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**Commission on Science and Technology for Development**

**Seventh session**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

**Provisional annotated agenda and organization of work\***

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters
2. Substantive theme: "Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration", with particular attention to policies and measures that would (a) improve the policy environment for the application of science and technology to development, (b) strengthen basic and applied research in developing countries, (c) strengthen technology support institutions and science advisory mechanisms, and (d) promote affordable universal Internet access
3. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the sixth regular session of the Commission
4. National country reports
5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the eighth regular session of the Commission
6. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the eighth session of the Commission
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session.

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\* The late submission of this document was due to the workload of the Division concerned in connection with the preparations for UNCTAD XI.

## **Annotations**

### **1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

The provisional agenda and documentation for the seventh session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development were approved by the Council in its decision 2003/293 of 24 July 2003.

In accordance with the established practice, the Commission, at the tenth meeting of its sixth session on 9 May 2003, elected by acclamation the Bureau of the seventh session, with the following composition:

Chairperson:	Mr. Arnaldo Ventura (Jamaica)
Vice-Chairpersons:	Mrs. Galina Butovskaya (Belarus) Mr. Vijaya Kumar (Sri Lanka) Mr. Jesús Martínez Frias (Spain) Mr. Zacharie Perevet (Cameroon)

As at previous sessions of the Commission, one of the Vice-Chairpersons should also serve as Rapporteur.

The organization of work of the Commission at its seventh session, published in Annex I, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the timeframe available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission.

The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative; if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday, 24 May, to Friday, 28 May 2004. The morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The current membership of the Commission is contained in Annex II.

### **2. Substantive theme: "Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium declaration"**

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/56 of 24 July 2003, decided that the main substantive theme of the Commission for its inter-sessional period 2003-2004 would be: "Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration". In undertaking work on this theme, the Commission is invited to analyse policies and measures that would lead to: (a) improving the policy environment for the application of science and technology to development by identifying potential risks and benefits of new and emerging technologies; (b) strengthening basic and applied research in developing countries and international scientific networking; (c) strengthening technology support institutions and science advisory mechanisms, building human capacity, identifying new technologies and applications, and encouraging international collaboration to support research in

neglected fields; and (d) promoting affordable universal Internet access and building strategic partnerships in the field of science and technology for development and capacity building for competitiveness.

The Commission's work programme during the period 2003-2004 has been carried out through one panel, which held one meeting in Tunis, Tunisia, from 28 to 31 October 2003. The Commission will have before it a report from the Panel on "Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration".

### **Documentation**

Report of the Secretary-General on "Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration" (E/CN.16/2004/2)

Report of the Panel on "Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration". (E/CN.16/2004/CRP.1)

## **3. Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the sixth regular session of the Commission**

The Council, in its resolution 2003/56 of 24 July 2003, requested the Commission to interact closely with the United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force to promote greater information-exchange and coordination of activities in the field of ICT; to play an active role within the United Nations system in the analysis, promotion and recommendation of applications of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration; to ensure that the Science and Technology for Development Network further developed and expanded into a gateway on information and science and technology activities; and to liaise with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to further develop its benchmarking tool in ICT, promote its use by other relevant United Nations agencies and consider the possibility of carrying out ICT needs assessment for interested developing countries, in particular least developed countries, to help formulate/update national strategies and action plans for ICT.

### **Documentation**

Note by the secretariat on the implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the sixth session of the Commission (E/CN.16/2004/3)

## **4. National country reports**

The Commission will hear presentations of national country reports on the promotion of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration.

### **Documentation**

Science and Technology Policy Review: Country Reports (E/CN.16/2004/CRP.2)

**5. Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the eighth regular session of the Commission**

Following the practice established at its previous sessions, the Commission will elect a Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons for its eighth session. It is understood that one of the Vice-Chairpersons will also serve as Rapporteur.

**6. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the eighth session of the Commission**

The Commission will discuss the draft provisional agenda for its eighth session.

**Documentation**

Draft provisional agenda

**7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session**

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions, the Commission will submit to the Economic and Social Council a report on the work of its seventh session.

**Documentation**

Draft report of the Commission on its seventh session.

## Annex I

### Proposed organization of work

<i>Date/time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Programme</i>
Monday, 24 May		
		Opening of the session
a.m.	1 Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	
	2 Substantive theme: Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	Introduction and general discussion
p.m.	2 Substantive theme: Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	Continuation of general discussion
Tuesday, 25 May		
a.m.	2 Substantive theme: Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	Continuation of general discussion
p.m.	2 Substantive theme: Promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	Conclusion of general discussion
Wednesday, 26 May		
a.m.	3 Implementation of and progress made on decisions taken at the sixth session of the Commission	Introduction and general discussion
p.m.	4 National country reports on promoting the application of science and technology to meet the development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration	Introduction and general discussion
6:00 p.m.	<i>Joint Bureau Meeting (Council/CSTD)</i>	<i>Joint meeting between the two Bureaux via video-conferencing (GVA-NY)</i>
Thursday, 27 May		
a.m.	5 Programme questions	Introduction and general discussion
a.m.	6 Election of the Chairperson and other officers for the eighth session of the Commission	Nominations and elections of officers
a.m.	7 Provisional agenda and organization of work of the eighth session of the Commission	Discussion on and adoption of the draft provisional agenda
p.m.	8 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session	Introduction and discussion of the draft proposals before the Commission
Friday, 28 May		
a.m.	8 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session	Introduction and discussion of the draft proposals before the Commission
p.m.	8 Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventh session	Adoption of the report of the Commission and closure of the session

**Annex II****Membership of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development  
in 2004 (33 members; four-year term)**

<i>Membership</i>	<i>Term expires on 31 December</i>
1. Algeria	2004
2. Austria	2004
3. Bangladesh	2006
4. Belarus	2006
5. Belgium	2006
6. Bolivia	2006
7. Brazil	2004
8. Cameroon	2004
9. Chile	2006
10. China	2006
11. Ethiopia	2006
12. Germany	2006
13. Ghana	2004
14. Greece	2006
15. Grenada	2004
16. India	2006
17. Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2006
18. Jamaica	2004
19. Jordan	2004
20. Lesotho	2006
21. Morocco	2006
22. Paraguay	2006
23. Philippines	2004
24. Romania	2006
25. Russian Federation	2004
26. Sierra Leone	2004
27. Slovakia	2004
28. Spain	2004
29. Sri Lanka	2004
30. Sudan	2006
31. Turkey	2006

As of the date of issuance of this document, there were two vacancies on the Commission from the group of Western European and other States, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2004.