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Corrigendum

After paragraph 53, insert a new subsection 9, reading

9. Tourism

53 (a). Tourism in least developed countries is still limited to 2.6 per cent of the world market share in terms of international tourist arrivals and international tourism receipts. However, the growth in international tourist arrivals has been faster in least developed countries than in the developing countries as a whole: 42.5 per cent in the former and 30.8 per cent in the latter from 2001 to 2005 (15.8 per cent for the world). The same is true in terms of international tourism receipts: 50.3 per cent growth in least developed countries and 40.6 per cent in the developing world from 2001 to 2004 (33.2 per cent for the world). Sustainable development of tourism in least developed countries requires building national capacities within the framework of a clear long-term strategy and carefully designed master plans taking into account environmental, social and cultural constraints. Governments and other stakeholders should encourage private corporations to comply fully with their social responsibility in the least developed countries, and where necessary establish appropriate mechanisms to enable the private corporate tourism sector to do likewise.

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