

FOUNDATION DOCUMENTS

(with Amendments)



January 2014



Commission on Science and Technology
for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

FOUNDATION DOCUMENTS

(with Amendments)

January 2014



Commission on Science and Technology
for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

Preface

The Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) is an international organization established as a result of an inter-governmental agreement signed in 1994 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The Foundation Conference held in this connection was attended by the representatives of 36 countries and several international organizations, including 22 Ministers of Science and Technology. COMSATS is a high-level forum with the membership of the Heads of States/Governments or their representatives. While 18 countries joined the Commission originally, presently it has 21 countries as its Member States. The Government of Pakistan has granted a juridical personality to COMSATS through the Gazette Notification and bears full expenses of its Secretariat.

The basic objective to be achieved through this body was to bring science and technology at the core of national development plans in the South and to create necessary conditions for this purpose. Such a transformation required coordinated efforts and resource sharing among the participant countries. From the outset it was made clear that the focus of all activities of COMSATS would be the socio-economic development, and the means to achieve this target would mainly be scientific capacity building through South-South cooperation.

Thus, COMSATS was charged to play a leadership role for:

- advocating the primacy of S&T-based solutions in achieving developmental goals and allocation of adequate financial resources for their implementation;
- the facilitation of cooperative activities for building necessary capacity in scientific disciplines that are most relevant to bring about socio-economic development.

The Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) for the advancement of science in developing countries played a key role in creating COMSATS and supporting its programmes over the years. Especially the creation of a Network of Centres of Excellence, facilitated by TWAS, was an excellent idea that is being used for grass-root technology cooperation among working scientists. The Centres of Excellence affiliated with COMSATS are outstanding national R&D establishments capable of providing advanced training and research collaboration facilities in a wide spectrum of scientific disciplines. The Charter of this Network was approved in July 1995. A Coordinating Council, comprising of Heads of Centres of Excellence, oversees the operations of the Network, exercising full autonomy in making rules and regulations governing its own procedures. The compilation of foundation documents, listed under contents, includes the original Charter as well as the subsequent changes made by the Coordinating Council during the period October 1994 – June 2013.

Dr. I.E. Qureshi, *T.I.*
Executive Director
COMSATS

Islamabad, January 2014

CONTENTS

DOCUMENT - I	I-1 to I-4
- Executive Summary of the First Meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South	
DOCUMENT - II	II-1 to II-6
- Representatives of Governments and Organizations Attending the First Meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South	
DOCUMENT - III	III-1 to III-18
- Agreement to Establish the Commission	
DOCUMENT - IV	IV-1 to IV-4
- Signatories to the Agreement of the Commission	
DOCUMENT - V	V-1 to V-4
- Joint Statement by the Participants	
DOCUMENT - VI	VI-1 to VI-2
- List of Institutes Selected as the Nodes of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South	
DOCUMENT - VII	VII-1 to VII-28
- Charter of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South	
DOCUMENT - VIII	VIII-1 to VIII-4
- Gazette Notification by the Government of Pakistan	

Executive Summary
of the
First Meeting of the
Commission on Science and
Technology for Sustainable Development
in the South (COMSATS)

4 - 5 October, 1994

First Meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A. Organization and Objectives

At the invitation of H.E. Mrs. Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the First Meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) was convened in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 4th and 5th October 1994. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Science and Technology of Pakistan, in collaboration with the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNISO) and the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS). The Government of Pakistan generously supported the meeting by covering the local expenses of all the participants. The meeting was attended by representatives of Heads of State or Government from 36 countries, including 22 Ministers of Science and Technology and Higher Education and by representatives of a number of international organizations. The list of countries and organizations represented at the meeting with the names of the leaders of each delegation has been given in the *Document-II*.

The objectives of the meeting were:

- i. to formally establish the Heads of State or Government Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) and to agree on the objectives and functions of the Commission; and
- ii. to lay down the foundations of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres in the South and to formally establish the first nodes of the Network at a number of already existing and highly competent institutions.

B. The Sessions of the Meeting

The opening session was held in the morning of Tuesday, on 4th October at the National Library Auditorium and was presided over by H.E. Mrs. Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan.

A welcome address was delivered by Mr. Parvez Ahmad Butt, the Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology. The Prime Minister of Pakistan delivered the inaugural address highlighting the commitment of the Government of Pakistan to the promotion of science and technology in Pakistan, as well as to the setting-up of COMSATS and the establishment of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres in the South. The Prime Minister declared that the introduction of a system of international centres in the South would enable the South to rapidly acquire the latest scientific inquiries and technological development. The institutions in the North would find it easier to cooperate with those in the South, if the latter

attained a high level of excellence in the shortest possible time. The centres of excellence would, therefore, work not only for the prosperity of the South, but also as a major focus of international cooperation in the larger interest of mankind.

The Prime Minister announced that the Government of Pakistan will donate a building and also pay for the salaries of the employees of the Network Headquarters to be established in Islamabad. The Prime Minister announced a grant of Rs. 30 million (equivalent to about US\$ 1 million) as a contribution to a technical assistance fund to be established by COMSATS.

The address of Professor Abdus Salam, the President of TWAS and TWNSO, was read out by Prof. M.H.A. Hassan, the Executive Director of TWAS and Secretary General of TWNSO. The address of Professor Abdus Salam traced the historical development of COMSATS and the project of the Network of International Centres in the South. In his address Professor Salam, who was unable to travel to Islamabad due to health reasons, referred to the importance of COMSATS in providing political backing to scientific and technological initiatives of major concern to the South and to the significance of the network of centres of excellence in building high level scientific capacities in the South and in enriching mutual cooperation between the North and the South in science and technology. In his address, Professor Salam thanked the Prime Minister of Pakistan for hosting the first meeting of COMSATS and for the kindness and generosity.

In the first session of the meeting, Minister Benjamin W. Mkapa of Tanzania and Minister Venice Kamel Gouda of Egypt were elected Vice Chairpersons, and Mr. Parvez Ahmad Butt, Secretary of the Pakistan Ministry of Science and Technology, was elected Rapporteur. During the session, representatives of heads of State or Government from thirty-six countries, as well as representatives of six international organizations gave short supporting statements on behalf of their respective governments and organizations.

The second session, held in the afternoon of 4th October, was closed to representatives of countries and organizations. During the session, an overview of the proposed Network of International Centres in the South was presented together with proposals submitted by various countries for setting up the first nodes of the Network. Ten comprehensive feasibility-studies for upgrading well-established and competent institutions to international centres of excellence were received before the meeting and copies were made available to the participants. The presentations were followed by a lengthy discussion on the financial arrangements for upgrading the institutions. It was concluded that the countries where the nodes of the Network are to be located should play a major role in obtaining the funds required to upgrade their own institutions from government sources as well as through bilateral arrangements with donor organizations. The Headquarters of the Network of Centres and the COMSATS Secretariat should also play a leading role in securing support of the international donor agencies, including the World Bank, for the establishment of the international centres of excellence.

The third session of the meeting was held in the morning of Wednesday, 5th October and was closed to representatives. During the session, a draft agreement on the formal establishment of COMSATS was presented and discussed. After lengthy debate, a number of changes and additions were made to the draft. The text of the final agreement, which was accepted by the meeting, is in *Document-III*.

The meeting then briefly examined the draft charter for the Network of International Centres and decided that a working committee consisting of representatives from Colombia, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria and Tanzania should meet as soon as possible to review and finalize the document, after receiving the comments of the participants on the first draft. The Secretary General of TWNSO, Prof. M.H.A. Hassan, was appointed convener of the committee.

At the end of the session, a draft joint statement was presented by Minister Benjamin W. Mkapa of Tanzania and discussed by the participants. The statement outlined the main issues agreed upon by all of the participants. The statement, adopted after some changes and additions, is at *Document-V*.

The fourth and final session was held in the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th October and was chaired by Special Assistant to Prime Minister. During the session, which was open to the public and press, representatives of Heads of States or Governments of fourteen countries signed the COMSATS Agreement and the others indicated their willingness to sign it at a later date.

In the closing session, two statements were also delivered; one by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on behalf of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, and the other by H.E. Dr. B.S. Ngubane, Minister for Arts Culture, Science and Technology of South Africa, who thanked the Government of Pakistan on behalf of the participants for the kind hospitality and generous support provided for the establishment of COMSATS.

C. Main Conclusions and Recommendations

1. The meeting endorsed the establishment of the Heads of States or Governments Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), whose main objectives are: to sensitize Third World countries to the centrality of science and technology in the process of development; to support major initiatives designed to promote indigenous capacity in science and technology for science-led sustainable development, such as the establishment of international research and training centres of excellence in the South; and to help mobilize long-term financial support from governments and international donor agencies to finance scientific projects in the South of global concern.
2. The meeting discussed and approved a formal Agreement to establish COMSATS (*Document-III*). The Agreement signed/initialled by

representatives of Heads of State or Government of the following countries: China, Colombia, Egypt, Ghana, Iran I.R, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea D.P.R, Pakistan, Senegal, Tanzania, Tunisia and Uganda. A number of other representatives indicated their interest in signing the Agreement after further consultations with their respective governments.

