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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 thirteenth session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 17 to 21 May 2010. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to ___).

2. The session was opened by the Chair, Mr. Frédéric Riehl (Switzerland), who also made a statement.

3. Also at the 1st meeting, on 17 May, the Deputy 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: Mr. Moritz Leuenberger, Vice-President of the Swiss Confederation and Head of the Federal Department for the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication of Switzerland; Mr. Mohamed Naceur Ammar, Minister of Communication Technologies of Tunisia; Professor Jianxin You, Executive Deputy President of the Chinese Academy of Science and Technology Management; Mr. S. Ramadorai, Vice-Chair, Tata Consulting Services and Chair, International Chamber of Commerce BASIS Initiative; and Ms. Anriette Esterhuysen, Executive Director, Association for Progressive Communications.

5.   The Commission also viewed a video message from Ms. Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for the digital Agenda.

6.   At the 3rd meeting, on 18 May, the Head of the CSTD Secretariat, UNCTAD, introduced the report of the Secretary-General, contained in documents A/65/64-E/2010/12 and the Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management, UN/DESA, introduced the report of the Secretary-General on enhanced cooperation on public policy issues pertaining to the Internet, contained in document E/2009/92*.

Ministerial segment

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

7.   At the 1st meeting, on 17 May, the Commission held a ministerial roundtable on "The follow-up to and implementation of the outcomes of the World Sumit on the Information Society", in which the following participants took part: Mr. Mothetjoa Metsing, Minister of Communications, Science and Technology of Lesotho; Mr. Luciano Bresciani, Minister of Health of Region of Lombardia of Italy; and Mr.Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology of Pakistan.

8.   At the 2nd meeting, on 17 May, the Commission continued its ministerial roundtable and the following participants took part: Ms. Clotildle Fonseca, Minister of Science and Technology of Costa Rica; Mr. Mohamed Naceur Ammar, Minister of Communications Technologies of Tunisia; Mr. Fortunato De la Pena, Under-Secretary for Science and Technology of the Philippines; Mr. Pedro Teta, Deputy Minister of ICT of Angola; Mr. Iogenes Aybar, Vice-Minister of Science and Technology of the Dominican Republic; and Mr. Abdolmajid Riazi, Deputy Minister of ICT of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Five- year overview of progress made in the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit on Information Society

9.   At the 2nd meeting, on 17 May, the Commission held a panel discussion on the five-year overview of progress made in the implementation of the outcome of the World summit on the Information Society".

10.   A statement was made by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of United Conference on Trade and Development.

11.   The Commission viewed a video message by Mr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary-General of International Telecommunications Union.

12.   Presentations were made by the following participants: Mr. Francis Gurry, Director-General of World Intellectual Property Organization; Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization; Mr. Jan Kubis, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Europe; Ms. Mazlan Othman, Director, Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) and Deputy Director-General, United Nations Office at Vienna; Ms. Katharina Kummer, Executive Secretary of the Basel Convention based in Geneva; Mr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, Chairman of United Nations Global Alliance for Information and Communication Technologies and Development (GAID); and Mr. Sami Al-Basheer, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunications Union.

13.   Presentations were also made by representatives of UN/DESA, the Economic Council for Africa, the Council of Europe, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), on behalf of the private sector, and the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), on behalf of civil society.

B. Attendance

14.   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.16/2010/INF/___.

C. Election of officers

15.   At its 9th meeting of the twelfth session, on 29 May 2009, the Commission had elected the following members of the Bureau of its thirteenth session by acclamation:

Chair:
      Frédéric Riehl (Switzerland)
Vice-Chair:
      Miguel Angel Alcaine Castro (El Salvador)
      Edward K. Omane Boamah (Ghana)
      Sarvagya Katiyar (India)
      Štefan Morávek (Slovakia)

16.   At its 1st meeting, on 17 May, the Commission was informed that the Vice-Chair, Mr. Miguel Angel Alcaine (El Salvador) was unable to carry out his duties.

17.   At the same meeting, the Commission appointed Mr. Štefan Morávek (Slovakia), in addition to serving as Vice-Chair, to serve as Rapporteur of the thirteenth session of the Commission.

D. Agenda and organization of work

18.   At its 1ˢᵗ meeting, on 17 May, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work, as contained in document E/CN.16/2010/1/Rev.1, as orally revised.   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 outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society at the regional and international levels

3.   Priority themes:

    (a) Improvements and innovations in existing financial mechanisms

    (b) New and emerging technologies

4.   Presentation of reports on science, technology and innovation policy reviews

5.   Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken by the Commission at its twelfth session

6.   Election of the Chair and other officers for the fourteenth session of the Commission

7.   Provisional agenda and documentation for the fourteenth session of the Commission

8.   Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirteenth session