

STATUTES OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION (WTO)

ESTABLISHMENT

ARTICLE 1

The World Tourism Organization, hereinafter referred to as "the Organization", an international organization of intergovernmental character resulting from the transformation of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO), is hereby established.

HEADQUARTERS

ARTICLE 2

The headquarters of the Organization shall be determined and may at any time be changed by decision of the General Assembly.

AIMS

ARTICLE 3

1. The fundamental aim of the Organization shall be the promotion and development of tourism with a view to contributing to economic development, international understanding, peace, prosperity, and universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. The Organization shall take all appropriate action to attain this objective.

2. In pursuing this aim, the Organization shall pay particular attention to the interests of the developing countries in the field of tourism.

3. In order to establish its central role in the field of tourism, the Organization shall establish and maintain effective collaboration with the appropriate organs of the United Nations and its specialised agencies. In this connection the Organization shall seek a co-operative relationship with and participation in the activities of the United Nations Development Programme, as a participating and executing agency.