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Agenda item 7

### Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixteenth session

## Draft report

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## Chapter \_\_\_\_ Organization of the session

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its sixteenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 3 to 7 June 2013. The Commission held \_\_\_\_ meetings (1st to \_\_\_\_).
2. The session was opened by the Chair, Mr. Miguel Palomino de la Gala (Peru), who also made a statement.
3. At the 1st meeting, on 3 June, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed the Commission.
4. At the same meeting, the following speakers addressed the Commission: Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU); Professor Rolf-Dieter Heuer, Director General of the European Organization for Nuclear Research; Mr. Joseph Alhadeff, Vice-Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Business Action to Support the Information Society initiative; and Mr. Carlos Afonso, Executive Director of the Nucleus for Research, Studies and Formation Institute, Brazil.



**Ministerial round table****“Review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes”**

5. At the 1st meeting, on 3 June, the Commission held a ministerial round table on the topic “Review of progress made in the implementation of the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes”, moderated by Dr. Touré, Secretary-General of ITU, in which the following participants took part: Mr. Dennis Sverdlov, Deputy Minister of Communication and Mass Media of the Russian Federation; Mr. Pedro Sebastiao Teta, Secretary of State for Information Technology of Angola; Mr. Jean-Pierre Biyiti Bi Essam, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications of Cameroon; Mr. Fortunato de la Peña, Undersecretary of Science and Technology of the Philippines; and Mr. Tseliso Mokhosi, Minister of Communications, Science and Technology of Lesotho. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 June, statements were also made by Mr. Debretsion Gibremichael, Minister of Communication and Information Technology of Ethiopia; and Ms. Winnie Magagula, Minister of Information, Communications and Technology of Swaziland. At the same meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation also made a statement.

6. The Moderator summarized the discussion.

**Ministerial round table****“Harnessing science and technology to address development challenges”**

7. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 June, the Commission held a ministerial round table on the topic “Harnessing science and technology to address development challenges”, moderated by Dr. Shirley Malcom, Head of the Directorate of Education and Human Resources of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and member of the Gender Advisory Board, in which the following participants took part: Mr. Pedro Crepsó Alvizuri, Vice-Minister for Science and Technology of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Mr. Lahcen Daoudi, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Executive Training of Morocco; Mr. Henri Dzinotiwei, Minister of Science and Technology of Zimbabwe; Mr. Ita Okon Bassey Ewa, Minister of Science and Technology of Nigeria; Mr. Gnissa Isaïe Konate, Minister of Scientific Research of Burkina Faso; Mr. René Ramirez, National Secretary of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation of Ecuador; Mr. Tissa Vitarana, Senior Minister of Scientific Affairs of Sri Lanka; Mr. William Colglazier, Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State of the United States of America; Ms. Erlinda Handal, Vice-Minister of Science and Technology of El Salvador; Mr. Fortunato de la Peña, Undersecretary of Science and Technology of the Philippines; and Mr. Jeremiah Sokan, Deputy Minister for Sectoral and Regional Planning of Liberia.

8. An interactive dialogue ensued with the delegations of Bangladesh, China, Egypt, Oman, Tunisia and Zambia.

9. The Moderator summarized the discussion.

**B. Attendance**

10. The session was attended by representatives of 41 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations,

representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and representatives of civil society and business entities also attended. The list of participants for the session is contained in document E/CN.16/2013/INF/\_\_\_\_.

### **C. Election of officers**

11. At its 8th and 9th meetings of its fifteenth session, on 24 and 25 May 2012, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its sixteenth session by acclamation:

*Chair:*

Miguel Palomino de la Gala (Peru)

*Vice-Chair:*

Thato Regina Mosisili (Lesotho)

Mohammad Kazem Asayesh Talab Tousi (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Peter Major (Hungary)

Andrew Reynolds (United States of America)

12. At its 1st meeting, the Commission elected Mr. Moshe Kao (Lesotho) as Vice-Chair of the sixteenth session of the Commission to replace Ms. Thato Regina Mosisili (Lesotho), who resigned her position. At the same meeting, the Commission appointed Mr. Moshe Kao (Lesotho) to serve, in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, as Rapporteur of the sixteenth session of the Commission.

### **D. Agenda and organization of work**

13. At its 1st meeting, on 3 June, following statements by the representatives of Cuba and Zimbabwe, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.16/2013/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
2. Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels.
3. Priority themes:
  - (a) Science, technology and innovation for sustainable cities and peri-urban communities;
  - (b) Internet broadband for an inclusive digital society.
4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews.
5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the seventeenth session of the Commission.
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the seventeenth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixteenth session.

14. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the proposed organization of work, contained in an informal paper circulated in English only.

15. At the 3rd meeting, on 4 June, the Commission appointed Mr. Alexander Mora (Costa Rica) to facilitate the draft resolution on the assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and appointed Professor Anil Kumar (Sri Lanka) to facilitate the draft resolution on science and technology for development.

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