3. The meeting endorsed the establishment of a Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South to assist the countries of the South to build and sustain a critical mass of world-class scientists and technologists and to utilize their talent to expedite the process of sustainable science-led development. The establishment of international centres of excellence in the South will also provide important avenues for international cooperation in areas of science and technology of global concern to environmentally sustainable development.
4. The meeting agreed that the first nodes of the Network of International Centres be located at the ten well-established institutions that have provided detailed feasibility studies and have been accepted by the Technical Advisory Committee instituted by the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO) and the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS).
5. The meeting invited other developing countries to submit proposals for additional nodes of the Network, to be reviewed and evaluated by the Technical Advisory Committee.
6. The meeting examined the draft Charter of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South and decided to establish a Working Committee to review the Charter and submit a revised version of the Charter to the Members of the Commission. The revised Charter should form an operational statute of the Network upon its approval by at least half of the Members of the Commission and should be in force until the next meeting of COMSATS. The meeting appointed representatives of Colombia, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria and Tanzania as Members of the Working Committee and the Secretary General of TWNSO as the Convener. The Charter of the Network is given in *Document-VII*.
7. The meeting accepted the generous invitation of the Government of Pakistan to set up the Headquarters of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South in Islamabad and to host the Secretariat of COMSATS at the Headquarters.
8. The meeting invited the Prime Minister of Pakistan to continue as Chairperson of COMSATS for the next three years.

***Representatives of Governments
and Organizations Attending the
First Meeting of the
Commission on Science and Technology
for Sustainable Development
in the South (COMSATS)***

4 - 5 October, 1994

First Meeting of Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South

Held on 4-5 October, 1994, Islamabad, Pakistan

REPRESENTATIVES OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

Bangladesh

1. H.E. Prof. M. Abdul Mannan
State Minister
Ministry of Science & Technology
Bangladesh Secretariat
Building No. 6, 10th floor
Dhaka
Bangladesh

Brazil

2. H.E. Mr. Paulo Dyrceu Pinheiro
Ambassador of Brazil to Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

China

3. H.E. Mr. Zhou Gang
Ambassador of China to Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Colombia

4. Prof. Dr. Jose Luis Villaveces
Director
Colombian Fund for Scientific
Research and Special Projects,
"Francisco Jose de Caldas"
(COLCIENCIAS)
Transversal 9A No. 133
Apdo. Aereo 051580
Bogota
Colombia

Egypt

5. H.E. Dr. Venice Kamel Gouda
Minister of State for Scientific
Research
Ministry of Scientific Research
4, Sharia Ibrahim Nagiv
Garden City, Cairo
Egypt

Ghana

6. H.E. Dr. Christina Amoako-
Nuama
Minister
Ministry of Environment,
Science and Technology
P.O. Box M. 232, Accra
Ghana

India

7. H.E. Mr. S.K. Lambah
High Commissioner of India to
Pakistan, Islamabad
Pakistan

Iran

8. H.E. Dr. S.M. Reza Hashimi
Golpaygani
Minister
Ministry of Culture and Higher
Education, Ustad Nijatullahi
Avenue,
Building No. 1, 15986 Tehran
Iran

Italy

9. H.E. Mr. Pietro Rinaldi
Ambassador of Italy to Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Jamaica

10. Dr. Gladstone V. Taylor
Executive Director
Scientific Research Council
P.O. Box 350
Kingston 6
Jamaica

Jordan

11. H.E. Mr. Talal Araiqtat
Minister
Ministry of Energy and Natural
Resources
P.O. Box 2310
Amman,
Jordan

Kazakhstan

12. H.E. Mr. Dias Kenzhebekovich
Daukeev
Deputy Minister for Science &
New Technologies
Alma-Ara
Kazakhstan

Korea, D.P.R.

13. H.E. Mr. Choe Hui Jong
Minister/Chairman
SCST/Science & Technology
Pyongyang
Korea, D.P.R.

Kuwait

14. H.E. Dr. Ahmad Al-Roubia
Minister of Education and
Higher Education
P.O. Box 7
Safat
Kuwait

Malaysia

15. H.E. Prof. Law Hieng Ding
Minister
Ministry of Science, Technology
& Environment
14th floor, MUI, Plaza Wisma
Sime Darby
Jalan Raja Laut, 50662
Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

Mauritius

16. H.E. Mr. M. Rafick Elahee
High Commissioner of Mauritius
to Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Morocco

17. H.E. Dr. Mohammad Kenediri
Minister of National Education
Rabat
Morocco

Nepal

18. Mr. Kedar Lal Shrestha
Vice Chancellor
Royal Nepal Academy of Science
& Technology (RONAST)
G.P.O. Box 3323
New Baneswor, Kathmandu
Nepal

Nigeria

19. H.E. Mr. A.R. Yunusa
Ambassador of Nigeria to
Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Pakistan

20. H.E. Mrs. Shahnaz Wazir Ali
Special Assistant to the Prime
Minister of Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Peru

21. H.E. Mr. Alejandro San Martin
Ambassador of Peru to India
New Delhi
India

Philippines

22. H.E. Dr. William Padolina
Acting Secretary
Department of Science &
Technology
NSTA Building
Bicutan, Taguig
Metro Manila
Philippines

Qatar

23. H.E. Mr. Saeed Khalifa Al-
Muhannadi
Ambassador of Qatar to Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Senegal

24. H.E. Dr. Magued Diouf
Minister
Ministry of Development &
Technology
2, rue Emile Zola x Mohamed V
B.P. 218, Dakar RP
Senegal

South Africa

25. H.E. Dr. B.S Ngubane
Minister for Arts Culture,
Science & Technology
Pretoria
South Africa

Sri Lanka

26. H.E. Dr. Al-Haj S.S.M.
Aboobucker
Deputy Minister of Science &
Technology
47/5, Maitland Place
Colombo 7
Sri Lanka

Sudan

27. H.E. Mr. Ahmad Al-Omerabi
Ambassador of Sudan to
Pakistan
Islamabad
Pakistan

Syria

28. H.E. Dr. Salha Sinkar
Minister
Ministry of Higher Education
Rawda Street
Damascus
Syria

Tanzania

29. H.E. Mr. Benjamin W. Mkapa
Minister
Ministry of Science, Technology
and Higher Education
P.O. Box 3645
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania

Tunisia

30. H.E. Dr. Mongi Safra
Secretary of State
Secretariat of State for Scientific
Research and Technology
18 rue 8010, Cite Montplaisir
1082 Tunis
Tunisia

Turkey

31. H.E. Dr. Nafiz Kurt
Minister of State
Office of the Prime Minister
Basbakanlik, Ankara
Turkey

Uganda

32. H.E. Mr. Richard Kaijuka
Minister
Ministry for Trade and Industry
3 Parliamentary Avenue
P.O. Box 7103
Kampala
Uganda

United Arab Emirates

33. Dr. Ali Abdul Aziz Al Sharhan
Deputy Director for Planning
Affairs
Abu Dhabi
United Arab Emirates

Uzbekistan

34. H.E. Mr. Pulat Habibulaev
Chairman
Science & Technology
Tashkent
Uzbekistan

Zambia

35. H.E. Mr. Gabriel K. Maka
Minister
Ministry of Science, Technology
& Vocation Training
P.O. Box 50464
Zambia

Zimbabwe

36. H.E. Dr. Stanley Isaac Gorerazvo
Mudenge
Minister
Ministry for Higher Education
P.O. Box 8022, Union Avenue
Harare
Zimbabwe

First Meeting of Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

Held on 4-5 October, 1994, Islamabad, Pakistan

REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

UNIDO

1. Mr. A. Bromley
United Nations Industrial
Development
Organization (UNIDO)
P.O. Box 300
A-1400 Vienna
Austria

UNEP

4. Mr. Taka Haraishi
Director of Policy Development
United Nations Environment
Programme (UNEP)
P.O. Box 30552
Nairobi
Kenya

UNESCO

2. Prof. Adnan Badran
Assistant Director-General for
Science
United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural
Organization (UNESCO)
7, place de Fontenoy
75007 Paris
France

UNCTAD

5. Mr. Carlos Fortin
Deputy Secretary General
United Nations Conference on
Trade and Development
(UNCTAD)
Palais des Nations
CH-1211 Geneva 10
Switzerland

UNU

3. Prof. Heitor Gurgulino de Souza
Rector
United Nations University (UNU)
Toho Seimei Building
15-1, Shibuya 2-chome,
Shibuya-ku
Tokyo 150
Japan

