INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND TOURISM YEAR 2013

1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on International Travel and Tourism for the year 2013. A brief on the compilation of these statistics is given at Annex I and a glossary of terms at Annex II.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Passenger traffic, 2012 and 2013

	2012	2013	% change
Arrivals by			
Air	1,247,619	1,288,602	3.3
Sea	39,225	32,845	-16.3
of which Cruise travellers	25,515	23,180	-9.2
Total	1,286,844	1,321,447	2.7
Departures by			
Air	1,243,243	1,286,195	3.5
Sea	42,848	34,510	-19.5
Total	1,286,091	1,320,705	2.7

2.1 Arrivals in 2013

Compared to 2012,

- total arrivals increased by 2.7% to 1,321,447;
- tourist arrivals increased by 2.9% to 993,106; and
- the number of excursionists (arriving and leaving on the same day) rose by 18.8% to 22,179.

In 2013, 14 cruise ships arrived in the country and carried some 23,180 cruise travellers made up of 7,379 tourists, 8,697 excursionists, 15 Mauritian residents and 7,089 crew members.

2.2 Departures in 2013

Compared to 2012,

- total departures increased by 2.7% to 1,320,705 in 2013;
- departures of Mauritian residents increased by 5.7% to 250,138.

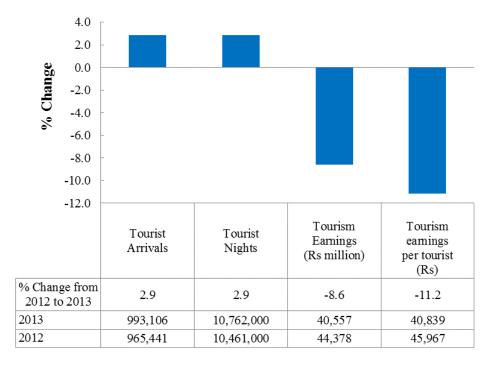
In 2013, the main countries of disembarkation (country of final destination or transit country) for Mauritian residents were United Arab Emirates (42,099 or 16.8%), Reunion Island (39,359 or 15.7%), France (35,518 or 14.2%), Republic of South Africa (25,693 or 10.3%), India (25,028 or 10.0%) and United Kingdom (21,580 or 8.6%).

50000 Number of departures 40000 30000 20000 **2012 2**013 10000 0 UAE Reunion France South India UK Africa Country of disembarkation

Figure 1 - Mauritian departures by main country of disembarkation, 2012 and 2013

3. TOURISM

Figure 2 - % change in main tourism indicators, 2013 compared to 2012



3.1 Tourist Arrivals

Compared to 2012, the number of tourist arrivals increased by 27,665 or 2.9% to 993,106 in 2013 as a result of main changes shown below.

country of residence, 2012 - 2013 China +21,028United Kingdom United +10,369 South Arab Germany Africa +5,344 **Emirates** +5,150India +2,758+2,058Russian Federation Italy -4,524-8,804 France -12,177

Figure 3 - Main changes in tourist arrivals by selected

In spite of decreases registered from France and Reunion, these two countries remained the two top tourist generating countries and respectively contributed 24.6% and 14.4% of all tourist arrivals in 2013.

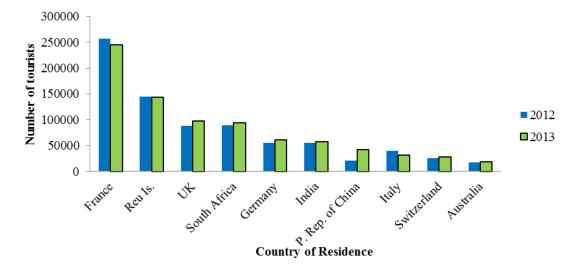


Figure 4 - Tourist Arrivals from main and emerging markets, 2012 and 2013

3.2 Tourist arrivals in Mauritius compared to selected tourist destinations

During 2013, Mauritius registered a much lower growth in tourist arrivals than in Maldives, Sri Lanka and Seychelles.

