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Contribution by the Islamic Republic of Iran

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Comment of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Regarding the priority theme of the twenty-fourth session of UNCSTD “**harnessing blockchains for sustainable development**,” just adopted, *we recognize the value of holding such discussions on the next session, however,* as this issue is still new for many developing countries, we propose that a detailed report prepared by the secretariat review all different aspects of blockchains, including health, economic, social and legal and suggests ways to promote international cooperation and the role of international related organizations including ITU in promoting and norm setting of blockchains and also respect domestic laws and regulations and the sovereignty of Member States and present the report at least two months before the next session in order to Member States be able to study the report carefully and participate actively in the upcoming meetings.