

**Commission on Science and Technology for Development
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Draft decision for adoption by the Economic and Social Council

The Commission recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Draft Decision

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

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, its decision 2008/218 of 18 July 2008 and its decision 2010/227 of 20 December 2010, recognizing the need for maximizing 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 their participation:

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

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

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

(d) Decides also 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 nongovernmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.