WORLD BANK

6. Dr. Michel J. Petit
Director of Agriculture &
Natural Resources
The World Bank
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
USA

Document Three

3

Agreement to Establish the
Commission on Science and
Technology for Sustainable Development
in the South (COMSATS)

CONTENTS

- List of Amendments in the Agreement to Establish the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) III-1
- Agreement to Establish COMSATS III-3
- Amendments made in the Agreement III-7
 - Annex-I: Agreement to Join COMSATS (Accession Agreement) III-11
- Agreement to Establish COMSATS (Revised) III-15

**List of Amendments in the
Agreement to Establish the
Commission on Science and Technology for
Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)**

Sr. #	Preamble/ Article	Type of Amendments	Amend-ment #	Amendment approved during the Commission Meeting of COMSATS #	Amended Text Cited at Page #
1	Preamble (Para 1)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-7
2	Preamble (Para 3)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-7
3	I (a)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-7
4	II (b)	Deletion	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-8
5	III (b)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-8
6	III (d)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-8
7	IV (a)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-8
8	V (a)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-9
9	V (c)	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-9
10	V (d)	Insertion	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-9
11	VII	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-9
12	VIII	Modification	1 st	2 nd Meeting, 16-17 April 2012	III-10

Agreement to Establish the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

Preamble

The parties to the present Agreement representing Head of State or Government of the countries in the South:

1. **Realizing** the importance and necessity of a joint political commitment by the Heads of States or Governments in the South to place science and technology at the top of agenda and to support major initiatives of common concern aimed at building and sustaining indigenous capacities in science and technology and their application to socio-economic development;
(See Amendment-1)
2. **Recalling** the 1988 Trieste Declaration, which was adopted by the Founding Members of the Third World Network of Scientific Organization (including 15 Ministers of Science and Technology and 30 Heads of Science Academies and Research Councils from the South) and in which they resolved to work towards giving science and technology a position of highest priority in their own countries and to strengthen their collaboration with other countries of the South as well as of the North;
3. **Appreciating** the efforts of the President of the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO), the Nobel Laureate Professor Abdus Salam, in sensitizing the political leadership in the South to increase funding for research and development and to intensify their cooperation in order to narrow the widening gap between the North and the South in generation of science and new technologies and their utilization in technology production and social services; have agreed as follows:
(See Amendment-2)

Article I: Establishment

- a. The parties to this Agreement hereby establish the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), hereinafter referred to as "the Commission";
(See Amendment-3)
- b. The Commission shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article II: Membership

- a. The Membership of the Commission shall be open to all Heads of State or Governments of the South. The Members may, however, appoint nominees to attend meetings of the Commission or represent them in other ways.
- b. Professor Dr. Abdus Salam shall be a Member of the Commission.
(See Amendment-4)

Article III: Mission, Objectives and Functions

The Commission shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. to sensitize the countries in the South to the centrality of science and technology in the development process, to the adequate resource allocation for research and development, and to the integration of science and technology in the national and regional development plans;
- b. to support the establishment of a Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South;
(See Amendment-5)
- c. to support other major initiatives designed to promote indigenous capacity in science and technology for science-led sustainable development, and to help mobilize long-term financial support from international donor agencies and from Government/Institutions in the North and the South to supplement the financing of international scientific projects in the South;
- d. to provide leadership and support for major North-South and South-South cooperative schemes in education, training and research, such as the proposal to set up programmes of scholarships for research at centres of excellence in the South; and
(See Amendment-6)
- e. to support the relevant programmes and initiatives of major scientific organizations working for the development and promotion of science and technology in the South.

Article IV: The Chairperson

- a. The Prime Minister of Pakistan is the first Chairperson of the Commission. The Commission shall elect on a rotation basis a Chairperson from among its Members every three years;
(See Amendment-7)

- b. The Chairperson shall convene and host at least one meeting of the Commission during the period of three years.

Article V: The Secretariat

- a. The Headquarters of the Network of International Centres of Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, located at Islamabad, Pakistan, shall act as the Secretariat for the Commission, and the Executive Director of the Headquarters shall be the Secretary of the Commission;
(See Amendment-8)
- b. The Secretariat shall work closely with the office of the Chairperson of the Commission in coordinating the Commission's functions and activities;
- c. The Secretariat shall establish close working relationships with TWNSO, the Group of 77, the South Centre, the Ministry of, or body responsible for, Science and Technology of the country hosting the Secretariat and with international and other relevant organizations;
(See Amendment-9)
- d. The Secretariat shall interact with members of the Commission through the respective offices of the Focal Points designated by the Member States.
(See Amendment-10)

Article VI: Finance

The Commission may invite Members and donor organizations to make contributions towards the costs of COMSATS Secretariat. It shall also mobilize sources of funding to support the Commission's Programmes.

Article VII: Revisions and Amendments

The Agreements in its present form shall be subject to revisions at the next meeting of the Commission.

(See Amendment-11)

Article VIII: Signature and Acceptance

The present Agreement shall be open for signature by all Members as defined in Article II.

(See Amendment-12)

**Amendments made in the
Agreement to Establish the Commission on
Science and Technology for
Sustainable Development in the South
(COMSATS)**

Amendment - 1

Preamble

Para (1):

Realizing the importance and necessity of a joint political commitment by the Heads of State or Government in the South to place science and technology at the top of their economic agenda and to support major initiatives of common concern aimed at building and sustaining indigenous capacities in science and technology and their application to socio-economic development;

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 2

Preamble

Para (3):

Appreciating the efforts of the former President of the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO), the Nobel Laureate (Late) Professor Abdus Salam, in sensitizing the political leadership in the South to increase funding for research and development and to intensify their cooperation in order to narrow the widening gap between the North and the South in generation of science and new technologies and their utilization in technology production and social services; have agreed as follows:

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 3

Article I Establishment

Para(a):

The parties to this Agreement declare and endorse the establishment of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), hereinafter referred to as "the Commission";

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 4

Article II **Membership**
Para(b): **[Deleted]**

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 5

Article III **Mission, Objectives and Functions**
Para (b):

to support the functioning and activities of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South, established under this agreement;

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 6

Article III **Mission, Objectives and Functions**
Para(d):

to provide leadership and support for North-South and South-South cooperative schemes in education, training and research, such as the proposal to set up programmes of scholarships for research at centres of excellence in the South; and

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 7

Article IV **The Chairperson**
Para(a):

The Commission shall elect on a rotation basis a Chairperson from amongst its Members for three years' tenure;

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 8

Article V The Secretariat

Para(a):

The Headquarters of the Network of International Centres of Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, permanently located at Islamabad, Pakistan, shall also house the Secretariat for the Commission, and the Executive Director of the Headquarters shall be the Secretary of the Commission;

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 9

Article V The Secretariat

Para(c):

The Secretariat shall establish formal working relationships with international and other relevant organizations for the promotion of Commission's objectives;

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 10

Article V The Secretariat

Para (d): [Inserted]

The Secretariat shall interact with members of the Commission through the respective offices of the Focal Points designated by the Member States.

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 11

Article VII Revisions and Amendments

Revisions and amendments in the Agreement could be made with two third majority of the members of the Commission present and voting in a regular Meeting. Proposals for revisions and amendments will be conveyed to the Secretariat of the Commission in writing at least six months before the commencement of the next Commission Meeting.

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Amendment - 12

Article VIII Signature and Acceptance

The Agreement shall be open for signatures by all Members as defined in Article II. New Members would be inducted on signing an Accession Agreement (Annex-I, [page III-11](#)).

(Revision 1: 2nd Commission Meeting of COMSATS, 16-17 April 2012, Islamabad, Pakistan)

Annex - I

Agreement to Join COMSATS
(Accession Agreement)

AGREEMENT TO JOIN COMSATS AS MEMBER STATE

[Draft]

The Parties to this agreement:

the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), hereinafter referred to as 'the Commission', and the Government of <.....full name of country.....>, hereinafter referred to as <.....short country name.....>;

Recalling the joint statement made in the Foundation Conference to establish the Commission [*Document-5*], held in Islamabad on 4-5 October 1994;

Endorsing the International Agreement [*Document-3*] to establish the Commission as an inter-governmental organization comprising of Heads of State/Government;

Appreciating the establishment of Commission's Network of International Science & Technology Centres-of-Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South, hereinafter referred to as 'the Network' and agreeing to the provisions of its Charter [*Document-7*];

Have agreed as follows:

Article I

Membership of the Commission

The Head of the State or Government of <.....short country name.....> shall be a Member of the Commission. The Member may, however, appoint a nominee to attend meetings of the Commission or represent him/her in other ways.

Article II

Membership of the Consultative Committee of the Network

The Government of <.....short country name.....> shall designate the Head of a relevant Ministry or Government Organization as the Focal Point, representing the Member of the Commission. The designated Focal Point shall be a Member of the Consultative Committee of the Network.

