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PLENARY

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. . . . 3rd meeting Conference Room XIX

3 - 6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room XIX

Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the
outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the
regional and international levels (A/67/66--E/2012/49, A/67/65-
E/2012/48 and E/CN.16/2012/CRP.1) [2]

Introduction and general discussion

Summary

21 May 2012

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Chair, H.E. Mr Fortunato de la Peña (Philippines), opened the session and made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development addressed the Commission.

The following speakers addressed the Commission:

Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunications Union, Mr. Richard Robert Ernst, Nobel Laureate, ETH Zurich, Mr. Subramanian Ramadorai, Vice Chairman, Tata Consultancy Services on behalf of ICC-BASIS, Mr. Daniel Reed, Corporate Vice President, Technology Policy Group of Microsoft and Ms. Marilia Maciel, on behalf of Civil Society.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

Following a statement by the representative of Sri Lanka and clarification by the Secretary, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.16/2012/1 and approved the proposed organization of work, contained in an informal paper circulated in English only.

Election of officers

The Commission elected H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mustapha (Ghana) to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission on its fifteenth session as H.E. Ms. Sherry Ayitey (Ghana) was no longer able to serve as Vice-Chair. The Commission elected Mr. Peter Major (Hungary) to serve as Vice-Chair, and designated him to serve also as Rapporteur of the fifteenth session of the Commission.

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

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 2.

The representative of the UNCTAD secretariat introduced the report of the Secretary-General on Progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society outcomes at the regional and international levels (A/67/66-E/2012/49).

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

The Commission held a ministerial roundtable on “Review of progress made in the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society”, moderated by Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General of the International Telecommunication Union, in which the following participants took part: H.E. Mr. Pedro Teta, Vice-Minister of Telecommunications of Angola; H.E. Mr. Mothae Anthony Maruping, Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations at Geneva, H.E. Mr. Anwar A. Elfeitori, Minister of Communication and Information Technology of Libya; H.E. Mr. Vishnou Gondeea, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of Mauritius; Mr. Hashem Al-Mustafawi Al-Hashemi, Minister Plenipotentiary of Qatar; H.E. Mr. Ilya Massukh, Deputy Minister of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation; and Eng. Abdullah A. Al-Darrab, Governor of Saudi Arabia.

The Chair made a statement.

2nd meeting

Priority themes [3]

- (a) *Innovation, research, technology transfer for mutual advantage, entrepreneurship and collaborative development in the information society*
- (b) *Open access, virtual science libraries, geospatial analysis and other complementary information and communications technology and science, technology, engineering and mathematics assets to address development issues, with particular attention to education*

The Commission began its consideration of agenda item 3.

Ministerial round table on “Beyond the Millennium Development Goals: Harnessing science and technology to address development challenges”

The Commission held a ministerial roundtable on “Beyond the Millennium Development Goals: Harnessing science and technology to address development challenges”, moderated by Ms. Gretchen Kalonji, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO, in which the following participants took part: Prof. Edmee Mansilla Abouattier, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Cote d’Ivoire; H.E. Dr. Nadia Zakhary, Minister of State for Scientific Research of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Mario Roger Hernandez, Vice Minister for Trade, Ministry of Economy of El Salvador; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mustapha, Deputy Minister for Environment, Science and Technology of Ghana; H.E. Mr. Maung Wai, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations at Geneva; H.E. Mr. Abdoulaziz Issa Daouda, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Education Middle, Upper and Scientific Research of Niger; Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Alo-Mahrouqi, Director for Innovation Support and Development of Oman; H.E. Mir. Changez Khan Jamali, Minister for Science and Technology of Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Nguyen Quan, Minister of Science and Technology of Viet Nam; H.E. Mr. Bruno Jean Richard Itoua, Minister of Scientific Research of the Congo; Mr. Maged Al-Sherbiny, President of Academy of Scientific Research of Egypt, Mr. Pedro Teta, Vice-Minister of Telecommunications of Angola, and H.E. Mr. Anwar Elfeitori, Minister of Communication and Information of Libya.

The representatives of Lesotho, Sudan, Costa Rica, Austria and the United States also took part.

The representative of the Economic Commission for Africa also participated.

The Chair made a statement.