1,400,000 1,200,000 Number of tourists 1,000,000 800,000 600,000 400,000 200,000 0 Seychelles Mauritius Maldives Sri Lanka **2012** 965,441 966,805 1,005,605 208,034 1,274,593 **2013** 993,106 1,127,138 230,272 ■% change 2.9 16.6 26.7 10.7

Figure 5 -Tourist Arrivals for Mauritius, Maldives, Sri Lanka & Seychelles, 2012 & 2013

Source :Seychelles National Bureau of Statistics; Maldives Statistics section - Ministry of Tourism Arts & Culture; Sri lanka Tourism Development Authority

3.3 Tourist Nights

Compared to 2012,

- the number of nights spent by tourists increased by 2.9% from 10,461,000 to 10,762,000;
- the average length of stay remained at 10.8 nights.

3.4 Tourism Earnings

According to the Bank of Mauritius, the gross tourism earnings decreased by 8.6% from Rs 44,378 million in 2012 to Rs 40,557 million in 2013. Tourism earnings per tourist therefore declined from Rs 45,967 to Rs 40,839.

3.5 Employment

Employment data for the tourism sector as obtained from the Survey of Employment and Earnings relate to employment in restaurants, hotels and, travel and tourism establishments with 10 or more workers. Latest available data for March 2013 indicate that employment in these establishments remained at the same level as in March 2012, i.e. at 28,400.

3.6 Accommodation

Licensed hotels in the island of Mauritius

As at end of December 2013, there were 114 licensed hotels of which 107 were in operation and 7 were not operating due to renovation works. The total room capacity of the 107 operating hotels was 12,376 with 25,105 bed places.

During the year 2013,

- the room occupancy rate of all licensed hotels in operation averaged 63%, marginally up from 62% in the year 2012; and
- the bed occupancy rate averaged 55%, in both 2012 and 2013.

'Large' hotels in the island of Mauritius

At the end of December 2013, 50 'large' hotels (i.e. well-established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms) were in operation; they had a total room capacity of 9,239 with 18,799 bed places. These 'large' hotels represent 47% of all licensed hotels in operation but make up 75% of both total room capacity and total bed places.

During the year 2013, the room and bed occupancy rates of large hotels did not change and were at 65% and 57% respectively.

3.7 Forecast Year 2013

Based on latest available data on tourist arrivals and information gathered from stakeholders, the forecast of tourist arrivals for the year 2014 is 1,030,000 which represents an increase of 3.7% over the figure of 993,106 in 2013.

According to the Bank of Mauritius, tourism earnings for the year 2014 will be around Rs 44,500 million (+9.7%) compared to Rs 40,557 million in 2013.

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Table 1:- Passenger Traffic $^1\,$ by month, 2011 - 2013

Month	20)11	20)12	20	13 ²
Month	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures	Arrivals	Departures
January	133,081	156,319	132,789	154,685	124,571	149,067
February	103,237	102,527	105,802	106,969	103,021	103,726
March	109,308	117,231	106,939 111,605		117,619	117,253
1st Quarter	345,626	376,077	345,530	373,259	345,211	370,046
April	106,615	103,457	109,760	110,366	105,561	109,657
May	90,193	98,535	92,684	100,829	97,003	106,945
June	81,113	80,054	77,955	75,456	79,653	76,918
2nd Quarter	277,921	282,046	280,399	286,651	282,217	293,520
1st Semester	623,547	658,123	625,929	659,910	627,428	663,566
July	110,611	98,700	105,542	94,119	107,351	95,837
August	96,238	103,142	93,502	102,936	103,559	111,560
September	88,382	87,962	89,426	90,724	96,690	97,365
3rd Quarter	295,231	289,804	288,470	287,779	307,600	304,762
Jan. to Sep.	918,778	947,927	914,399	947,689	935,028	968,328
October	114,833	111,676	113,613	106,643	118,395	112,555
November	113,864	110,704	110,477	110,296	114,413	113,141
December	146,912	122,832	148,355	121,463	153,611	126,681
4th Quarter	375,609	345,212	372,445	338,402	386,419	352,377
2nd Semester	670,840	635,016	635,016 660,915 626,181		694,019	657,139
Whole Year	1,294,387	1,293,139	1,286,844	1,286,091	1,321,447	1,320,705

