council items proposed by the World Tourism Organization. In this connexion, the World Tourism Organization may make recommendations and proposals relating to international agreements to be drawn up in the field of tourism.

*Article VII*

## EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for the safeguarding of confidential material, a full and prompt exchange of information and documents on matters concerning tourism shall be made between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization. The World Tourism Organization agrees to transmit to the Economic and Social Council reports on its activities and programmes.

*Article VIII*

## STATISTICAL SERVICES

1. The World Tourism Organization takes note that the United Nations is the central agency for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics on tourism as part of the statistics in respect of international travel, national accounting and other general statistical information.

2. The United Nations recognizes the World Tourism Organization as the appropriate organization for the collection, analysis, publication, standardization and improvement of statistics within the sphere of the World Tourism Organization, without prejudice to the right of the United Nations to concern itself with such statistics in so far as they may be essential for its own purposes or for the improvement of statistics throughout the world.

3. The United Nations and the World Tourism Organization agree to combine their efforts to secure the greatest possible usefulness and utilization of such statistical information and to minimize the burden placed upon national Governments and other organizations from which the information may be collected.

*Article IX*

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization may enter into such supplementary arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable.

*Article X*

## ENTRY INTO FORCE AND REVISION OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This Agreement shall come into force upon its approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization.

2. This Agreement may be amended or revised by agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization, and such amendment or revision shall come into force upon approval by the General Assembly of the United Nations and the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization.

**32/157. World Tourism Organization***The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

*Recalling also* article 27 of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,

*Recalling further* its resolutions 2529 (XXIV) of 5 December 1969 and 2802 (XXVI) of 14 December 1971 concerning, *inter alia*, the establishment of the

World Tourism Organization as an intergovernmental organization, as well as the Economic and Social Council decision of 20 May 1971 on co-operation and relations between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization,<sup>67</sup>

*Noting* that the statutes of the World Tourism Organization,<sup>68</sup> which were adopted at Mexico City on 27 September 1970, entered into force on 2 January 1975,

*Noting further* article 3 of the statutes of the World Tourism Organization, which states that the organization, in order to establish its central role in the field of tourism, shall establish and maintain effective collaboration with the appropriate organs of the United Nations and its specialized agencies,

*Recalling* its resolution 32/156 of 19 December 1977, by which it approved the Agreement on Co-operation and Relationships between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization,

*Bearing in mind* article II of that Agreement, under which the World Tourism Organization agrees to submit as soon as possible to its General Assembly or its Executive Council, as appropriate, all formal recommendations that the United Nations may make to it and, in due course, to report to the United Nations on the action taken by it in order to give effect to such recommendations,

*Recalling further* article IX of the Agreement, which states that the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization may enter into supplementary arrangements for the implementation of the Agreement,

*Recognizing* the contribution of tourism to economic and social development and to the promotion of international understanding, peace and prosperity,

*Conscious* of the need to pay particular attention to the interests of developing countries in the field of tourism,

*Aware* of the actions undertaken by developing countries individually and collectively to promote tourism,

1. *Requests* the World Tourism Organization to intensify its efforts to promote tourism, particularly in developing countries, through international co-operation, bearing in mind article 3 of its statutes, and to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fifth session, on the action taken by it with respect to this recommendation;

2. *Invites* those States Members of the United Nations which are not yet members of the World Tourism Organization to consider becoming members of that organization;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to follow up this invitation with the Member States concerned and report on this matter to the General Assembly at its thirty-third session, through the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-fifth session.

*107th plenary meeting  
19 December 1977*

<sup>67</sup> See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (E/5044)*, p. 25, item 12 (b).

<sup>68</sup> E/4955, annex.