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Agenda item 10

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifth session

Draft report

Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur:

Chapter ____. Organizational and other matters

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its fifth session from 28 May to 1 June 2001, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2001/209. The Commission held ____ meetings (1st to __ meetings and ____ informal meetings).

2. At the 1st meeting, on 28 May, the Chairman, Mr. Stefan Moravek (Slovakia), opened the session and made an opening statement.

3. At the same meeting, the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade

and Development (UNCTAD), the Director of the Division on Investment, Technology and Enterprise Development, UNCTAD, and the Executive Director of the Third World Academy of Sciences, addressed the Commission.

4. Also at the same meeting, Mr. Tariq-ur Rahman (Pakistan) introduced the outcome of the Panel on capacity-building in biotechnology; Mr. Bernd Michael Rode (Austria) introduced the outcome of the Panel on legal and regulatory issues in biotechnology; and Mr. Pedro Sebastião Teta (Angola) introduced the outcome of the Panel on public awareness and participation in science and policy-making in biotechnology.

B. Attendance

5. The session was attended by representatives of ___ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States members of the United Nations and from non-member States and representatives of specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex ___.

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C. Election of officers

6. At its 10th meeting, on 21 May 1999, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson:

Mr. Stefan Moravek (Slovakia)

Vice-Chairpersons:

Mr. Bernd Michael Rode (Austria)

Mr. Pedro Sebastião Teta (Angola)

Mr. Hossein Salar Amoli (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Mr. José Luis Villaveces Cardoso (Colombia)

7. At its 6th meeting, on 31 May 2001, the Commission elected by acclamation Mr. Hosein Salar Amoli (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Jose Luiz Villaveces Cardoso (Colombia) as Vice-Chairpersons for the fifth session of the Commission to replace Mr. Mahmood Molanejad (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr. Gerardo Martinez-Lopez (Colombia), who had resigned their posts.

D. Agenda and organization of work

8. At its 1st meeting, on 28 May 2001, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, contained in document E/CN.16/2001/1 and approved the organization of its work, contained in document E/CN.16/2001/1/Add.1. The agenda was as follows:

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- development and other inter-sessional activities
1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
 2. Substantive theme: “National capacity-building in biotechnology”, with particular attention to agriculture and the agro-industry, health and the environment. The theme will include: human resource development through basic science education, research and development, as well as their interdisciplinary aspects; the transfer, commercialization and diffusion of technology; increasing public awareness and participation in science policy-making; and bioethics, biosafety, biodiversity, and the legal and regulatory matters affecting these issues to ensure equitable treatment
 3. Comprehensive note on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the fourth session of the Commission
 4. Presentation of country reports on technology and innovation policies.
 5. Budget of the Commission
 6. Activities of the Commission regarding the coordination of science and technology for
 7. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the sixth session of the Commission
 8. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the sixth session of the Commission.
 9. Other matters
 10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifth session
- E. Documentation**
9. The documents before the Commission at its fifth session were the following:
 - Provisional agenda (E/CN.17/2001/1 and Add.1);
 - Synthesis report on the CSTD panels on national capacity-building in biotechnology: Report by the Secretary-General (E/CN.16/2001/2);
 - Note by the secretariat on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the fourth session (E/CN.16/2001/3);

- Note by the secretariat on the budget and inter-sessional activities of the Commission (E/CN.16/2001/4);
- Note by the secretariat on the activities of the Commission regarding the coordination of science and technology for development and relevant activities within the United Nations system, including the outcome of the World Science Conference (E/CN.16/2001/5);
- Summary report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the Panel on capacity-building in biotechnology, Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran (E/CN.16/2001/Misc.1);
- Summary report by the UNCTAD secretariat on the Panel on legal and regulatory issues in biotechnology, Geneva (E/CN.16/2001/Misc.2);
- Summary report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the Panel on public awareness and participation in science policy-making in biotechnology, Tunis, Tunisia (E/CN.16/2001/Misc.3);
- Paper prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the changing dynamics of global computer software and services industry: Implications for developing countries (E/CN.16/2001/Misc.5);
- Synthesis report on the workshop on coalition of resources for information and communications (E/CN.16/2001/Misc.6);
- Note by the UNCTAD secretariat on key issues in biotechnology (E/CN.16/2001/Misc.7).