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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Report of the Secretary-General

International Year of Tourism

Agenda item 7

The General Assembly,

Having heard the proposal of Japan,

Considering that WTO is about to enter into a new stage through its transformation into a specialized agency of the United Nations,

Aware that, in addition to its growing contribution to the world economy, tourism can play a decisive part in resolving conflicts, settling differences and promoting lasting peace among peoples.

1. Requests the Secretariat to propose that the United Nations establish in the near future an "International Year of Tourism" in order to contribute, through various events held during such an occasion around the world, to the alleviation of international conflicts and confrontations between States, and to the realization of world peace; and
2. Urges all of its Members to support this initiative in the United Nations General Assembly