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Draft report

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Chapter _____

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1.   The Commission on Science and Technology for Development held its twelfth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 25 to 29 May 2009. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to ____).

2.   The session was opened by the Chairman, Mr. Juan Eduardo Eguiguren (Chile), who also made a statement.

3.   Also at the 1st meeting, on 25 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 Telecommunication Union; Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman & CEO, Talal Abu Ghazaleh Organization, Mr. Jörg Frieden, Assistant Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; and Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications

5. At the 2nd meeting, on 25 May, the Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD, introduced the report of the Secretary-General, contained in document A/64/64-E/2009/10.

Ministerial segment

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

6. At the 1st meeting, on 25 May, the Commission held a ministerial roundtable on *"*The role of *s*cience, 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.

7. An interactive dialogue ensued 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.

8. The representative of El Salvador made a statement.

9. At the same meeting, 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.

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

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

11. At the 2nd meeting, on 25 May, the Commission held a 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.

12. 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 Ofosu-Adarkwa, Chief Director, Ministry of Communications, Ghana; H.E. Mr. El Hadj Gley, Minister of Communication Technologies, Tunisia; Mr. Rashad Nabiyev, 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.

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

14. 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.

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

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

B. Attendance

17.   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 and business entities also attended. The list of participants for the session is contained in document E/CN.16/2009/INF/___.

C. Election of officers

18.   At its 10th meeting of the eleventh session, on 30 May 2008, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its twelfth session by acclamation:

  Chairman:

  Juan Eduardo Eguiguren (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen:

Yrjö Länsipuro (Finland)
Dr. Maximus J. Ongkili (Malaysia)
Štefan Morávek (Slovakia)
El Tayeb Idris Eisa (Sudan)

19. At its 1st meeting, on 25 May, the Commission appointed Mr.Yrjö Länsipuro (Finland), in addition to serving as Vice-Chairman, to serve also as Rapporteur of the twelfth session of the Commission.

D. Agenda and organization of work

20.   At its 1st meeting, on 25 May, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.16/2009/1. 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) Development-oriented policies for a socio-economic inclusive information society, including access, infrastructure and an enabling environment

(b) Science, technology and engineering for innovation and capacity-building in education and research

(c) Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

4.   Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the eleventh session of the Commission

5.   Election of the Chair and other officers for the thirteenth session of the Commission

6.   Provisional agenda and documentation for the thirteenth session of the Commission

7.   Adoption of the report of the Commission on its twelfth session

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