Article III

Membership of the Coordinating Council of the Network

The Government of <.....*short country name*.....> may nominate any R&D institution in the country to become a member of the Network. After evaluation and approval by the Coordinating Council, the nominated institution will be inducted in the Network as one of its Centres-of-Excellence. The Head of this Centre-of-Excellence shall be a Member of the Coordinating Council.

Article IV

Finances

The Government of <.....*short country name*.....> may contribute towards the cost of scientific activities conducted by the Commission's Secretariat on voluntary basis or through a separately agreed protocol for mutually agreed annual membership contribution.

Article V

Duration

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period.

Article VI

Termination

The State Party to this agreement will have the right to terminate this Agreement giving an advance written notice of six months.

Article VII

Annexes

The Agreement to establish the Commission [Document-3] and Charter of the Network of International Science & Technology Centres of Excellence [Document-7] shall be the integral parts of this Agreement.

Article VIII

Coming into Force

This agreement shall come into force immediately on being signed by the

representative of <.....full name of the country.....> and the Executive Director, COMSATS.

Done at <.....venue.....> in duplicate in English and <.....other language, if any.....> this <.....day.....> of <.....month.....>, <.....year.....>, both texts being equally authentic.

On behalf of the Government of
<.....short country name.....>

On behalf of COMSATS

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Executive Director

Country: _____

COMSATS Secretariat

Islamabad, Pakistan

Date:

Date:

**Agreement to Establish the
Commission on Science and
Technology for Sustainable
Development in the
South (COMSATS)**

(Revised as on 17th April 2012)

Agreement to Establish the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

(Revised as on 17 April 2012)

Preamble

The parties to the present Agreement representing Head of State or Government of the countries in the South:

1. **Realizing** the importance and necessity of a joint political commitment by the Heads of State or Government in the South to place science and technology at the top of their economic agenda and to support major initiatives of common concern aimed at building and sustaining indigenous capacities in science and technology and their application to socio-economic development;
2. **Recalling** the 1988 Trieste Declaration, which was adopted by the Founding Members of the Third World Network of Scientific Organization (including 15 Ministers of Science and Technology and 30 Heads of Science Academies and Research Councils from the South) and in which they resolved to work towards giving science and technology a position of highest priority in their own countries and to strengthen their collaboration with other countries of the South as well as of the North;
3. **Appreciating** the efforts of the former President of the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO), the Nobel Laureate (Late) Professor Abdus Salam, in sensitizing the political leadership in the South to increase funding for research and development and to intensify their cooperation in order to narrow the widening gap between the North and the South in generation of science and new technologies and their utilization in technology production and social services; have agreed as follows:

Article I: Establishment

- a. The parties to this Agreement declare and endorse the establishment of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), hereinafter referred to as "the Commission";
- b. The Commission shall operate in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

Article II: Membership

- a. The Membership of the Commission shall be open to all Heads of State or Governments of the South. The Members may, however, appoint nominees to attend meetings of the Commission or represent them in other ways.
- b. [Deleted]

Article III: Mission, Objectives and Functions

The Commission shall have the following objectives and functions:

- a. to sensitize the countries in the South to the centrality of science and technology in the development process, to the adequate resource allocation for research and development, and to the integration of science and technology in the national and regional development plans;
- b. to support the functioning and activities of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South, established under this agreement;
- c. to support other major initiatives designed to promote indigenous capacity in science and technology for science-led sustainable development, and to help mobilize long-term financial support from international donor agencies and from Government/Institutions in the North and the South to supplement the financing of international scientific projects in the South;
- d. to provide leadership and support for North-South and South-South cooperative schemes in education, training and research, such as the proposal to set up programmes of scholarships for research at centres of excellence in the South; and
- e. to support the relevant programmes and initiatives of major scientific organizations working for the development and promotion of science and technology in the South.

Article IV: The Chairperson

- a. The Commission shall elect on a rotation basis a Chairperson from amongst its Members for three years' tenure;
- b. The Chairperson shall convene and host at least one meeting of the Commission during the period of three years.

Article V: The Secretariat

- a. The Headquarters of the Network of International Centres of Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, permanently located at Islamabad, Pakistan, shall also house the Secretariat for the Commission, and the Executive Director of the Headquarters shall be the Secretary of the Commission;
- b. The Secretariat shall work closely with the office of the Chairperson of the Commission in coordinating the Commission's functions and activities;
- c. The Secretariat shall establish formal working relationships with international and other relevant organizations for the promotion of Commission's objectives;
- d. The Secretariat shall interact with members of the Commission through the respective offices of the Focal Points designated by the Member States.

Article VI: Finance

The Commission may invite Members and donor organizations to make contributions towards the costs of COMSATS Secretariat. It shall also mobilize sources of funding to support the Commission's Programmes.

Article VII: Revisions and Amendments

Revisions and amendments in the Agreement could be made with two third majority of the members of the Commission present and voting in a regular Meeting. Proposals for revisions and amendments will be conveyed to the Secretariat of the Commission in writing at least six months before the commencement of the next Commission Meeting.

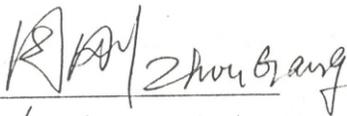
Article VIII: Signature and Acceptance

The Agreement shall be open for signatures by all Members as defined in Article II. New Members would be inducted on signing an Accession Agreement (Annex-I).

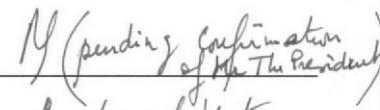
***Signatories to the Agreement
of the***

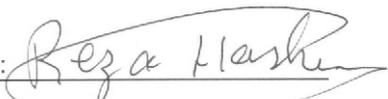
Commission on Science and
Technology for Sustainable Development
in the South (COMSATS)

List of Countries Signing the Agreement on Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South as Members

Signature: 
Designation: ambassador
Country: China
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: 
Designation: MINISTER OF ENERGY
Country: H.K. OF JORDANI
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: 
Designation: Secretary of State
Country: TUNISIA
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: 
Designation: _____
Country: IRAN, I.R.
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: 
Designation: Minister of Trade
Industry
Country: UGANDA
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: 
Designation: Minister for Environment,
Science & Technology
Country: GHANA
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: DEPUTY DIRECTOR, COLCIENCIAS
Country: Colombia
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: Deputy Minister of Science and New Technol.
Country: Kazakhstan
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: Minister of Higher Education
Country: Zimbabwe
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: Government of DPRK
Country: '
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: A/Razzaq Yunus Ambassador
Country: Nigeria
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: Minister of Modernisation and Technology
Country: SENEGAL
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: Sp. Assistant to Prime Minister
Country: PAKISTAN
Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: [Signature]
Designation: High Commissioner
Country: Bangladesh
Date: 13th July 1995

Signature: Venice K. Gonda

Designation: Minster S&T

Country: EGYPT

Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: Immanuel

Designation: Acting Secretary
Dep of Science & Technology

Country: PHILIPPINES

Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: Benjamin

Designation: Min. for S.T. & H.E

Country: United Republic
of TANZANIA.

Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: Ju

Designation: High Commissioner

Country: Sri Lanka.

Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: ag

Designation: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAC

Country: ISRAEL

Date: 5th October 1994

Signature: Mr

Designation: Charge de' Affaires
of the Syrian Embassy

Country: SYRIAN ARAB
REPUBLIC

Date: 20th November 1996

Signature: M. S

Designation: Secretary General
Higher Education

Country: SUDAN

Date: 14th September 1999

***Joint Statement by the
Participants of the First Meeting of
Commission on Science and
Technology for Sustainable Development
in the South (COMSATS)***

First Meeting of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)

Held on 4-5 October 1994, Islamabad, Pakistan

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE PARTICIPANTS

We, the representatives of Heads of States or Governments of countries in the South, attending the first meeting of the Commission on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS):

1. **Realizing** the importance and necessity of a joint political commitment by the Heads of State or Government in the South to place science and technology at the top of their development agenda and to support major initiatives of common concern aimed at building and sustaining indigenous capacities in science and technology and their application to socio-economic development;
2. **Recalling** the 1988 Trieste Declaration, which was adopted by the Founding Members of the Third World Network of Scientific Organisations (including 15 Ministers of Science & Technology and 30 Heads of Science Academies and Research Councils from the South), and in which they resolved to work towards giving science and technology a position of highest priority in their own countries and to strengthen their collaboration with other countries of the South as well as of the North;
3. **Appreciating** the efforts of the President of the Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO), the Nobel Laureate Professor Abdus Salam, in sensitizing the political leadership in the South to increase funding for research and development and to the South in the generation of science and new technologies and their utilization in technological production and social services;
4. **Convinced** that sustainable economic development in the South cannot be achieved without building and sustaining indigenous capacities in science and technology;
5. **Conscious** that South-South and North-South cooperation is essential in building science and technology capacity in the South; and
6. **Recalling** the resolution of the Heads of Government of Non-Aligned Countries at their 1989 Meeting in Belgrade, which called for joint action by the Governments of the South, the UN System, the World Bank and donor agencies to establish in the South a Network of International Centres for research and training in areas of frontier science and technology and environmental sciences of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development;

have agreed on the following:

- I. **Endorse** the establishment of the Heads of State or Government Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), with the following objectives:
 - a. to sensitize the countries of the South to the centrality of science and technology in the development process, to the adequate resource allocation for research and development, and to the integration of science and technology in the national and regional development plans;
 - b. to support major initiatives designed to promote indigenous capacity in science and technology for science-led sustainable development, such as the establishment of a number of international research and training centres of excellence in the South, and to help mobilize long-term financial support from international donor agencies to supplement the financing of international scientific projects in the South;
 - c. to provide leadership and support for major South-South and North-South cooperative schemes in education, training and research, such as the proposal to set up programmes of scholarships for research at centres of excellence in the South; and
 - d. to support the relevant programmes and initiatives of major scientific organizations working for the development of science and technology in the South.