Excluding inter islands traffic
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Table 2: - Departure of Mauritian residents by country of disembarkation ¹, 2012 and 2013

Country of disembarkation	2012 ³	2013 4	% Change
EUROPE	67,018	61,638	-8.0
France	35,939	35,518	-1.2
Germany	3,428	1,904	-44.5
Italy	2,876	2,507	-12.8
Switzerland	1,003	124	-87.6
United Kingdom	23,725	21,580	-9.0
Other European	47	5	-89.4
AFRICA	76,434	83,874	9.7
Malagasy Republic	10,073	10,461	3.9
Reunion	36,615	39,359	7.5
Seychelles	3,990	4,888	22.5
South Africa	22,604	25,693	13.7
Other African	3,152	3,473	10.2
ASIA	83,856	95,554	14.0
P. Rep. of China	2,849	3,328	16.8
Hong Kong SAR ²	8,359	8,353	-0.1
India	24,393	25,028	2.6
Indonesia	188	135	-28.2
Malaysia	3,769	8,688	130.5
Singapore	10,227	7,916	-22.6
United Arab Emirates	34,069	42,099	23.6
Other Asian	2	7	250.0
OCEANIA	9,251	9,045	-2.2
Australia	9,251	9,045	-2.2
Other Oceanian	-	-	-
AMERICA	-	-	-
NOT STATED	36	27	-25.0
All Countries	236,595	250,138	5.7

¹ Country of disembarkation may either be the country of final destination or the transit country

² Special Administrative Region of China

³ Revised

⁴ Provisional

⁵ "-" refers to Nil

Table 3:- Tourist arrivals by month, 2011 - 2013

Month	2011	2012	2013 1
January	101,887	98,837	92,894
February	77,390	79,331	81,185
March	83,349	83,827	91,759
1st Quarter	<u>262,626</u>	<u>261,995</u>	<u>265,838</u>
April	79,173	79,137	76,223
May	68,214	71,396	74,596
June	54,591	54,625	55,007
2nd Quarter	<u>201,978</u>	<u>205,158</u>	<u>205,826</u>
1st Semester	464,604	467,153	471,664
July	78,034	76,166	77,374
August	66,865	65,896	73,454
September	64,880	66,369	71,951
3rd Quarter	<u>209,779</u>	<u>208,431</u>	<u>222,779</u>
Jan. to Sep.	674,383	675,584	694,443
October	90,616	89,994	92,520
November	87,348	84,398	89,057
December	112,295	115,465	117,086
4th Quarter	<u>290,259</u>	<u>289,857</u>	<u>298,663</u>
2nd Semester	500,038	498,288	521,442
Whole Year	964,642	965,441	993,106

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Table 4:- Tourist arrivals by main purpose of visit, 2012 and 2013

Purpose of visit	2012	2013 1	% Change
Holiday	896,977	923,247	2.9
Business	36,962	36,616	-0.9
Transit	23,081	22,684	-1.7
Conference	5,605	6,866	22.5
Sports	1,253	1,920	53.2
Other & Not Stated	1,563	1,773	13.4
Total	965,441	993,106	2.9

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Table 5: - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2012 and 2013

