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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work*

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: role of the Commission in the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
2. Substantive theme: "Bridging the Technology Gap between and within Nations"
3. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eighth session of the Commission.
4. National country reports.
5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the tenth session of the Commission.
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its ninth session.

* This document was submitted on the above-mentioned date as a result of late submission.

Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2005/309 of 27 July 2005.

In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at its eighth meeting on 26 May 2005, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the ninth session, with the following composition:

Chairman:

Mr. Pedro Sebastião Teta (Angola)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Mr. Hisham Khatib (Jordan)

Ms. Rolanda Predescu (Romania)

Mr. Bernd Michael Rode (Austria)

Mr. Arnaldo Ventura (Jamaica)

As at previous sessions, at the first meeting of the tenth session, one of the Vice-Chairpersons should also serve as Rapporteur.

The organization of work of the Commission at its ninth session, published in Annex 1 has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission.

The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative; if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May 2006. The morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The current membership of the Commission is contained in Annex II.

Role of the Commission in the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Tunis Agenda for the Information Society¹ of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), the Economic and Social Council was requested to oversee the system-wide follow-up of the WSIS outcomes; the Council, at its substantive session of 2006, was therefore requested to review the mandate, agenda and composition of the Commission, including considering strengthening the Commission, taking into account the multi-stakeholder approach. In this regard, the Commission will hold a Panel discussion on its future role in the follow-up to the WSIS and the Chairman's text on policy recommendations from the panel discussion will be brought to the attention of the Council.

1 WSIS-05/TUNIS/DOC/6 (Rev.1)

2. Substantive theme: “Bridging the Technology Gap between and within Nations”

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2005/52 of 27 July 2005, decided that the main substantive theme of the Commission for its ninth session would be “Bridging the technology gap between and within nations”, with a specific emphasis on multi-stakeholder partnerships, not only to bridge the technology gap, but also to prevent the gap from growing wider.

In order to identify and address concrete aspects of the substantive theme, the Commission has organized a Panel discussion in Rabat, Morocco, from 10 to 12 November 2005. The report of this Panel discussion will be before the Commission.

At its eighth session, the Commission recommended that at its next session, representatives of international organizations should be invited to present their ideas during the general discussion of the substantive theme on how they could contribute more effectively to the deliberations on the main theme of the Commission.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on “Bridging the Technology Gap between and within Nations” (E/CN.16/2006/2).

Report of the Panel discussion on “Bridging the Technology Gap between and within Nations” (E/CN.16/2006/CRP.1).

3. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eighth session of the Commission

In its resolution 2005/52 of 27 July 2005, the Economic and Social Council requested the Commission to undertake a number of activities related to “Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration”. The Commission will have before it a report on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eighth session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eighth session of the Commission (E/CN.16/2006/3)

4. National country reports

The Commission will hear presentations of national country reports on policies and measures adopted by member States on their efforts to bridge the technology gap between and within nations.

Documentation

Country case studies on bridging the technology gap between and within nations (E/CN.16/2005/CRP.2)

5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the ninth session of the Commission

Following the practice established at its previous sessions, the Commission will elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons for its tenth session. It is understood that one of the Vice-Chairpersons will also serve as Rapporteur.

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its tenth session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the tenth session of the Commission.

9. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its ninth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission shall submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on the work of its ninth session.

Annex 1. Proposed organization of work

| <i>Date/time</i> | <i>Agenda item</i> | <i>Programme</i> |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Monday 15 May | | |
| | | Opening of the session |
| a.m. | 1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters | |
| | 2 Substantive theme: "Bridging the Technology Gap between and within Nations" | Introduction and general discussion |
| p.m. | 2 Substantive theme | General discussion - continued |
| Tuesday 16 May | | |
| a.m. | 2 Substantive theme | General discussion - continued |
| p.m. | 2 Substantive theme | General discussion - conclusion |
| Wednesday 17 May | | |
| a.m. | 3 Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eighth session of the Commission | Introduction and general discussion |
| | 4 National country reports (bridging the technology gap between and within nations) | Introduction and general discussion |
| p.m. | 4 National country reports on bridging the technology gap between and within nations | Conclusion of general discussion |
| 6:00 p.m. | <i>Joint Bureau Meeting (ECOSOC/CSTD)</i> | <i>Joint meeting between the two Bureaus via video-conferencing (GVA-NY)</i> |
| Thursday 18 May | | |
| a.m. | 2 Substantive theme | Introduction of draft proposals |
| | 1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: role of the Commission in the follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) | Panel discussion |
| p.m. | 5 Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the tenth session of the Commission | Nomination and election of officers |
| | 2 Substantive theme | Informal consultations on draft proposals - continued |
| Friday 19 May | | |
| a.m. / p.m. | 2 Substantive theme | Informal consultations on draft proposals – conclusion |
| | | Action on draft proposals |
| | 6 Provisional agenda and documentation for the tenth session of the Commission | Adoption of the draft provisional agenda |
| | 7 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its ninth session | Closure of the session |

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in 2006 (33 members; four-year term)

| <i>Membership</i> | <i>Term expires on 31 December</i> |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. Angola | 2008 |
| 2. Austria | 2008 |
| 3. Bangladesh | 2006 |
| 4. Belarus | 2006 |
| 5. Belgium | 2006 |
| 6. Bolivia | 2006 |
| 7. Brazil | 2008 |
| 8. Chile | 2006 |
| 9. China | 2006 |
| 10. Democratic Republic of the Congo | 2008 |
| 11. Ethiopia | 2006 |
| 12. Gambia | 2008 |
| 13. Germany | 2006 |
| 14. Greece | 2006 |
| 15. India | 2006 |
| 16. Iran (Islamic Republic of) | 2006 |
| 17. Italy | 2008 |
| 18. Jamaica | 2008 |
| 19. Jordan | 2008 |
| 20. Lesotho | 2006 |
| 21. Morocco | 2006 |
| 22. Oman | 2008 |
| 23. Pakistan | 2008 |
| 24. Paraguay | 2006 |
| 25. Peru | 2008 |
| 26. Romania | 2006 |
| 27. Russian Federation | 2008 |
| 28. Sierra Leone | 2008 |
| 29. Slovakia | 2008 |
| 30. Sudan | 2006 |
| 31. Switzerland | 2008 |
| 32. Turkey | 2006 |
| 33. United Kingdom of great Britain and Northern Ireland | 2008 |



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