

# 2013 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council

## Submission from the Economic Commission for Europe

### I. Introduction

In July 2013, the United Nations Economic and Social Council will hold its seventh Annual Ministerial Review in Geneva, Switzerland. The Review will focus on "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development" of the Re.006 Tc -0.004 Tw -147 0-.8195(o)p2(n-2(o)42(c)-ite)

session on 9 -11 April 2013 and during the high-level segment, held a panel discussion on "The role of innovation in creating a dynamic and competitive economy" as a contribution to the above-mentioned Annual Ministerial Review.

### II. Chair's summary of discussions <sup>1</sup>

**Keynote speech: Mr. Néstor Osorio, President of the Economic and Social Council**, underlined the importance of innovation to address the interconnected economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainable development. Science, technology and innovation were identified as key instruments to advance the vision of economic growth contained in the Rio+20 outcome document. The 2013 Annual Ministerial Review of the Economic and Social Council will focus on how to harness the power of science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture for promoting sustainable development and the



innovation in services and design, and public-sector innovation. A narrow view of innovation that emphasizes high technologies misses the opportunities present in other areas.

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