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Country of residence	Year 2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year 2013	% Change 2013/2012
EUROPE	555,528	51,529	52,839	54,354	47,816	34,773	22,889	37,260	34,763	38,317	53,837	58,962	59,707	547,046	-1.5
Austria	8,151	898	1,106	885	644	398	260	336	339	494	649	1,076	852	7,937	-2.6
Belgium	10,967	1,021	762	992	1,235	618	662	1,221	697	838	1,229	1,162	1,129	11,566	5.5
France	256,929 4	25,478	26,550	26,092	22,973	15,005	8,096	15,030	13,183	10,825	23,847	28,563	29,110	244,752	-4.7
Germany	55,186	5,525	5,216	5,824	4,680	4,723	2,861	3,054	3,628	6,423	6,468	7,271	4,857	60,530	9.7
Italy	40,009	3,699	3,467	2,844	2,159	1,287	1,403	1,645	2,594	2,913	2,561	2,735	3,898	31,205	-22.0
Netherlands	4,434	270	261	243	394	309	316	564	363	491	492	378	418	4,499	1.5
Spain	9,473	257	318	944	613	547	632	893	1,136	1,250	777	498	576	8,441	-10.9
Sweden	4,295	521	539	403	197	107	147	171	103	130	505	572	1,182	4,577	6.6
Switzerland	26,002	2,198	2,728	2,576	2,573	1,269	645	1,993	816	1,958	3,953	3,704	3,343	27,756	6.7
United Kingdom	87,648	5,664	6,445	9,041	7,675	7,657	6,166	9,672	9,619	10,104	9,452	8,401	8,121	98,017	11.8
CIS ² of which:	23,094	3,233	1,570	1,613	2,674	1,413	470	618	810	826	1,495	1,428	2,539	18,689	-19.1
Russian Federation	19,429	2,707	1,177	1,229	2,290	1,110	343	453	551	661	1,227	1,085	2,072	14,905	-23.3
Czech Republic	5,247	594	893	541	532	321	187	179	139	373	347	814	623	5,543	5.6
Denmark	2,453	259	596	428	151	103	69	310	74	192	463	351	286	3,282	33.8
Luxemburg	943	52	66	174	43	56	25	94	129	63	114	99	93	1,008	6.9
Norway	3,521	209	451	395	80	95	201	425	169	180	211	287	383	3,086	-12.4
Other European	17,176	1,651	1,871	1,359	1,193	865	749	1,055	964	1,257	1,274	1,623	2,297	16,158	-5.9
AFRICA	270,386	30,678	13,171	25,704	16,842	24,070	16,553	24,768	23,388	20,039	24,855	16,827	40,878	277,773	2.7
Comoros	1,076	101	73	85	114	112	91	78	101	85	125	117	65	1,147	6.6
Kenya	2,705	186	169	219	172	189	175	307	339	270	209	267	363	2,865	5.9
Malagasy Rep.	13,563	1,145	1,051	1,259	1,122	950	936	1,029	1,501	1,076	1,279	1,087	1,508	13,943	2.8
Reunion	144,340	22,431	5,353	13,958	5,430	15,120	5,975	15,554	10,886	6,322	15,817	7,712	18,556	143,114	-0.8
Seychelles	6,779	432	312	448	675	704	642	621	806	527	509	666	845	7,187	6.0
South Africa	89,058	5,760	5,331	8,645	7,966	5,418	7,820	6,054	7,947	10,589	5,647	5,547	17,484	94,208	5.8
Zimbabwe	1,568	42	66	99	157	156	66	121	219	94	93	93	320	1,526	-2.7
Other African	11,297	581	816	991	1,206	1,421	848	1,004	1,589	1,076	1,176	1,338	1,737	13,783	22.0

¹ Provisional

² Commonwealth of Independent States (Ex Soviet Union Countries)

⁴ Revised

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Table 5 (cont'd.): - Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence, 2012 and 2013

