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

The Commission on Science and Technology for Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Draft decision I

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 and decision 2008/217 of 18 July 2008 and recognizing the need for maximizing the meaningful participation of and contributions by civil society in the work of the Commission:

- (a) *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 which are not in consultative status with the Council but which received accreditation to the World Summit on the Information Society an invitation to participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, until 2011;
- (b) *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;
- (c) *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.