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NOTE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MEXICO ON THE

FOLLOW-UP OF THE SECOND SPECIAL MEETING OF

THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON TOURISM   
SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 4, 2021

**Permanent Mission of Mexico**

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The Permanent Mission of Mexico presents its compliments to the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) -Department of Economic Development- of the Organization of American States (OAS) and has the honor to refer to the Inter-American Tourism Commission (CITUR), of which Mexico currently holds the Presidency pro tempore.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission appreciates the kind response to its Note OEA301 (04Feb21) and, in this regard, wishes to confirm the acceptance of its proposal to hold the special follow-up meeting next Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 10 a.m. (Washington DC time), which will aim to advance in the design of a regional protocol on biosanitary matters applied to tourism, thus allowing the gradual and sustainable reactivation of the tourism industry. The Secretariat of Tourism of Mexico (SECTUR) considers that the urgent nature of the global situation makes it imperative to reach regional agreements in terms of the homogenization of said biosanitary protocols for the tourism sector in the Americas.

It should be noted that this interest is shared by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), entities that are interested in participating in the next session extraordinary. We would also appreciate involving the Inter-American Development Bank and representatives of the cruise industry with whom that Secretariat has had contacts in the framework of CITUR.

The Permanent Mission of Mexico takes this opportunity to reiterate to the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development - Department of Economic Development-, the assurances of its most attentive and distinguished consideration.

**Washington, D.C, February 9, 2021**

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