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RESOLUTION

The Members of the Coordinating Council of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) are honoured to pay their tributes to Dr. Mohammad H.A. Hassan, Executive Director TWAS/ Co-chair, InterAcademy Panel on International Issues (IAP), for his outstanding services rendered to the Commission in his capacity as the Chairman of the COMSATS' Coordinating Council since 1995. The Council had the privilege of benefiting from his extensive experience as the head of several international organizations and derived strength from his international stature as an eminent scientist and scientific administrator. Building on his solid scholastic achievements in the fields of Plasma Physics, Environmental Science, Geo-, Astro-, and Space Physics, Dr. Hassan emerged as a champion of Third World Sciences by playing a key role in the establishment of TWAS, TWNSO (COSTIS), TWOWS, IAP, African Academy of Sciences and COMSATS.

He shared the passion of Prof. Abdus Salam to turn the wheel of history and bring the benefits of science to the down-trodden masses of the developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. As a close associate of Prof. Salam he has helped shape the course of events on the world-scene that has led to a movement of progress by putting science and technology at the centre of development agendas. COMSATS is particularly grateful for his wise counsel and sincere support in making this organization a prominent international entity with a mission to foster South-South cooperation in S&T capacity building.

The association of Prof. Hassan with COMSATS Coordinating Council over the period 1995-2010 will be a memorable and proud chapter in the history of COMSATS. We express our most sincere thanks for his profound contributions towards the strengthening of COMSATS programmes and wish him success in his future academic endeavours.

In view of his fundamental role in the establishment of the Network of Centres of Excellence and his strong commitment to strengthen this Network through the Coordinating Council over a period of 15 years, it is resolved to offer Dr. Hassan, the life-time honorary membership of the Council.