- II. **Endorse** the establishment of a Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South with the following objectives:
 - a. to assist the countries of the South to build and sustain a critical mass of world-class scientists and technologists in areas of frontier science and technology and environmental sciences which are of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development.
 - b. to attract talent, reduce the brain-drain, and induce competent Third World scientists and technologists working abroad to return to their countries;
 - c. to facilitate the transfer of technology and the supply to industry of highly qualified technical personnel;
 - d. to assist and advise in finding scientific solutions to complex developmental and environmental problems in the South;

- e. to provide avenues for international cooperation in areas of science and technology of global concern to environmentally sustainable development, including the sharing of information;
 - f. to provide a suitable framework for science and technology assessment and management in the South;
 - g. to develop strong links between Members of the Network of Centres and production sectors in the South;
 - h. to promote joint technological ventures amongst the Members of Network of Centres; and
 - i. to assist in carrying out other programmes as assigned by COMSATS.
- III. Agree to establish the first nodes of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South at the institutions recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee instituted by the President of TWNSO, and for which detailed feasibility studies have been received and accepted.
- IV. Invite other countries of the South to submit proposals for additional nodes of the Network, to be reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee.
- V. Set up a Working Committee consisting of Members from Colombia, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria and Tanzania. The Convenor of the Committee shall be the Secretary General of TWNSO. The Committee shall review the draft Charter of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South, presented at the first meeting of the Commission; and, taking into consideration further suggestions, representations and comments from Members, shall adopt an Operational Statute of the Network upon its approval by at least half of the Members of the Commission. The so-adopted Statute shall be in force until the next meeting of COMSATS.
- VI. Accept the generous invitation of the Government of Pakistan to set up the Headquarters of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres for Sustainable Development in the South in Islamabad and to host the Secretariat of COMSATS at the Headquarters.
- VII. Invite the Prime Minister of Pakistan to continue as Chairperson of COMSATS for the next three years.

***List of Institutes Selected as
the Nodes of the Network of
International Science and Technology
Centres of Excellence for Sustainable
Development in the South***

List of Institutes Selected as the Nodes of the Network of International Science and Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South

Bangladesh

1. Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR)
Dr. Quadrat-i-Khuda Road
Dhanmondi, Dhaka
Date of Affiliation: 6th June 2011

Brazil

2. National Research Centre for Agrobiotechnology,
CNPAB
EMBRAPA/CNPAB, C.P. 74505
Rio de Janeiro
*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

China

3. International Centre of Climate and Environmental Sciences (ICCES)
Institute of Atmospheric Physics
52 Sanline Road, Beijing
*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Colombia

4. Centro Internacional de Física
Edificio de Programmas
Especiales
"Mamuel Ancizar" Ciudad
Universitaria
Apartado Aereo 49490
Santafe de Bogota, D.C.
Date of Affiliation: 30th September 1996

Egypt

5. National Research Centre
Tahrir Street, Al-Dokki
Cairo
Date of Affiliation: 28th April 1997

Ghana

6. Council for Scientific & Industrial Research
P.O. Box M32
Accra
*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Iran

7. Iranian Research Organization for Science & Technology (IROST)
No. 71, Sh. Mousavi St., Enghalab Ave.,
P.O.Box 15815-3538
Tehran 15819
Date of Affiliation: 15th March 2004

Jamaica

8. Centre for Nuclear Sciences
University of West Indies
Mona Campus
Kingston
*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Jordan

9. The Higher Council for Science and Technology
P.O.Box 36, Jubaiha
Date of Affiliation: 30th September 1996

Nigeria

10. National Mathematical Centre,
Block-11, Zone-3, Wuse District,
Private Mail Building 118,
Abuja

*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Pakistan

11. International Center for Chemical
and Biological Sciences (ICCBS)
University of Karachi,
Karachi 75270

*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

12. COMSATS Institute of Information
Technology
30, Sector H-8/1, Islamabad

Date of Affiliation: 26th June 2008

Senegal

13. University Cheikh Anta Diop
(UCAD)
P.O. Box 5005, Dakar-Fann, Dakar

Date of Affiliation: 24th May 2012

Sri Lanka

14. Industrial Technology Institute (ITI)
363, Baudhaloka Mawatha,
Colombo 7

Date of Affiliation: 3rd May 2013

Sudan

15. Industrial Research and
Consultation Centre (IRCC)
P.O.Box 268, Khartoum

Date of Affiliation: 26th June 2008

Syria

16. Higher Institute for Applied
Sciences and Technology
(HIAST),
P.O. Box 7028, Damascus

*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Tanzania

17. Tanzania Industrial Research
and Development Organization
P.O. Box 23235, Dar es Salaam

*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Turkey

18. TÜBİTAK Marmara Research
Centre (MAM)
P.O.Box 21, 41470
Gebze Kocaeli

*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Bolivia

The Biosphere Reserve - Beni
Biology Station (BBS)
P.O. Box 5829, Av. 16 de Julio No.
1732, Lapaz

*Date of Affiliation: 5th October 1994
(Foundation Meeting)*

Date of Termination: 3rd May 2013

Document Seven

7

Charter of the Network of the

International Science and Technology
Centres of Excellence for Sustainable
Development in the South

CONTENTS

- List of Amendments in the Charter of the Network of the International Science & Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South VII-1
- Charter of the Network VII-3
- Amendments made in the Charter of the Network VII-11
- Charter of the Network (Revised) VII-21

**List of Amendments in the
Charter of the Network of the International
Science & Technology Centres of Excellence
for Sustainable Development in the South**

Sr. #	Preamble/ Chapter/ Article	Type of Amendments	Amendment #	Amendment approved during the Coordinating Council Meeting #	Amended Text Cited at Page #
1	V / 5	Modification	1 st	9 th Meeting, 1-2 March 2006	VII-11
2	V / 6	Modification	1 st	9 th Meeting, 1-2 March 2006	VII-11
3	VIII / 18	Modification	1 st	9 th Meeting, 1-2 March 2006	VII-11
4	VIII / 18	Modification	2 nd	10 th Meeting, 18-19 June 2007	VII-12
5	I / 1 (a)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-12
6	I / 1 (b)	Deletion	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-12
7	II / 2 (a)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-13
8	II / 2 (d)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-13
9	II / 2 (h)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-13
10	III / 3 (a)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-13
11	III / 3 (b)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-14
12	IV / 4	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-14
13	V / 5	Modification	2 nd	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-14
14	V / 7	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-15
15	V / 8	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-15
16	V / 11	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-15
17	VI / 12	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-16
18	VI / 12 (a)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-16
19	VI / 12 (b)	Deletion	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-16
20	VI / 12 (c)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-16
21	VI / 12 (last para)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-17
22	VII / 13 (b)	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-17
23	VII / 13 (f)	Insertion	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-17
24	VIII / 14	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-18

25	VIII / 16	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-18
26	VIII / 18	Modification	3 rd	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-18
27	IX / 21	Modification	1 st	16 th Meeting, 2-3 May 2013	VII-19

Charter of the Network of the International Science & Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South

PREAMBLE

The Working Committee set up at the First Meeting of the Commission on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, hereinafter referred to as "COMSATS", held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 04-05 October, 1994:

1. **Convinced** that sustainable economic development in the South cannot be achieved without building and sustaining indigenous capacities in Science and Technology;
2. **Noting** the widening gap between the North and South in the generation of scientific and technological knowledge and its application to socio-economic development;
3. **Calling** for collective effort amongst the countries of the South to achieve self-reliance in frontier science and new technology;
4. **Conscious** that South-South and North-South cooperation is essential in building science and technology capacity in the South;
5. **Recalling** the resolution of the Heads of Governments of Non-Aligned Countries at their 1989 Meeting in Belgrade, which called for joint action by the Government of the South, the UN System, the World bank and donor agencies to establish in the South a Network of International Centres for research and training in areas of frontier science and technology and environmental sciences of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development; and
6. **Noting** the Agreement reached at the First Meeting of COMSATS to establish a Network of International Science and Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South (hereinafter referred to as the "Network");

has agreed on the following:

CHAPTER-1: Membership

Article 1

- a. In addition to the first 10 Nodes already approved by COMSATS, the Membership of the Network of Centres shall initially be open to any one institution proposed by any country in the South that expresses interest to

upgrade it to international standards, and which meets the requisite qualifications.

