

ECOSOC Decision 2007/216

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

At its 11th meeting, on 26 April 2007, the Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraphs 14, 15 (b) and 16 of its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, entitled “Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development”:

(a) Decided that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to existing rules of procedure, business sector entities, including the private sector, accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(b) Requested the secretariat of the Commission to propose to the Council lists of business sector entities, including the private sector, not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that have expressed the wish to participate in the work of the Commission, for consideration and approval by the Council in a timely manner, to enable them to participate, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(c) Decided that, until otherwise decided by the Council, the special arrangement set out in paragraph 15 (b) of Council resolution 2006/46 and paragraph (b) above should apply to decision-making with regard to participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that may in the future express the wish to participate in the work of the Commission;

(d) Emphasized that decision 2007/216 of 26 April 2007 was taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the United Nations, in particular the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 concerning the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that it should not be construed as a precedent;

(e) Decided to review, in 2010, the list and modalities of participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development.

