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**REPORT
OF
THE SEVENTH COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING
ON TOURISM**

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1. The Seventh Coordination Committee Meeting on Tourism was held in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 26th June, 2022 for the selection of the OIC City of Tourism for 2023 and 2024.
2. For OIC City of Tourism Award for the year 2023 and 2024 the following cities were nominated by the Member States:
 - i. Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates);
 - ii. Dushanbe (Republic of Tajikistan);
 - iii. Khiva (Republic of Uzbekistan);
 - iv. Lagos (Federal Republic of Nigeria); and
 - v. Şanlıurfa (Republic of Türkiye).
3. The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Abu Tahir Muhammad Zaber, Chief Executive Officer of the Bangladesh Tourism Board, and attended by the representatives of the following members of the Coordination Committee on Tourism:
 - 1) People's Republic of Bangladesh (Chair);
 - 2) Republic of Azerbaijan;
 - 3) Republic of Indonesia;
 - 4) Republic of Iraq;
 - 5) Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
 - 6) Republic of Senegal; and
 - 7) Republic of Türkiye.
4. The following members namely; Republic of Cameroon, State of Palestine and Republic of Uganda could not attend the meeting.
5. The SESRIC, IRCICA and ICDT presented their respective assessments of the nominee cities in order to guide the Selection Committee in the selection of the OIC City of Tourism for 2023 and 2024.
6. The Committee took note of the withdrawal of the candidature of Abu Dhabi from the nominations.
7. The Committee adopted a Score Sheet based on the selection criteria contained in the Mechanism and Criteria for the Selection of OIC City of Tourism as approved by the 8th

ICTM. Consequently, the Committee selected the following cities as the awardees of OIC City of Tourism for 2023 and 2024:

- I. Şanlıurfa (Republic of Türkiye) for 2023,
- II. Khiva (Republic of Uzbekistan) for 2024.

8. The Committee congratulated the awardee cities and agreed to submit the Report of the Seventh Coordination Committee Meeting on Tourism to the 11th ICTM for final approval.
9. The Committee also proposed that SESRIC should review the current criteria for assessment of the OIC City of Tourism with a view to improving it so that more information and statistics from the Member States on their nominated cities could be secured for subsequent distribution to Committee Members. To this end, the Committee requested the Member States and other concerned OIC institutions to provide their relevant suggestions to SESRIC on how to improve the selection process.
10. The Committee further proposed that the OIC City of Tourism Award could be selected using the geographical rotation approach so as to encourage as many Member States as possible to participate in this programme.

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