

Draft Decisions for Adoption by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)

Draft decision I: Extension of the mandate of the Gender Advisory Board of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council decides to extend the mandate of the Gender Advisory Board of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, for a further three years, beginning on 1 January 2012, in order to allow it to complete its programme of work within the extrabudgetary resources allocated for this purpose.

Draft decision II: Participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, its decision 2008/217 of 18 July 2008 and its decision 2010/226 of 20 December 2010, and recognizing the need for maximizing the meaningful participation of and contributions by civil society in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development:

- (a) Acknowledges that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development has benefited from the participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in its work;
- (b) Decides, on an exceptional basis and without prejudice to the established rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, to extend to non-governmental organizations and civil society entities that are not in consultative status with the Council but that received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society, an invitation to participate in the work of the Commission until 2015;
- (c) Urges voluntary contributions in order to provide the maximum possible assistance for the participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities of developing countries and to ensure their balanced representation, including in the panels of the Commission;
- (d) Invites the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to consider as expeditiously as possible the applications of such entities, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council;
- (e) Decides that, while using the multi-stakeholder approach effectively, the intergovernmental nature of the Commission should be preserved;
- (f) Also decides that every effort should be made by the Commission, in collaboration with relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties, to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation, including by providing assistance on a voluntary basis, of all stakeholders from developing countries, including non-governmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.

Draft decision III

Participation of academic and technical entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, its decision 2008/218 of 18 July 2008 and its decision 2010/227 of 20 December 2010, recognizing the need for maximizing the meaningful participation of and contributions by academic entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and having reviewed the current modalities for their participation:

- (a) Acknowledges that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development has benefited from the participation of academic entities in its work;
- (b) Decides to extend the current arrangements for the participation of academic and technical entities in the work of the Commission until 2015;
- (c) Also decides that, while using the multi-stakeholder approach effectively, the intergovernmental nature of the Commission should be preserved;
- (d) Further decides that every effort should be made by the Commission, in collaboration with relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties, to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation, including by providing assistance on a voluntary basis, of all stakeholders from developing countries, including non-governmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.

Draft decision IV: Participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, its decision 2007/216 of 26 April 2007 and its decision 2010/228 of 20 December 2010, recognizing the need for maximizing the meaningful participation of and contributions by business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, and having reviewed the current modalities for their participation:

- (a) Acknowledges that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development has benefited from the participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in its work;
- (b) Decides to extend the current arrangements for the participation of business sector entities, including the private sector, in the work of the Commission until 2015;
- (c) Also decides that, while using the multi-stakeholder approach effectively, the intergovernmental nature of the Commission should be preserved;
- (d) Further decides that every effort should be made by the Commission, in collaboration with relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties, to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation, including by providing assistance on a voluntary basis, of all stakeholders from developing countries, including non-governmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.

Draft decision V: Participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development regarding the discussion about the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit

The Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006:

- (a) Requests the secretariat of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to propose to the Economic and Social Council lists of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that have expressed the wish to participate in the work of the Commission, for consideration and approval by the Council in a timely manner, to enable them to participate until 2015, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;
- (b) Decides that, while using the multi-stakeholder approach effectively, the intergovernmental nature of the Commission should be preserved;
- (c) Also decides that every effort should be made by the Commission, in collaboration with relevant United Nations bodies and other interested parties, to mobilize and ensure the meaningful and effective participation, including by providing assistance on a voluntary basis, of all stakeholders from developing countries, including nongovernmental organizations, small and medium-sized enterprises, industry associations and development actors.

Draft decision VI: Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourteenth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the fifteenth session of the Commission

The Economic and Social Council:

- (a) Takes note of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its fourteenth session;
- (b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifteenth session of the Commission as set out below:
 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. Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General

3. Priority themes:

(a) Innovation, research, technology transfer for mutual advantage, entrepreneurship and collaborative development in the information society;

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General

(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.

Documentation: Report of the Secretary-General

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.