(See Amendment-5)

- b. A component institution for which any COMSATS Member has expressed support to upgrade it to international standards shall be an Associate Member.

(See Amendment-6)

CHAPTER-II: Objectives

Article 2

The Network shall have the following objectives:

- a. To assist the countries of the South to build and sustain a critical mass of world-class scientists and technologists in areas of frontier science and technology and environmental sciences, which are of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development;

(See Amendment-7)

- b. To attract talent, reduce brain-drain, and induce competent Third World scientists and technologists working abroad to return to their countries;

- c. To facilitate the transfer of technology and the supply to industry of highly qualified technical personnel;

- d. To assist in finding scientific solutions to complex developmental and environmental problems in the South;

(See Amendment-8)

- e. To provide avenues for international cooperation in areas of science and technology of global concern, including those for environmentally sustainable development;

- f. To provide a suitable framework for science and technology assessment and management in the South;

- g. To develop strong links between Members of the Network and production sectors in the South;

- h. To promote joint technological ventures amongst the Members of the Network;

(See Amendment-9)

- i. To assist in carrying out other programmes as assigned by COMSATS.

CHAPTER-III: Functions

Article 3

In order to fulfil the above-mentioned objectives, the Members of the Network shall carry out the following functions;

- a. To conduct high-level training activities, nationally, regionally and internationally, in the scientific fields of each Node of the Network in order to achieve a critical mass of highly-qualified personnel in these fields in the South;
(See Amendment-10)
- b. To conduct basic and applied research in order to develop and test solutions to socio-economic development and environmental challenges facing the South;
(See Amendment-11)
- c. To conduct interdisciplinary research and modeling in order to devise scientific solutions to problems that have global implications for environmentally sustainable development; and
- d. To provide scientific and technical services to the Production and Services sectors in the South.

CHAPTER-IV: Organs

Article 4

The Network of Centres shall consist of the following Organs:

- a. A Coordinating Council;
- b. A Technical Advisory Committee;
- c. A Consultative Committee; and
- d. A Secretariat.

(See Amendment-12)

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 5

The Coordinating Council shall be composed of the Heads of the Member Centres or their representatives. Associate Members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Council as Observers. The Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO) shall be an ex-officio Member of the Coordinating Council.

(See Amendments-1 & 13)

Article 6

The Coordinating Council shall elect from amongst its Members a Chairperson who shall hold office for three years and who may be re-elected for one further term of three years.

(See Amendment-2)

Article 7

The Coordinating Council shall take decisions on matters affecting the Membership of the Network in consultation with the Consultative Committee.

(See Amendment-14)

Article 8

The Coordinating Council shall be the body that approves the programmes and budget of the Network.

(See Amendment-15)

Article 9

The Coordinating Council shall make rules and regulations governing its own procedures.

Article 10

The Coordinating Council shall meet at least once a year.

Article 11

The Coordinating Council shall generally take its decisions by consensus. The quorum for a meeting shall be half the number of Members of the Network. In case of difficulty in reaching a consensus, the Coordinating Council shall take decisions by a simple majority vote of its Members. In the event of equally divided votes, the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council shall have the casting vote. The Associate Members shall not have the right to vote.

(See Amendment-16)

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12

There shall be a Technical Advisory Committee of internationally renowned experts consisting of not more than 10 Members. The nominations for this Committee shall be made by the Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) in consultation with UNIDO and UNESCO, and approved by the Coordinating Council.

(See Amendment-17)

The Technical Advisory Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To review the quality and relevance of the programmes of Member Centres, and to advise on research and training priorities;
(See Amendment-18)
- b. To provide independent assessment of the scientific programmes and achievements of each Member Centre; and
(See Amendment-19)
- c. To assess the scientific merit of institutions proposed for membership of the Network, and to recommend suitable ones to the Consultative Committee.
(See Amendment-20)

In fulfilling these functions the Technical Advisory Committee shall constitute Specialized Committees of scientists and technologists of international repute in the relevant disciplines.

(See Amendment-21)

CHAPTER-VII: The Consultative Committee

Article 13

The Members of the Consultative Committee shall be the national scientific "focal points" of Member countries of the Commission. The Committee shall coordinate matters in respect, inter alia, of the following:

- a. To formulate the general policy of the Network;
- b. To promote the upgrading of Member countries' institutions in order to ultimately achieve full Member status of the Network;
(See Amendment-22)
- c. To sensitize the Network towards specific requirements of the Member countries;
- d. To facilitate the provision of services of the Network Centres in order to meet the requirements of the Member countries; and
- e. To promote fund-raising for the Centres at national, regional and international levels.
- f. To assist in convincing decision makers in Member Countries of the needs of supporting Centres of Excellence as a means for accomplishing the objectives of the Network.

(See Amendment-23)

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 14

The Secretariat of the Network shall consist of a small team of experienced and committed persons, headed by an Executive Director. The Secretariat shall be located at Islamabad, Pakistan, and shall be common to both COMSATS and the Network.

(See Amendment-24)

Article 15

The Secretariat shall assist the Organs of the Network in carrying out their duties.

Article 16

The Secretariat, through its Executive Director, shall work closely with COMSATS, TWNSO, the Government of the host country through its Ministry of Science and Technology, and other relevant organizations in planning and establishing Nodes of the Network, and in the discharge of other functions as determined by the Coordinating Council.

(See Amendment-25)

Article 17

The Secretariat shall assist in carrying out the activities of the Member Centres in establishing collaborative programmes between them, and with other similar institutions. It shall also establish and manage a Technical Assistance Fund to support joint ventures.

Article 18

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Head of Government of the country hosting the Secretariat. The appointment shall be made from a panel of candidates recommended by a nominating committee. The Executive Director shall hold office for a period of three years, and may be reappointed for one further term of three years. He/she shall be the Secretary of the Coordinating Council and of the Consultative Committee.

(See Amendments-3,4 & 26)

CHAPTER-IX: Finance

Article 19

Each Member of the Network shall be free to raise funds to fulfil its own requirements.

Article 20

The Coordinating Council and the Consultative Committee, with the assistance of the

Secretariat, shall be empowered to negotiate with donor agencies and international organizations for financial and technical assistance to the Network.

Article 21

The country hosting the Secretariat shall be required to cover the major part of the running costs of the Secretariat. Member countries of the Network and/or COMSATS may be invited to make contributions to finance the activities of the Headquarters.

(See Amendment-27)

CHAPTER-X: Official Work Language

Article 22

English shall be the official working language.

CHAPTER-XI: Amendments to the Charter

Article 23

Proposals to amend any part of the Charter may be submitted in writing to the Executive Director by any Member of the Network.

Article 24

The proposed amendments shall be considered at a regular or a special meeting of the Coordinating Council, and shall only be approved by a vote of two-thirds majority of Members voting.

CHAPTER-XII: Acceptance & Entry into Force

Article 25

The Charter shall enter into force after approval by half of the members of COMSATS.

**Amendments made in the Charter of the
Network of the International Science &
Technology Centres of Excellence for
Sustainable Development in the South**

Amendment - 1

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 5

The Coordinating Council shall be composed of the Heads of the Member Centres or their representatives. Associate Members shall have the right to attend meetings of the Council as Observers. The Secretary General of Third World Network of Scientific Organizations (TWNSO) and the Executive Director of COMSATS shall be ex-officio members of the Coordinating Council.

(Revision 1: 9th Coordinating Council Meeting, 1-2 March 2006, Amman, Jordan)

Amendment - 2

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 6

The Coordinating Council shall elect from amongst its Members a Chairperson who shall hold office for three years and who may be re-elected for further terms of three years.

(Revision 1: 9th Coordinating Council Meeting, 1-2 March 2006, Amman, Jordan)

Amendment - 3

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 18

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Head of Government of the country hosting the Secretariat. The appointment shall be made from a panel of candidates recommended by a nominating committee. The Executive Director shall hold office for a period of four years, and may be re-appointed for one further term of four years. He/she shall be the Secretary of the Coordinating Council and of the Consultative Committee.

