

## **WELCOME SPEECH**

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In the name of God

Excellencies,  
Honorable Chief Guests,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with profound pleasure that, I present my welcome speech to 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of COMSATS coordinating council hosted by Iranian Research Organization for Science & Technology (IROST).

At outset please allow me to express my deep appreciation to Excellency Dr. Salar Amoli, Acting Minister for International Cooperation, Dr. Ahmadi, Deputy Minister for Research and Technology, Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, Government of Islamic Republic of Iran. Dr. Imtihan Elahi Qureshi, Executive Director of COMSATS, Prof. Eduardo Posada, Chairperson of COMSATS Coordinating Council, Distinguished Observers from ISESCO, TWAS and UNESCO, Distinguished Representatives from Embassies of Bangladesh and Pakistan, Distinguished Delegates from Bangladesh, China, Nigeria, Colombia, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Tunisia.

Excellencies, the Islamic Republic of Iran has highly regarded science and Technology in international level as main principle for development. Organizing such meetings is one of the promoting approaches to implement this valuable goal.

The last but not the least, this is my duty to express sincere thanks and appreciation to COMSATS and IROST staff for extensive work which have performed in last few months to lead this meeting successful.

Wishing you all a very happy and colorful moments during your stay with us, specially the guests from overseas.