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PLENARY

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

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/63/72-E/2008/48, E/CN.16/2008/CRP.1 E/CN.16/2008/CRP.2) [2]

Special multi-stakeholder panel discussions:

Panel 1: Broadband: the new frontier of the digital divide?

Panel 2: Cyber-Security

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

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Introduction of reports and general discussion

Summary

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1st meeting

Opening of the session

Opening statements

The temporary Chairman, Mr. Mothetjoa Metsing (Lesotho), Vice-Chairman of the Commission, opened the session and made a statement.

The Acting Deputy 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 Telecommunication Union; H.E. Mr. Mauro Dell’Ambrogio, State Secretary for Education and Research of Switzerland; Dr. Nina Federoff, Science and Technology Adviser to the United States Secretary of State; Mr. Subramanian Ramadorai, CEO and Managing Director, Tata Consulting Services, and Chair of the ICC BASIS Initiative; Ms. Zeinab El Bakri, Vice-President of the African Development Bank and Mr. Parminder Jeet Singh, a representative of IT for Change, Bangalore, India.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Commission adopted its provisional agenda and agreed on the organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.16/2008/1 and Corr.1.

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Panel discussion on “Science, technology and innovation, and follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society”

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.

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 of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Dr. Maximus J. Ongkili, 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; Mr. Pedro Sebastiao Teta, Vice 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.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

The Acting Deputy Secretary-General, UNCTAD made concluding remarks.

Statements were also made by the Moderator and the temporary Chairman, Mr. Mothetjoa Metsing (Lesotho), Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

2nd meeting

Election of officers

The Commission elected H.E. Dr. Maximus J. Ongkili, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia as Chairman of the eleventh session to replace H.E. Data' Sri Jamaludin Jarjis (Malaysia) who was not in a position to serve as Chairman.

The Commission also elected Mr. Luciano Parodi (Chile) to replace Mr. Juan Eduardo Eguiguren (Chile) who was not in a position to serve as Vice Chairman.

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Presentation by representatives of the United Nations Regional Commissions

The Commission heard a presentation by H.E. Mr. Janis Karklins, former President WSIS PrepCom, Tunis Phase.

Presentations were made by the Executive Secretary, ECE, and by the representatives of ECLAC, ESCWA and ECA.

A presentation was also made by the representative of the European Commission.

Dialogue on regional experiences with WSIS implementation

The Commission held a dialogue on regional experiences with WSIS implementation, which was moderated by Mr. Marek Belka, Executive Secretary, ECE.

The Panelists, H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Alcaine Castro of El Salvador, H.E. Mr. Anwar Battikhi, Secretary-General of the Higher Council for Science and Technology, Jordan, Mr. Tariq Ur-Rahman, Chairman, Pakistan Council for Science and Technology and H.E. Mr. Joachim Tankoano, Minister for Information and Communication Technology, Burkina Faso engaged in a dialogue with the delegation of the Dominican Republic.

The representatives of TATA Consultancy Services, the Canadian Executive Service Organization and Webforce International also took part.

The Vice-Chairman, Mr. Janis Karklins (Latvia) made a statement in which he brought to the attention of the Commission a draft proposal entitled "Assessment of WSIS-implementation, 2008", which was distributed.