(Revision 1: 9th Coordinating Council Meeting, 1-2 March 2006, Amman, Jordan)

Amendment - 4

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 18

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Head of Government of the country hosting the Secretariat. The appointment shall be made from a panel of candidates recommended by a nominating committee. The Executive Director shall hold office for a period of four years, and may be re-appointed for further two terms of four years each. He/she shall be the Secretary of the Coordinating Council and of the Consultative Committee.

(Revision 2: 10th Coordinating Council Meeting, 18-19 June 2007, Cairo, Egypt)

Amendment - 5

CHAPTER-I: Membership

Article 1 (a)

The Membership of the Network of Centres of Excellence shall be open to any suitably qualified institution proposed by a Developing Country. In principle, there shall be only one centre for each Country but, where merited, more than one institution may be admitted per Country.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 6

CHAPTER-I: Membership

Article 1 (b) [Deleted]

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 7

CHAPTER-II: Objectives

Article 2 (a)

To assist the countries of the South to build and sustain a critical mass of world-class scientists and technologists in those areas of science and technology, which are of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 8

CHAPTER-II: Objectives

Article 2 (d)

To assist in finding S&T-based solutions to sustainability issues in the South;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 9

CHAPTER-II: Objectives

Article 2 (h)

To promote joint scientific research and technological ventures of common interest amongst the Members of the Network;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 10

CHAPTER-III: Functions

Article 3 (a)

To conduct high-level research and training activities, nationally, regionally and

internationally, in the scientific fields of each Node of the Network in order to achieve a critical mass of highly-qualified personnel in these fields in the South;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 11

CHAPTER-III: Functions

Article 3 (b)

To conduct basic and applied research in order to help find solutions to socio-economic development and environmental challenges facing the South;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 12

CHAPTER-IV: Organs

Article 4

The Network of Centres of Excellence shall have the following Organs:

- a. A Coordinating Council;
- b. A Technical Advisory Committee;
- c. A Consultative Committee; and
- d. A Secretariat.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 13

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 5

The Coordinating Council shall be composed of the Heads of the Member Centres or their representatives. The Executive Director of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) or his/her representative shall be a Member of the Coordinating Council.

(Revision 2: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 14

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 7

The Coordinating Council shall take decisions on matters related to the Membership of the Network.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 15

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 8

The Coordinating Council shall be the controlling body that approves the programmes and budget of the Network and the Secretariat.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 16

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 11

The quorum for a meeting shall be half the number of Members of the Network. The Coordinating Council shall generally take its decisions by consensus. In case of difficulty in reaching a consensus, the Coordinating Council shall take decisions by a simple majority vote of its Members. In the event of equally divided votes, the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council shall have the casting vote.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 17

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12

There shall be a Technical Advisory Committee of internationally renowned experts consisting of not more than 10 Members. The nominations for this Committee shall be made by The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and approved by the Coordinating Council.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 18

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12 (a)

To review and advise on research and training priorities of the Member Centres;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 19

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12 (b) [Deleted]

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 20

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12 (c)

To assess the scientific merit of institutions proposed for membership of the Network, and to recommend suitable ones to the Coordinating Council.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 21

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12 (Last Para)

In fulfilling these functions the Technical Advisory Committee may constitute Specialized Committees of scientists and technologists of high repute in the relevant disciplines.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 22

CHAPTER-VII: The Consultative Committee

Article 13(b)

To facilitate upgrading institutions of Member countries' recommended for membership of the Network;

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 23

CHAPTER-VII: The Consultative Committee

Article 13 (f) [Inserted]

To assist in convincing decision makers in Member Countries of the needs of supporting Centres of Excellence as a means for accomplishing the objectives of the Network.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 24

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 14

The Secretariat of the Network shall consist of a team of experienced and committed persons, headed by an Executive Director. The Secretariat shall be located at Islamabad, Pakistan, and shall be common to both COMSATS and the Network.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 25

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 16

The Secretariat, through its Executive Director, shall work closely with the Members of the Commission, TWAS, the Government of Pakistan through its Ministry of Science and Technology and other relevant organizations in discharge of its functions as determined by the Coordinating Council. The Executive Director may be assisted by a Management Committee to discharge essential functions of the Secretariat.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 26

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 18

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Head of the Government of Pakistan. The appointment shall be made from a panel of candidates recommended by a nominating committee. The Executive Director shall hold office for a period of four years, and may be re-appointed for further two terms of four years each. He/she shall be the Secretary of the Coordinating Council and of the Consultative Committee.

(Revision 3: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

Amendment - 27

CHAPTER-IX: Finance

Article 21

The Government of Pakistan shall cover the major part of the running costs of the Secretariat. Members of COMSATS and the Network will be expected to make voluntary financial contribution to support Secretariat's activities in their Countries.

(Revision 1: 16th Coordinating Council Meeting, 2-3 May 2013, Accra, Ghana)

**Charter of the Network
of the International Science and
Technology Centres of
Excellence for Sustainable
Development in the South**

(Revised as on 3rd May 2013)

Charter of the Network of the International Science & Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South

(Revised as on 3rd May 2013)

PREAMBLE

The Working Committee set up at the First Meeting of the Commission on Science & Technology for Sustainable Development in the South, hereinafter referred to as "COMSATS", held in Islamabad, Pakistan, on 04-05 October, 1994:

1. **Convinced** that sustainable economic development in the South cannot be achieved without building and sustaining indigenous capacities in Science and Technology;
2. **Noting** the widening gap between the North and South in the generation of scientific and technological knowledge and its application to socio-economic development;
3. **Calling** for collective effort amongst the countries of the South to achieve self-reliance in frontier science and new technology;
4. **Conscious** that South-South and North-South cooperation is essential in building science and technology capacity in the South;
5. **Recalling** the resolution of the Heads of Governments of Non-Aligned Countries at their 1989 Meeting in Belgrade, which called for joint action by the Government of the South, the UN System, the World bank and donor agencies to establish in the South a Network of International Centres for research and training in areas of frontier science and technology and environmental sciences of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development; and
6. **Noting** the Agreement reached at the First Meeting of COMSATS to establish a Network of International Science and Technology Centres of Excellence for Sustainable Development in the South (hereinafter referred to as the "Network");

has agreed on the following:

CHAPTER-I: Membership

Article 1

- a. The Membership of the Network of Centres of Excellence shall be open to any

suitably qualified institution proposed by a Developing Country. In principle, there shall be only one centre for each Country but, where merited, more than one institution may be admitted per Country.

b. [Deleted]

CHAPTER-II: Objectives

Article 2

The Network shall have the following objectives:

- a. To assist the countries of the South to build and sustain a critical mass of world-class scientists and technologists in those areas of science and technology, which are of critical importance to sustainable socio-economic development;
- b. To attract talent, reduce brain-drain, and induce competent Third World scientists and technologists working abroad to return to their countries;
- c. To facilitate the transfer of technology and the supply to industry of highly qualified technical personnel;
- d. To assist in finding S&T-based solutions to sustainability issues in the South;
- e. To provide avenues for international cooperation in areas of science and technology of global concern, including those for environmentally sustainable development;
- f. To provide a suitable framework for science and technology assessment and management in the South;
- g. To develop strong links between Members of the Network and production sectors in the South;
- h. To promote joint scientific research and technological ventures of common interest amongst the Members of the Network;
- i. To assist in carrying out other programmes as assigned by COMSATS.

CHAPTER-III: Functions

Article 3

In order to fulfil the above-mentioned objectives, the Members of the Network shall carry out the following functions;

- a. To conduct high-level research and training activities, nationally, regionally and internationally, in the scientific fields of each Node of the Network in order to achieve a critical mass of highly-qualified personnel in these fields in the South;
- b. To conduct basic and applied research in order to help find solutions to socio-economic development and environmental challenges facing the South;
- c. To conduct interdisciplinary research and modeling in order to devise scientific solutions to problems that have global implications for environmentally sustainable development; and
- d. To provide scientific and technical services to the Production and Services sectors in the South.

CHAPTER-IV: Organs

Article 4

The Network of Centres of Excellence shall have the following Organs:

- a. A Coordinating Council;
- b. A Technical Advisory Committee;
- c. A Consultative Committee; and
- d. A Secretariat.

CHAPTER-V: The Coordinating Council

Article 5

The Coordinating Council shall be composed of the Heads of the Member Centres or their representatives. The Executive Director of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) or his/her representative shall be a Member of the Coordinating Council.

Article 6

The Coordinating Council shall elect from amongst its Members a Chairperson who shall hold office for three years and who may be re-elected for further terms of three years.

Article 7

The Coordinating Council shall take decisions on matters related to the Membership of the Network.

Article 8

The Coordinating Council shall be the controlling body that approves the programmes and budget of the Network and the Secretariat.

Article 9

The Coordinating Council shall make rules and regulations governing its own procedures.

Article 10

The Coordinating Council shall meet at least once a year.

