

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,⁶⁷

Noting that the statutes of the World Tourism Organization,⁶⁸ 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*

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

⁶⁸ E/4955, annex.