

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY**

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Activities of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics

Agenda item 20
(documents A/16/20 and A/16/20 Add.1)

The General Assembly,

Having taken cognizance of the report of the Secretary-General on this matter,

Having before it the outcome of the first survey on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, carried out between 2004 and 2005 among WTO Members,

Aware of the Rules of Procedures approved by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics,

Having examined the *Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism*, adopted by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, as well as its complementing document entitled *Guidelines for the Consideration of Disputes*,

Having considered the document entitled *The Responsible Tourist and Traveller*, proposed by the Secretariat as a practical guide for the travelling community,

1. Notes with satisfaction the important progress achieved by the Committee under the effective guidance of its elected Chairman, Mr. Diego Cordovez, and commends the Committee for the issues identified as requiring priority attention in its programme of work;
2. Reiterates its invitation to Member States, as appropriate, to introduce the Global Code of Ethics to its national legislations and relevant laws, regulations and professional practices, and, in this regard, expresses its appreciation to those Member States that had already done so;

3. Calls upon Member States, Affiliate Members and other stakeholders to pursue and consolidate the implementation of the Code of Ethics, and to inform about it periodically the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, so as to enable it to report to the General Assembly of the United Nations on a regular basis;
 4. Requests the Secretary General to undertake the necessary measures to provide the Committee with the institutional and administrative support for the complete and successful accomplishment of its work;
 5. Takes note of the Rules of Procedure adopted by the Committee;
 6. Acknowledges with satisfaction the efforts and work undertaken by the Chairman and the Members of the Committee in developing a broadly acceptable mechanism for the settlement of disputes (Part II of the Protocol of Implementation of the Code), and endorses the *Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, as well as the Guidelines for the Consideration of Disputes*;
 7. Welcomes the initiative of the Secretariat of widely disseminating the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism among the travelling public by issuing a set of user-friendly guidelines based on the principles of the Code related to the responsible planning and practice of a trip, and recommends that the practical guide entitled *The Responsible Tourist and Traveller* be broadly disseminated by the Organization, in cooperation with its Full, Associate and Affiliate Members;
 8. Expresses its gratitude to the Italian Government for its offer to host the permanent headquarters of the World Committee of Tourism Ethics in Rome, and approves the principle of the agreement to be concluded between the Secretary-General and the Italian authorities on this matter; and
 9. Thanks the Governments of Italy and Tunisia for having hosted the first and third meetings of the Committee, in Rome (February 2004) and Tunis (May 2005), respectively, as well as the Indian Government and the Indian representative of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, Capt. Krishnan Nair, for the invitation to hold the fourth meeting of the Committee in Bangalore in 2006.
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