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Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2004/68 of 5 November 2004.

In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at the 7th and 8th meetings of its seventh session on 27 May 2004, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the eighth session, with the following composition:

Chairperson:	Mr. Bernd Michael Rode (Austria)
Vice-Chairpersons:	Mr. Hamid Bouabid (Morocco) Mr. Jin Ju (China) Ms. Rolanda Predescu (Romania) Mr. Arnoldo Ventura (Jamaica)

As at previous sessions of the Commission, one of the Vice-Chairpersons should also serve as Rapporteur.

The organization of work of the Commission at its eighth session, published in annex I, 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 timeframe 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, 23 May, to Friday, 27 May 2005. 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.

2. Substantive theme: “Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration”

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2004/68 of 5 November 2004, decided that the main substantive theme of the Commission for its inter-sessional period 2004-2005 would be: “Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration”. In undertaking work on this theme, the Commission is invited to pay particular attention to the following areas: (a) the mutual interaction and dependency of science and technology education with research and development; (b) infrastructure-building as a foundation for scientific and technological development; and (c) promoting gainful employment in general

and enterprise development, in particular through the use of existing and emerging technologies, especially information and communication technologies and biotechnologies.

In discussing the relevance of science and technology to the MDGs, the Commission will also address the findings of other relevant reports, most notably those of the UN Millennium Project,¹ the MDG Task Force on Science, Technology and Innovation,² and of the Secretary-General on the Millennium Declaration + 5.³

The Commission's work programme during the period 2004-2005 has been discussed by one panel, which held one meeting in Vienna, Austria, from 27 to 29 October 2004. The Commission will have before it a report from the Panel on "Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on "Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (E/CN.16/2005/2).

Report of the Panel on "Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration" (E/CN.16/2005/CRP.1).

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

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2004/68 of 5 November 2004, requested the Commission within its existing resources and within its role in coordinating science and technology activities in the United Nations system, to undertake a number of activities related to the promotion of science and technology to meet the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration. The Commission will have before it a report on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the seventh session of the Commission.

Documentation

Note by the secretariat on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the seventh session of the Commission (E/CN.16/2005/3)

4. National country reports

The Commission will hear presentations of national country reports on policies and measures adopted by the Governments concerned on science and technology promotion, advice and

1 UN Millennium Project, *Investing in Development: A practical plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals*, New York, 2005.

2 UN Millennium Project Task Force on Science, Technology and Innovation, *Spreading the benefits of technology and innovation*, New York 2005.

3 Forthcoming.

application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

Documentation

Country case studies on science and technology promotion (E/CN.16/2005/CRP.2)

5. Contribution of international organizations to the work of the Commission

The Commission will listen to presentations and ideas from representatives of international organizations on how to contribute more effectively to the work of the Commission.

6. Methods of work of the Commission

In paragraph 46 of its resolution 57/270 B, the General Assembly requested each functional commission to examine its methods of work in order to better pursue the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, and report to the Economic and Social Council no later than 2005 on the outcome of that examination. The Commission will discuss ideas for innovative methods of work aimed at improving the quality, impact and outreach of the work of the Commission.

Documentation

Review of methods of work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/CN.16/2005/4)

7. 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 ninth session. It is understood that one of the Vice-Chairpersons will also serve as Rapporteur.

8. Provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Commission

The Commission will discuss the draft provisional agenda for its ninth session.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda

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

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

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its eighth session.

Annex 1. Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Programme</i>
Monday, 23 May		
		Opening of the session
a.m.	1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
	2 Substantive theme: "Science and technology promotion, advice and application for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration"	Introduction and general discussion
p.m.	2 Substantive theme	Continuation of general discussion
Tuesday, 24 May		
a.m.	2 Substantive theme	Continuation of general discussion
p.m.	2 Substantive theme	Conclusion of general discussion
Wednesday, 25 May		
a.m.	3 Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the seventh session of the Commission	Introduction and general discussion
	4 National country reports on science and technology case studies for the promotion of science and technology to meet the MDGs	Introduction and general discussion
p.m.	4 National country reports on science and technology case studies for the promotion of science and technology to meet the MDGs	Continuation of general discussion
	5 Presentations by international organizations on their contribution to the work of the Commission	Introduction and 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, 26 May		
a.m.	6 Methods of work of the Commission	Introduction and general discussion
	7 Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the ninth session of the Commission	Nomination and election of officers
a.m.	8 Provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Commission	Discussion on and adoption of the draft provisional agenda
p.m.	9 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eighth session	Introduction and discussion of the draft proposals before the Commission
Friday, 27 May		
a.m.	9 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eighth session	Continuation of discussion of the draft proposals before the Commission
p.m.	9 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its eighth session	Adoption of the report of the Commission and closure of the session

Annex II

Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in 2005 (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. Turkey	2006
32. United Kingdom	2008

As of the date of issuance of this document, there was one vacancy on the Commission from the group of Western European and other States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008.