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**Draft decision recommended by the CSTD to ECOSOC for adoption**

**Participation of Academic entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development**

The Economic and Social Council, recalling paragraphs 14, 15 and 16 of its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006, entitled "Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society and review of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development"

*Recognizing* that Academic entities that were accredited to WSIS in the category "NGOs and civil society entities" cannot obtain consultative status with the Council under ECOSOC Resolution 1996/31, and that their participation in the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with ECOSOC Resolution 2007/215 is therefore limited to the tenths and eleventh session of the Commission,

*Recognizing* further that these Academic entities are important stakeholders in the Information Society and make an important contribution to the implementation of the goals and objectives of the World Summit on the Information Society and its follow-up

(a) *Decides* that, on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to existing rules of procedure, Academic entities accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society may participate in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(b) *Requests* the secretariat of the Commission to propose to the Council lists of academic entities, including academies of science and engineering, not accredited to the World Summit on the Information Society that have expressed or express 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, on an exceptional basis, in the work of the Commission in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Council;

(c) *Emphasizes* that this decision is taken on an exceptional basis, without prejudice to the established Rules of Procedure of the Economic and Social Council, in particular the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 concerning the accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, and that it should not be construed as a precedent;

(d) *Decides* to review, in 2010, the list and modalities of participation of Academic entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development."

