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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INVESTMENT,
TECHNOLOGY AND RELATED FINANCIAL ISSUES ON
ITS ELEVENTH SESSION**

Held at the Palais des Nations
from 8 to 14 March 2007

Rapporteur: Mr. Edward Brown (United Kingdom)

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

(Agenda item 7)

Chairperson's summary

1. The Director of the Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development (DITE) presented a report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission at its tenth session. He provided a brief overview of the overall performance of the Division in 2006, a more detailed description of which was contained in the unedited advance version of the DITE Activities Report 2006 made available in the conference room.

2. The Director outlined major activities in the area of research and development, capacity-building and policy analysis, highlighting indications of results and impact, where possible. Stressing UNCTAD's cooperation with public and private institutions, he also pointed to some major forthcoming events, including the organization of a China–India–Brazil–Africa Business Forum and of the Second Silk Road Investment Forum. He also mentioned the request, by the Government of Ghana, that an Investment Summit be organized in the context of UNCTAD XII. The Director pointed to the continued efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources, reminding the Commission of the growing number of requests for technical assistance and capacity-building to be addressed.

3. The Secretary of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (CSTD) briefed the Commission on the revised mandate and method of work of the CSTD, particularly with respect to the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). He also provided details about the strengthening of the CSTD, highlighting the multi-stakeholder approach used. He then presented the agenda of the tenth session of the CSTD, indicating that the substantive theme for the intersessional period 2006–2008 would be "Promoting the building of a people-centred, development-oriented and inclusive information society", with a view to enhancing digital opportunities for all people. The session would focus on the follow-up to the outcome of the WSIS and would comprise a ministerial segment, a joint event with the Global Alliance for ICT on Development and various parallel events of WSIS clusters.

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