

**Resolution Adopted in the**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> General Meeting of the**  
**Commission on Science and Technology for**  
**Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS)**  
**held in Accra, Ghana, on 27- 28 October 2015**

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We, the participants of the Third General Meeting of COMSATS, representing Members of the Commission,

**APPRECIATING** the efforts of the Government of Ghana for hosting the Commission's Meeting in Accra;

**REALIZING** the importance of the application of Science and Technology for achievement of the sustainable development goals by the countries of the South;

**RECOGNIZING** the need to strengthen Scientific and Technological activities of the Commission in the light of new opportunities and challenges and to enhance its financial strength to achieve its objectives;

**RENEWING** the member countries' resolve and commitment to support the objectives of the Commission as contained in its harmonized Statutes approved by the Commission at its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting;

**APPRECIATING** the role of Commission's Network of Centres of Excellence and the Secretariat in the progress made so far for building S&T capacities of Member Countries through the mechanism of South-South cooperation;

**COMMENDING** the support provided by the Government of Pakistan to the Secretariat for successfully carrying out its international operations;

**WELCOMING** the re-election of the incumbent Chairperson of the Commission for the next three years;

**hereby resolve as under:**

1. **CONTINUE** extending their full support to the Commission in its efforts to promote the integration of progress in the realm of Science and Technology into Member Countries' national and regional development plans for achieving rapid socio-economic development in the South;

2. **INCREASE** the allocation of funds for strengthening the Scientific and Technological capacities of their respective countries and make full use of the collaborative forum of COMSATS in these efforts;
3. **STRENGTHEN** the role of Focal Points in ensuring the allocation of sufficient funds for the COMSATS' Centres of Excellence based in their own countries, to enable their effective participation in COMSATS' programmes and activities and their transformation into International level Centres of Excellence;
4. **PROMOTE** the objectives and programmes of the Commission at national as well as international levels through diplomatic and other channels and devise effective frameworks for disbursement of adequate financial contribution to COMSATS on voluntary basis;
5. **CONTRIBUTE** towards the COMSATS Endowment Fund of US\$ 20 Million launched during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Commission Meeting (Islamabad) and initiated by COMSATS Secretariat with a token deposit of US\$ 5,000 and PKR. 500,000 towards the Fund.
6. **FACILITATE** the exchange of scientists, engineers, technicians, educationists, scholars and experts amongst the relevant organizations of the Member Countries to strengthen the activities related to capacity-building and transfer of technology;
7. **FACILITATE** the continuity of the Commission's Meetings once every three years as stipulated in the Statutes and to convene the next meeting of the Commission in 2018;
8. **EXPRESS** solidarity with Member States who are subjected to external restrictions hampering the development of their S&T sectors.

**And urge the Executive Director of the Commission to:**

9. **CONTINUE** making all efforts to achieve the objectives of the Commission with the support of the Governments of the Member Countries through respective focal points with the help of its Centres of Excellence;
10. **CONTINUE** the current strategy of COMSATS during the next five years, 2016-2020, with emphasis on technical cooperation projects employing, inter alia, the concept of International Thematic Research Groups in order to provide maximum socio-economic benefits to the member countries;
11. **INCREASE** efforts for elevating the S&T capacity and the international status of its affiliated Centres of Excellence;

12. **ENHANCE** the campaign for the expansion of the membership of the Commission and Centres of Excellence to achieve wider South-South cooperation;
13. **PREPARE** a comprehensive follow-up report on the relevant provisions of this resolution for presenting to the Commission at its next meeting.