Article 11

The quorum for a meeting shall be half the number of Members of the Network. The Coordinating Council shall generally take its decisions by consensus. In case of difficulty in reaching a consensus, the Coordinating Council shall take decisions by a simple majority vote of its Members. In the event of equally divided votes, the Chairperson of the Coordinating Council shall have the casting vote.

CHAPTER-VI: The Technical Advisory Committee

Article 12

There shall be a Technical Advisory Committee of internationally renowned experts consisting of not more than 10 Members. The nominations for this Committee shall be made by The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) and approved by the Coordinating Council.

The Technical Advisory Committee shall have the following functions:

- a. To review and advise on research and training priorities of the Member Centres;
- b. **[Deleted]**
- c. To assess the scientific merit of institutions proposed for membership of the Network, and to recommend suitable ones to the Coordinating Council.

In fulfilling these functions the Technical Advisory Committee may constitute Specialized Committees of scientists and technologists of high repute in the relevant disciplines.

CHAPTER-VII: The Consultative Committee

Article 13

The Members of the Consultative Committee shall be the national scientific "focal points" of Member countries of the Commission. The Committee shall coordinate matters in respect, inter alia, of the following:

- a. To formulate the general policy of the Network;
- b. To facilitate upgrading institutions of Member countries' recommended for membership of the Network;
- c. To sensitize the Network towards specific requirements of the Member countries;
- d. To facilitate the provision of services of the Network Centres in order to meet the requirements of the Member countries;
- e. To promote fund-raising for the Centres at national, regional and international levels; and
- f. To assist in convincing decision makers in Member Countries of the needs of supporting Centres of Excellence as a means for accomplishing the objectives of the Network.

CHAPTER-VIII: The Secretariat

Article 14

The Secretariat of the Network shall consist of a team of experienced and committed persons, headed by an Executive Director. The Secretariat shall be located at Islamabad, Pakistan, and shall be common to both COMSATS and the Network.

Article 15

The Secretariat shall assist the Organs of the Network in carrying out their duties.

Article 16

The Secretariat, through its Executive Director, shall work closely with the Members of the Commission, TWAS, the Government of Pakistan through its Ministry of Science and Technology and other relevant organizations in discharge of its functions as determined by the Coordinating Council. The Executive Director may be assisted by a Management Committee to discharge essential functions of the Secretariat.

Article 17

The Secretariat shall assist in carrying out the activities of the Member Centres in establishing collaborative programmes between them, and with other similar institutions. It shall also establish and manage a Technical Assistance Fund to support joint ventures.

Article 18

The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Head of the Government of Pakistan. The appointment shall be made from a panel of candidates recommended by a nominating committee. The Executive Director shall hold office for a period of four years, and may be re-appointed for further two terms of four years each. He/she shall be the Secretary of the Coordinating Council and of the Consultative Committee.

CHAPTER-IX: Finance

Article 19

Each Member of the Network shall be free to raise funds to fulfil its own requirements.

Article 20

The Coordinating Council and the Consultative Committee, with the assistance of the Secretariat, shall be empowered to negotiate with donor agencies and international organizations for financial and technical assistance to the Network.

Article 21

The Government of Pakistan shall cover the major part of the running costs of the Secretariat. Members of COMSATS and the Network will be expected to make voluntary financial contribution to support Secretariat's activities in their Countries.

CHAPTER-X: Official Work Language

Article 22

English shall be the official working language.

CHAPTER-XI: Amendments to the Charter

Article 23

Proposals to amend any part of the Charter may be submitted in writing to the Executive Director by any Member of the Network.

Article 24

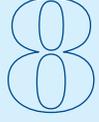
The proposed amendments shall be considered at a regular or a special meeting of the Coordinating Council, and shall only be approved by a vote of two-thirds majority of Members voting.

CHAPTER-XII: Acceptance & Entry into Force

Article 25

The Charter shall enter into force after approval by half of the members of COMSATS.

Document Eight



Gazette Notification by the Government of Pakistan

The Gazette  **of Pakistan**

**EXTRAORDINARY
PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY**

KARACHI, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1995

PART III

Other Notifications and Orders etc., issued by the Government of
Pakistan

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 28th November, 1995

No. IEE(I)-12/4/95.—Whereas Pakistan has signed the International Agreement to Establish the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) on 5th October, 1994 at Islamabad.

Recalling the Joint Statement issued in the Foundation Conference of COMSATS which was endorsed by the representatives of heads of States or Governments of countries in the South including Pakistan attending the aforesaid conference on 4 - 5th October, 1994, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Noting the decision of the Government of Pakistan to host the Secretariat of COMSATS and approval of the Charter of the Network of International Science and Technology, Centre of Excellence, dated 23rd July, 1995. Now therefore in exercise of powers conferred by Section 3 of Act, No. XX of 1948, it is hereby notified that the following provisions of the Schedule shall apply mutatis mutandis to the International Organisation known as Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS), its representatives and officers :—

(75)

Price Ps. 30

THE SCHEDULE
(See Section 2 and 3)

ARTICLE I
Juridical Personality

SECTION 1. Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) shall possess juridical personality.

It shall have the capacity :—

- (a) to contract;
- (b) to acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) to institute legal proceedings.

ARTICLE II
Property, Funds and Assets

SECTION 2. Not applicable

SECTION 3. Not applicable

SECTION 4. Not applicable

SECTION 5. Without being restricted by financial controls, regulations or moratoria of any kind.

- (a) COMSATS may hold funds in currency of any kind and operate accounts in any currency;
- (b) COMSATS shall be free to transfer its fund or currency from one country to another or within any country and to convert any currency held by it into any other currency.

SECTION 6. Not applicable

SECTION 7. COMSATS its assets, income and other property shall be :—

- (a) exempt from all direct taxes; it is understood, however, that COMSATS will not claim exemption from taxes which are, in fact, no more than charges for public utility services.
- (b) exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of articles imported or exported by COMSATS for its official use; it is understood, however, that articles imported under such exemption will not be sold in the country into which they were imported except under conditions agreed with the Government of that country;

(c) exempt from customs duties and prohibitions and restrictions on imports and exports in respect of its publications.

SECTION 8. While COMSATS will not, as a general rule, claim exemption from excise duties and from taxes on the sale of movable and immovable property which form part of the price to be paid: nevertheless when COMSATS is making important purchases for official use of property on which such duties and taxes have been charged or are chargeable, Government of Pakistan will, whenever possible, make appropriate administrative, arrangements for the remission or return of the amount of duty or tax or issue exemption certificates in advance of such purchase by COMSATS.

ARTICLE III

Facilities in Respect of Communications

SECTION 9. Not applicable
SECTION 10. Not applicable

ARTICLE IV

The Representatives of Members

SECTION 11. Not applicable
SECTION 12. Not applicable
SECTION 13. Where the incidence of any form of taxation depends upon residence, periods during which the representatives of Members to the principal and subsidiary organs of the COMSATS and to conferences convened by the COMSATS are present in Pakistan for the discharge of their duties shall not be considered as periods of residence.
SECTION 14. Not applicable
SECTION 15. The provisions of Section 13 are not applicable as between a representative and the authorities of the State of which he is a national or of which he is or has been the representatives.
SECTION 16. In this article the expression 'representatives' shall be deemed to include all delegates, deputy delegates, advisers, technical experts and secretaries of delegations.

ARTICLE V
Officials

- SECTION 17. Not applicable
SECTION 18. Officials of COMSATS other than Pakistan nationals shall:—
(a) Not applicable
(b) be exempt from taxation on the salaries and emoluments paid to them by COMSATS.
(c) Not applicable
(d) Not applicable
(e) Not applicable
(f) Not applicable
(g) have the right to import free of duty their furniture and personal effects at the time of first taking up their post in the Pakistan in question.
SECTION 19. Not applicable
SECTION 20. Not applicable
SECTION 21. COMSATS shall co-operate at all times with the appropriate authorities of Pakistan to facilitate the proper administration of justice, secure the observance of police regulations and prevent the occurrence of any abuse in connection with the privileges, immunities and facilities mentioned in this Article.

ARTICLE VI

- SECTION 22. Not applicable
SECTION 23. Not applicable

ARTICLE VII

- SECTION 24-28 Not applicable
SECTION 29 and 30. Not applicable

SAJJAD AHMAD SEEHAR,
Section Officer IEE(I)

COMSATS' MEMBER STATES



Bangladesh



China



Colombia



Egypt



Ghana



Iran



Jamaica



Jordan



Kazakhstan



Korea (DPRK)



Nigeria



Pakistan



Philippines



Senegal



Sri Lanka



Sudan



Syria



Tanzania



Tunisia



Uganda



Zimbabwe

COMSATS SECRETARIAT

4th Floor, Shahrah-e-Jamhuriat, Sector G-5/2
Islamabad, Pakistan

Tel: +(92-51) 9214515-7, Fax: +(92-51) 9216539

URL: www.comsats.org, Email: comsats@comsats.org