

**Commission on Science and Technology for Development  
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**Draft decision for adoption by the Economic and Social Council**

The Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

**Draft decision**

**Participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development**

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, its decision 2007/216 of 26 April 2007 and its decision 2010/228 of 20 December 2010, recognizing the need for maximizing the meaningful participation of and contributions by business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and having reviewed the current modalities for their participation:

(a) Acknowledges that the Commission has benefited from the participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in its work;

(b) Decides to extend the current arrangements for the participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission until 2015;

(c) Decides further that, while using the multi-stakeholder approach effectively, the intergovernmental nature of the Commission should be preserved;

(d) Decides also that every effort should be made by the Commission, in collaboration with relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties, to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation, including by providing assistance on a voluntary basis, of all stakeholders from developing countries, including nongovernmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.