

## World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) & Predecessors

UNWTO began in 1925 as the International Congress of Official Tourist Traffic Associations. It was renamed the International Union of Official Travel Organizations (IUOTO) in 1947. It was reorganized in 1975 as the World Tourism Organization, which became a UN Specialized Agency in 2003. The UNWTO is headquartered in Madrid, Spain. UNWTO is governed by its General Assembly which meets every two years.

### IUOTO Founding

F.1 1st International Congress of National Tourism Bodies, London, England, Oct. 1946

*This congress replaced the International Union of Official Tourist Propaganda Organizations (IUOTPO) with the IUOTO.*

### IUOTO General Assemblies

- IA.1 1st Constitutive Assembly, The Hague, Netherlands, 1947
- IA.2 2nd General Assembly, Paris, France, 1947
- IA.3 3rd, Oslo, Norway, 1948
- IA.4 4th, Luxembourg, 1949
- IA.5 5th, Dublin, Ireland, 27 Oct.-5 Nov. 1950
- IA.6 6th, Athens, Greece, 1951

IA.7 7th, Naples, Italy, Oct. 1952



H1. Obs. 7 Oct. 1952

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- IA.8 8th, Lisbon, Portugal, 1953
- IA.9 9th, London, England, 1954

IA.10 10th, New Delhi, India, 19-25 Oct. 1955



M1. Observed 19 Oct. 1955

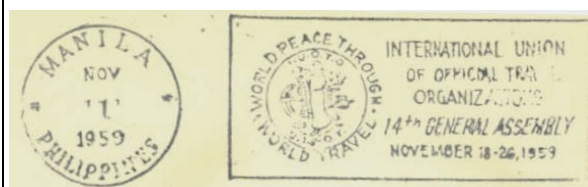
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- IA.11 11th, Vienna, Austria, 1956
- IA.12 12th, Washington, DC, USA, 4-8 Nov. 1957
- IA.13 13th, 1958

IA.14 14th, Manila, Philippines, 18-26 Nov. 1959



Philippines issued Sc. #807-8 on 18 Nov. 1959



H1. Publicity, Observed 1 Nov. 1959



H2. First Day, 18 Nov. 1959

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- IA.15 15th, 1960
- IA.16 16th, Munich, West Germany, 9-18 Oct. 1961
- IA.17 17th, 1962
- IA.18 18th, 1963

IA.19 19th, Mexico City, Mexico, Oct. 1965



Delegate pin for Assembly

- IA.20 20th, Tokyo, Japan, 1967
- IA.21 Extraordinary General Assembly, Mexico City, Mexico, 17-28 Sep. 1970
- IA.22 22nd, Ankara, Turkey, 1971
- IA.23 23rd, Caracas, Venezuela, Oct. 1973

**UNWTO General Assemblies**

GA.1 1st, Madrid, Spain, May 1975



Spain issued Sc. #1887 on 12 May 1975



H1. Observed 12 May 1975

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GA.2 2nd, Torremolinos, Spain, May-Jun. 1977

GA.3 3rd, Torremolinos, Spain, Sep. 1979

GA.4 4th, Rome, Italy, 14-25 Sep. 1981



H1. Observed 25 Sep. 1981



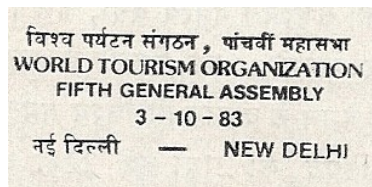
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GA.5 5th, New Delhi, India, 3-14 Oct. 1983



India issued Sc. #1031 on 3 Oct. 1983



H1. Observed 3 Oct. 1983

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GA.6 6th, Sofia, Bulgaria, 17-26 Sep. 1985



Bulgaria issued Sc. #3072 on 9 Jul. 1985



H1. First Day  
9 Jul. 1985



H2. Obs. 17-26 Sep. 1985



H2. Obs. 17 Sep. 1985  
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M1. Publicity, Obs. 28-30 Aug. 1985

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**UNWTO General Assemblies, continued**

- GA.7 7th, Madrid, Spain, Sep.-Oct. 1987  
 GA.8 8th, Paris, France, Aug.-Sep. 1989  
 GA.9 9th, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sep.-Oct. 1991

GA.10 10th, Bali, Indonesia, 4-8 Oct. 1993



Indonesia issued 1553-55 & 1556 on 4 Oct. 1993



H1. Obs. 4 Oct. 1993

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- GA.11 11th, Cairo, Egypt, Oct. 1995  
 GA.12 12th, Istanbul, Turkey, 20-24 Oct. 1997  
 GA.13 13th, Santiago, Chile, 27 Sep.-1 Oct. 1999

GA.14 14th, Seoul, South Korea & Osaka, Japan, 23 Sep.-1 Oct. 2001



Japan issued Sc.# 2510a on 6 Jul. 2001

- GA.15 15th, Beijing, China, 17-24 Oct. 2003  
 GA.16 16th, Dakar, Senegal, 25 Nov.-2 Dec. 2005  
 GA.17 17th, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 22-29 Nov. 2007

GA.18 18th, Astana, Kazakhstan, 5-8 Oct. 2009



Kazakhstan issued Sc. #602 on 5 Oct. 2009

GA.19 19th, Gyengiu, South Korea, 8-14 Oct. 2011

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**UNWTO, Other Meetings**

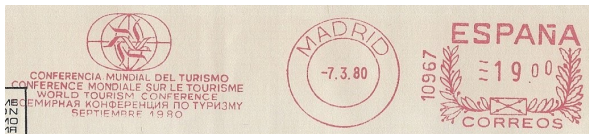
1980/1 World Tourism Conference, Manila, Philippines,  
27 Sep.-10 Oct. 1980



Philippines issued Sc. #1484-85 on 27 Sep. 1980



H1. First Day, 27 Sep. 1980



Publicity Meter used at UNWTO Headquarters, 7 Mar.1980

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1982/1 World Tourism Conference, Acapulco, Mexico,  
21-27 Aug. 1982

1984/1 13th Meeting, UNWTO European Regional Commission,  
San Marino, Apr. 1984



H1. Obs. 10 Apr. 1984

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1989/1 19th Meeting, UNWTO Regional Commission for Europe,  
Malta, 5-7 Jun. 1989



H1. Obs. 5-7 Jun. 1989

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