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PLENARY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 5th meeting. Conference Room XVIII

Priority theme: Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment (E/CN.16/2008/3, E/CN.16/2008/CRP.1). [3(a)]

Introduction and general discussion

3 - 6 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room XVIII

Priority theme: Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research (E/CN.16/2008/4, E/CN.16/2008/CRP.1) [3(b)]

Introduction and general discussion

Summary

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3rd meeting

Election of officers

The Commission appointed Mr. Mothejoa Metsing (Lesotho), in addition to serving as Vice-Chairman, to serve as Rapporteur of the eleventh session of the Commission

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels. [2]

The Commission continued its consideration of the item and held special multi-stakeholder panel discussions.

Statements were made by H.E. Dr. Maximus Ongkili, Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Houlin Zhao, the Deputy Secretary-General, ITU and Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Executive Coordinator, GAID.

Panel I: Broadband: the new frontier of the digital divide?

Mr. Bertrand De La Chapelle, Special Envoy for the Information Society, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France, acted as moderator.

The following Panelists made presentations: Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications (APC); Mr. Thierry Albrand, Vice President, Digital Bridges, Alcatel; Mr. Art Reilly, Senior Director, Cisco Systems; Mr. Christoph Legutko, Wireless Standards and Regulations Manager, Intel Corporation; Mr. Alan Knott-Craig, Managing Director, iBurst, South Africa; Mr. Ahmed Mahjoub, CEO Tunisie Telecom, Tunisia; Mr. Yuri Grin, Deputy Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU;

Panel II: Cyber-Security

Mr. Alexander Ntoko, Head, Corporate Strategy Division, ITU, acted as moderator, and made a statement.

The Panelists, Dr. Hamadoun I. Toure, Secretary-General ITU; H.E. Mr. Joachim Tankoano, Minister of Posts and Information and Communication Technologies, Burkina Faso; Professor Solange Ghernaouti-Hélie, HEC University of Lausanne; Mr. Alain Modoux, former Assistant Director General, UNESCO, Board Member, ICT4Peace; Mr. Graham Butler, President and CEO, BITEK International Inc., made presentations and engaged in a dialogue with the delegation of Austria.

4th meeting

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels [2]

The Commission continued its consideration of the item and heard introduction of reports by the representative of UNCTAD.

The Commission then began its general discussion and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan, Chile, Tunisia, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Argentina, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, El Salvador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Rwanda and Switzerland.

The representatives of the African Union and the Inter Parliamentary Union made statements.

Statements were also made by representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Webforce International Federation, Association for Progressive Communications (APC), Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Techniques Avancées (ENSTA) and Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative relationship with the United Nations (CONGO),

Corrigendum

Corrigendum to the summary of the 1st meeting (see Journal E/CN.16/2008/2, Tuesday 27 May 2008, pages 2 and 3): The first and second paragraphs under “Panel discussion on Science, technology and innovation, and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society” should read as follows:

The Commission held a panel discussion on “Science, technology and innovation, and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society”, moderated by Mr. Art Reilly, Senior Director of CISCO Systems, who also made a statement.

The following Panelists made presentations: H.E. Mr. Raid Fahmi, Minister of Science and Technology, Iraq; H.E. Ms Ligia Amada Melo, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, the Dominican Republic; H.E. Dr. Maximus J. Ongkili, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia; H.E. Mr. El Hadj Gley, Minister of Communication Technologies, Tunisia; Mr. Tariq Ur-Rahman, Chairman, Pakistan Council for Science and Technology; H.E. Mr. Mothetjoa Metsing, Minister of Communications, Science and Technology, Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Joachim Tankoano, Minister of Posts and Information and Communication Technologies, Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Pedro Sebastiao Teta, Vice Minister of Science and Technology, Angola; H.E. Mr. Derek Hanekom, Deputy Minister of Science and Technology, South Africa; H.E. Mr. Fortunato Dela Pena, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Anway Battikhi, Secretary-General, Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan.