

ECOSOC Resolution 2002/37

Strengthening the work of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development*

The Economic and Social Council,

Taking into account the fact that the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, within its mandate, is the coordinator of science and technology activities within the United Nations system,

1. *Decides* that the Commission should meet annually;

2. *Requests* the Commission to establish an open-ended working group for the purpose of analysing ways and means to improve the role and participation of the Commission in the recommendation and policy-making process of the United Nations system on science and technology issues, with the aim of working towards the strengthening of the Commission. The Working Group should submit to the next session of the Commission concrete measures for adoption;

3. *Decides* to study the feasibility of establishing an international mechanism for supporting and enhancing research and development within the developing countries and in areas critical to the developing countries especially in the fields of health, education and agriculture.

*41st plenary meeting
26 July 2002*

* For the discussion, see chap. IX.