

ECOSOC Decision 2008/217

Participation of non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 18 July 2008, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its resolution 2006/46 of 28 July 2006 and its decision 2007/215 of 26 April 2007, and recognizing the need for maximizing the meaningful participation of and contributions by civil society and business entities in the work of the Commission:

(a) Decided, 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 were not in consultative status with the Council but that had 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, at its twelfth and thirteenth sessions;

(b) Urged 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) Invited 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.