	Year							2013 1							- % Change
Country of residence	2012	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year 2013	2013/2012
ASIA	104,336	7,914	12,880	9,203	8,890	12,573	12,664	11,806	12,398	10,222	10,908	10,996	12,100	132,554	27.0
Hong Kong SAR ³	1,269	58	156	172	69	45	88	163	209	121	115	85	168	1,449	14.2
India	55,197	4,289	5,362	3,751	3,958	7,499	6,978	4,793	3,700	3,046	3,471	4,797	5,611	57,255	3.7
Japan	1,641	180	145	109	71	145	130	144	156	204	150	150	184	1,768	7.7
Korea Republic	2,651	171	157	230	212	211	223	154	119	213	375	392	321	2,778	4.8
Malaysia	1,967	66	254	224	121	281	172	169	568	180	349	476	314	3,174	61.4
P. Rep. of China	20,885	1,682	5,229	2,412	2,562	2,297	2,908	4,311	4,646	4,372	3,867	3,737	3,890	41,913	100.7
Singapore	2,078	124	130	163	185	185	197	253	178	195	187	108	207	2,112	1.6
United Arab Emirates	5,403	432	550	705	695	728	836	839	1,201	458	818	381	518	8,161	51.0
Other Asian	13,245	912	897	1,437	1,017	1,182	1,132	980	1,621	1,433	1,576	870	887	13,944	5.3
OCEANIA	17,863	1,136	860	1,176	1,695	1,723	1,608	2,074	1,795	2,293	1,585	1,003	2,412	19,360	8.4
Australia	17,009	1,084	811	1,133	1,626	1,604	1,555	1,997	1,711	2,190	1,462	892	2,328	18,393	8.1
Other Oceanian	854	52	49	43	69	119	53	77	84	103	123	111	84	967	13.2
AMERICA	16,624	1,528	1,362	1,238	890	1,383	1,241	1,397	1,044	1,024	1,280	1,181	1,905	15,473	-6.9
USA	6,374	368	412	537	330	546	618	540	496	368	478	395	689	5,777	-9.4
Canada	4,736	346	341	305	271	309	391	553	320	197	319	316	767	4,435	-6.4
Brazil	3,217	385	318	202	168	263	108	171	107	287	310	267	300	2,886	-10.3
Other American	2,297	429	291	194	121	265	124	133	121	172	173	203	149	2,375	3.4
OTHER & N.STATED	704	109	73	84	90	74	52	69	66	56	55	88	84	900	27.8
All Countries	965,441	92,894	81,185	91,759	76,223	74,596	55,007	77,374	73,454	71,951	92,520	89,057	117,086	993,106	2.9

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³ Special Administrative Region of China

⁴ Revised

Table 6:- Tourist arrivals, nights, average length of stay and earnings, 2010 - 2013

	Year	Tourist arrivals (Number)	Tourist nights (000)	Average Length of stay	Tourism earnings ³ (Rs million)
2010	1 st Semester	439,150	4,376	10.0	19,809
	2 nd semester	495,677	5,275	10.6	19,647
	Year	934,827	9,651	10.3	39,456
2011	1 st Semester	464,604	4,517	9.7	21,304
	2 nd semester	500,038	5,483	11.0	21,413
	Year	964,642	10,000	10.4	42,717
2012 1	1 st Semester	467,153	4,753	10.2	23,548
2012	2 nd semester	498,288	5,708	11.5	20,830
	Year	965,441	10,461	10.8	44,378
2013 ²	1 st Semester	471,664	4,828	10.2	22,055
	2 nd semester	521,442	5,934	11.4	18,502
	Year	993,106	10,762	10.8	40,557

¹ Figures for tourist nights and average length of stay for year 2012 have been revised

Table 7:- Hotels, rooms and bedplaces, 2010 - 2013

V	ear	Numbe	r as at end of per	iod	
10	zai	Hotels ¹	Rooms	Bedplaces	
2010	1st Qr.	105	11,564	23,547	
	2nd Qr.	104	11,362	23,168	
	3rd Qr.	104	11,383	23,296	
	4th Qr.	112	12,075	24,698	
2011	1st Qr.	112	12,082	24,664	
	2nd Qr.	111	11,999	24,493	
	3rd Qr.	109	11,816	24,018	
	4th Qr.	109	11,925	24,242	
2012	1st Qr.	110	12,027	24,446	
	2nd Qr.	107	11,822	24,089	
	3rd Qr.	105	11,715	23,899	
	4th Qr.	117	12,527	25,496	
2013 ²	1st Qr.	117	12,676	25,887	
	2nd Qr.	109	11,977	24,438	
	3rd Qr.	106	11,866	24,085	
	4th Qr.	107 ³	12,376	25,105	

¹ Refers to hotels in the island of Mauritius only

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³ Source: Bank of Mauritius

² Provisional

³ Excluding seven hotels not operational because of renovation works

Table 8:- Monthly Occupancy Rates (%) for All Hotels and "Large" Hotels, 2011 - 2013

