

Decision

2011/237

Participation of academic and technical entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 26 July 2011, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006 and its decisions 2008/218 of 18 July 2008 and 2010/227 of 19 July 2010, recognizing the need to maximize the meaningful participation of and contributions by academic entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development and having reviewed the current modalities for the participation of such entities:

(a) Acknowledged that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development had benefited from the participation of academic entities in its work;

(b) Decided to extend the current arrangements for the participation of academic and technical entities in the work of the Commission until 2015;

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

(d) Further decided 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 non-governmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.