

ANNEX to the BARCELONA DECLARATION OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE: “BETTER PLACES TO LIVE, BETTER PLACES TO VISIT”

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF THE BARCELONA DECLARATION TO EXISTING DECLARATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATED TO TOURISM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Referring to the UNESCO Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (World Heritage Convention) adopted in 1972 at the 17th General Conference of UNESCO noting the importance of cultural heritage and natural heritage and human interaction with cultural sites.

Fully aware of the action plan adopted by the United Nations expressed in Agenda 21 for the Travel & Tourism Industry in 1992 at the Earth Summit of Rio de Janeiro regarding environmentally sustainable development, placing emphasis on the Earth Summit of Johannesburg in 2002 and Earth Summit of Rio in 2012.

Re-affirming the 10 principles covered in the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism adopted by the UNWTO General Assembly in 1999 and approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001 regarding the economic, social, cultural and environmental components of travel and tourism and calling special attention to Article 3 and 6, stating tourism as a factor of sustainable development and affirming the obligations of stakeholders in tourism development, respectively.

Recalling the ICOMOS International Cultural Tourism Charter approved in 1999 as a replacement of the 1976 Charter, adopting a closer approach between the conservation of cultural heritage and the tourism industry.

Acknowledging the 6 principles and guidelines laid out in 2002 by ICOMOS (the International Council on Monuments and Sites) for managing Tourism at Places of Cultural and Heritage Significance, with special attention to principle 6, concerning responsible promotion programs.

Having regard to the Cape Town Declaration on Responsible Tourism in 2002 organized by the Responsible Tourism Partnership and Western Cape Tourism, emphasizing the shaping of sustainable spaces into better places.

Observing the Council of Europe, Recommendation Rec 2003 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States on the promotion of tourism to foster cultural heritage as a factor for sustainable development adopted by the Committee of Ministers in 2003, at the 824th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies.

Recognizing the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and its guiding principles adopted in 2005 at the 33rd session of the General Conference of UNESCO celebrating the importance of cultural diversity.

Considering the Europa Nostra Congress held in 2006 leading to the endorsement of the Malta declaration, tackling the issue of Cultural Tourism: Its Encouragement and Control and advocating for the balance between sustainable tourism and heritage conservation.

Having regard to the European Commissions' Communication (COM(2010) 532/3) entitled Europe, the world's N° 1 tourist destination "a new political framework for tourism in Europe."

Noting further the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/68/223 adopted in 2013 at the 68th session of the General Assembly on Culture and Sustainable Development in the post-2015 development agenda.

Recognizing the Hangzhou Declaration adopted in 2013 for Placing Culture at the Heart of Sustainable Development Policies in the framework of Hangzhou International Congress China, Culture: Key to Sustainable Development.

Aware of the 7th International Conference on Responsible Tourism in Destinations in Barcelona held in 2013 discussing responsibility for the environmental impacts of tourism, sense of place and the extension of social participation in tourism.

Noting the Florence Declaration on Culture, Creativity and Sustainable Development, Research, Innovation, Opportunities adopted in 2014 during the third edition of the UNESCO World Forum on Culture and Cultural Industries addressing the role of culture in creating a sustainable future.

Recognizing the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by the United Nations Agenda 2030 in 2015 with special recognition regarding Tourism and Culture, goal 9, encouraging innovation and infrastructure and goal 11, promoting sustainable cities and communities.

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly Resolution, A/RES/70/193 adopted in 2015 at the twenty-first session of the UNWTO General Assembly, declaring 2017 as the International Year for Sustainable Tourism for Development underlying the importance of tourism as an important development tool for the SDGs and the contribution of Tourism to the world's economic activity.

Fully aware of the Siem Reap Declaration elaborated in 2015 on the occasion of the UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture– Building a New Partnership Model.

Aware of the 1995 World Charter for Sustainable Tourism of Lanzarote, updated in 2015 in Vitoria-Gasteiz, Basque Country.

Recognizing the Resolution (2016) 2072), 13th December 2016 of the European Parliament on a coherent EU policy for cultural and creative industries, especially the chapter on "Framework conditions on fostering innovation."

Recognizing the Decision 2017/864 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 17th May 2017 in a European Year of Cultural Heritage (2018) following the proposal of the European Commission.

Keeping in mind the UNWTO Framework Convention on Tourism Ethics held in 2017 which was built around the core principles mentioned in the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, as well as working towards the advancement of a more sustainable and ethical tourism.

Recognizing the Barcelona Declaration Building Sustainable Tourism in the Framework of the New Urban Agenda launched by Biosphere, Barcelona City Council and the Responsible Tourism Institute in 2017.

Viewing with appreciation the Muscat Declaration of 2017 on the occasion of the UNWTO/UNESCO World Conference on Tourism and Culture: Fostering Sustainable Development acting as an official event of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development in Muscat.

In line with the European Cultural Tourism Network (ECTN) 'Charter for Sustainable Cultural Tourism' of 2017, second edition.

Supporting the Berlin Call for Action “Cultural Heritage for the Future of Europe” of 2018 developed under the framework of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage by Europa Nostra, the German Cultural Heritage Committee (DNK) acting as national coordinator of the European Year of Cultural Heritage in Germany and the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation (SPK) based in Berlin.