			All H	lotels					''Large'	" Hotels		
Month	20	11	20	12	201	13 ¹	20	11	20	12	201	13 ¹
	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed	Room	Bed
January	75	66	74	65	67	59	76	67	76	67	69	61
February	68	60	67	59	66	57	70	61	69	60	67	59
March	64	57	65	57	63	56	66	58	66	58	66	58
1st Quarter	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>59</u>
April	64	57	62	55	60	53	68	60	66	58	63	56
May	55	49	59	52	58	51	57	50	61	54	61	53
June	44	38	45	39	42	36	45	39	46	41	42	37
2nd Quarter	<u>55</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>49</u>
July	53	47	52	45	53	47	54	48	53	47	54	48
August	57	51	56	50	60	53	60	53	60	52	62	55
September	64	57	60	53	65	57	66	58	62	54	67	60
3rd Quarter	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>49</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>54</u>
October	68	60	67	59	71	63	70	61	70	62	72	64
November	74	66	69	61	74	65	76	67	71	63	75	67
December	73	64	71	63	73	65	74	65	74	65	74	66
4th Quarter	<u>72</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>65</u>
Year	65	57	62	55	63	55	65	57	65	57	65	57

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Table 9:- Employment in large ¹ establishments of the tourist industry as at end of March, 2009 - 2013

Year Establishments	2009	2010	2011 2	2012 2	2013 2
Restaurants	2,388	2,337	2,287	2,373	2,445
Hotels	20,904	21,262 ²	21,838	22,170	22,211
Travel and Tourism	4,162	3,850	4,056	3,890	3,770
Total	27,454	27,449 ²	28,181	28,433	28,426

¹ Large establishments are those employing 10 or more persons.

Source: Survey of Employment and Earnings in large Establishments

² Revised

COMPILATION OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS

Sources of data

The main source of data for the compilation of passenger traffic statistics is the Passport and Immigration Office, which maintains a database of all travellers entering and leaving the country. The data are collected from the passport of travellers, disembarkation cards filled in by non-residents and questions put to non-residents entering the country. At the end of every month, the electronic database of passenger traffic for that particular month is downloaded and supplied to the statistics unit of the Ministry of Tourism and Leisure within fifteen days. Additional data on cruises are obtained from the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Tourism earnings

The Bank of Mauritius is responsible for the estimation of tourism earnings based on monthly statements of Inward and Outward Remittances of Commercial Banks.

Monthly Occupancy Rates

All hotels are contacted by phone at the end of every month for data on room/bed nights available and rented during the month for the calculation of room and bed occupancy rates.

Short-term projections of tourist arrivals

A Tourism Statistics Committee grouping various stakeholders of the tourism industry meet regularly under the chairmanship of Statistics Mauritius to discuss performance of the tourism sector and to provide information for short-term forecast of tourist arrivals.

Publications

The regular publications of the unit are:

- (i) Monthly tourist arrivals (by mid of each month)
- (ii) Quarterly Economic and Social Indicators on International Travel and Tourism (with a lag of seven weeks)
- (iii) Quarterly tourism statistics (Pamphlet)
- (iv) Digest of International Travel and Tourism (November)
- (v) Handbook of statistical data on tourism
- (vi) Report of the Survey of Inbound and Outbound Tourism

ANNEX II

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Tourist

A tourist is defined as a non-resident staying overnight but less than a year, and who has no employer-employee relationship with a resident.

2. Transit

A transit passenger is one who stops over in the country for flight connections to other destinations. There are two types of transit passengers:

- *Type I*: Passengers who do not leave the transit area of the airport or the harbour.
- *Type II*: Passengers who do leave the airport or harbour and stay in the country overnight but only for flight connection purposes.

Only Type II transit passengers, as defined above, are included in the definition of "Tourists".

3. Excursionist or Same-day Visitor

Excursionists are non-resident visitors, other than those who do not leave the airport, who depart on the same day they arrived.

4. Tourist Nights

"Tourist nights" for year Y refer to tourist nights spent by tourists arriving in year Y.

5. Large Hotels

Large hotels are well established beach hotels with more than 80 rooms.

6. Occupancy rate

The room/bed occupancy rate is the ratio of room/bed nights rented to the total number of room/bed nights available.

= <u>Total number of room/bed nights rented</u> x 100 Total number of room/bed nights available

7. CIS

CIS denotes the Commonwealth of Independent States. It consists of the States of the former Soviet Union.