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Agenda item 7

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

## Draft report

*Rapporteur:* Mr. Peter **Major** (Hungary)

## Chapter ... Organization of the session

### A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its fifteenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 21 to 25 May 2012. The Commission held ... meetings (1st to ...).
2. The session was opened by the Chair, Mr. Fortunato de la Peña (Philippines), who also made a statement.
3. Also at the 1st meeting, on 21 May, 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 Telecommunications Union; Mr. Richard Robert Ernst, Nobel Laureate, ETH Zürich; Mr. Subramanian Ramadorai, Vice-Chair, Tata Consultancy Services (on behalf of ICC BASIS); Mr. Daniel Reed, Corporate Vice-President, Technology Policy Group of Microsoft; and Ms. Marilia Maciel, Project Leader and Researcher, Center for Technology and Society, Fundação Getulio Vargas (on behalf of civil society).

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

5. At the 1st meeting, on 21 May, 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 Communications 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 Mr. Abdullah A. Al-Darrab, Governor of Saudi Arabia.

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

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 21 May, The Commission held a ministerial round table 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. Edmée Mansilla Abouattier, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of Côte d’Ivoire; H.E. Dr. Nadia Zakhary, Minister of State for Scientific Research of Egypt; H.E. Mr. Mario Roger Hernández, 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. Abdoul Aziz Issa Daouda, Director of Cabinet, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Niger; Mr. Abdullah Mohammed Alo-Mahrouqi, Director for Innovation Support and Development of Oman; H.E. Mr. 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 A. Elfeitori, Minister of Communications and Information Technology of Libya.

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

8. The representative of the Economic Commission for Africa also participated.

9. The Moderator summarized the discussion.

## **B. Attendance**

10. The session was attended by representatives of ... 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, as well as representatives of civil society, academic and technical entities and business entities also attended. The list of participants for the session is contained in document E/CN.16/2012/INF/... .

## **C. Election of officers**

11. At its 9th meeting of the fourteenth session, on 27 May 2011, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its fifteenth session by acclamation:

*Chair:* Fortunato de la Peña (Philippines)

*Vice-Chair:* Miguel Palomino de la Gala (Peru)  
Andrew Reynolds (United States)

12. At its 1st meeting, on 21 May, the Commission elected H.E. Mr. Ahmed Mustapha (Ghana) to serve as Vice-Chair of the Commission 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.

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

13. At its 1st meeting, on 21 May, 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. 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) 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
4. Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews
5. Election of the Chair and other officers for the sixteenth session of the Commission
6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the sixteenth session of the Commission
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifteenth session

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

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