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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/64/4-E/2009/10, E/CN.16/2009/CRP.1) . . . [2]

Panel discussion on “Mobile technology, convergence and social networking tools for development and poverty alleviation”

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

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Panel discussion on “Delivering innovation in global public health”

Summary

25 May 2009

1st meeting

Opening of the session

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Juan Eduardo Eguiguren, (Chile), 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 Telecommunication Union; Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman & CEO, Talal Abu Ghazaleh Organization, Mr. Jörg Frieden, Assistant Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Switzerland; and Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications.

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.16/2009/1 and Corr.1.

Election of officers

The Commission appointed Mr. Yrjö Lämsipuro (Finland), in addition to serving as Vice-Chairman, to serve as Rapporteur of the twelfth session of the Commission.

Priority themes: Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research . . . [3(b)]

Ministerial Roundtable on the role of science, technology and innovation in stimulating economic growth and alleviating poverty

The Commission held a ministerial roundtable on “Science, technology and innovation in stimulating economic growth and alleviating poverty”, moderated by Mr. Bertrand de la Chapelle, Special Envoy for the Information Society, French Ministry of

Foreign and European Affairs, in which the following participants took part: H.E. Mr. Fortunato Dela Peña, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Edward K.Omane Boamah, Deputy Minister of Environment, Science and Technology, Ghana; H.E. Dr. Maximus J. Ongkili, Federal Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Pakistan; H.E. Mr. Yahya Saud Al Sulaimi, Minister, Ministry of Education, Oman; H.E. Ms. Euginia Flores, Minister of Science and Technology, Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Tissa Vitarana, Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology, Sri Lanka; H.E. Mr. El Tayeb Idris Eisa, Secretary-General, Ministry of Science and Technology, Sudan; and H.E. Mr. Derek Hanekom, Deputy Minister, Department of Science and Technology, South Africa.

The representative of El Salvador made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Datuk Maximus Ongkili, Federal Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia (Vice-Chairman) made a presentation on the outcome of the International Conference of Global Food Security: The Role of Science and Technology.

2nd 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]

Statements were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, Tunisia and Sudan.

A statement was also made by the Executive Coordinator of the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development (GAID).

Ministerial roundtable on the follow up to and implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

The Commission began its Ministerial Roundtable on the follow up to and implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, moderated by Mr. Art Reilly, Senior Director, Strategic Technology Policy at Cisco Systems and the representative of the International Chamber of Commerce.

An interactive dialogue ensued in which the following participants took part: H.E. Ms. Euginia Flores, Minister of Science and Technology, Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Datuk Maximus Ongkili, Federal Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia; H.E. Mr. Pedro S. Teta, Vice-Minister for Telecommunications and Information Technologies, Angola; H.E. Mr. Basem Rousan, Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Jordan; Mr. Kwaku Ofori-Adarkwa, Chief Director, Ministry of Communications, Ghana; H.E. Mr. El Hadj Gley, Minister of Communication Technologies, Tunisia; Mr. Rashad Nabiyeu, Head, Department of Financial and Economic Analysis, Azerbaijan; H.E. Mr. Furtunato Dela Peña, Undersecretary of Science and Technology, Department of Science and Technology, Philippines.

The Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD, introduced the report of the Secretary-General, contained in document A/64/64-E/2009/10.

Presentations were made by the Deputy Secretary-General, ITU and the representative of the Secretariat of the Internet Government Forum (IGF).

Statements were also made by the representatives France, Islamic Republic of Iran, Switzerland, Brazil, Cuba, Austria and South Africa, as well as by the observers for Honduras, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC) and Egypt.

The Executive Coordinator of the Global Alliance for Information and Communications Technologies and Development (GAID) also made a statement.

Closing remarks were made by the Deputy Secretary General, ITU.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a working lunch organized by OCCAM, in conjunction with UNGAID, on “E-Services for Development” in Room XXVII, Palais des Nations, *today*.

Participants: Mr. Pierpaolo Saporito, President, OCCAM; Mr. Paolo Cortesi, DiPSA, University of Milan; Mr. Luca Neri, President, WINFOCUS; and Mr. Daniele Trincherio, iXemLabs, Politechnic of Turin.

Participation is open to all stakeholders and participants in the Twelfth Session of the UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development as well as to the post WSIS sessions that are taking place in Geneva.