

## **Resolution - 1**

The Members of the Coordinating Council of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) are honoured to put on record their highest appreciations of the services of Dr. Hameed Ahmed Khan towards the activities of the Network of Centres of Excellence, in his capacity as the Executive Director of COMSATS during the period 28<sup>th</sup> February 2000 to 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008. Dr. Khan joined COMSATS after having achieved an exceptionally high status as a renowned scientist, decorated with a number of national and international awards, including the highest civil award of Pakistan, Hilal-i-Imtiaz. In view of his solid achievements in scientific research, he enjoyed respect and influence in academic and technical circles in Pakistan and abroad. Coupled with his administrative experience as the Director General of the premier research institute of Pakistan, Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology (PINSTECH), he brought to COMSATS a rich tradition of administrative efficiency and scientific insight. His eight years in the leadership position of COMSATS, has played a crucial role in consolidating the programmes and international impact of this organization. During his tenure, COMSATS achieved significant advancements in its role as the facilitator of S&T cooperation through workshops/conferences, scientific visits, publications and execution of projects in health and education sector. The two major projects of COMSATS, the COMSATS Internet Services (CIS) and COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) also underwent rapid expansion.

The Council members are proud to acknowledge Dr. Khan's contributions as the Secretary of the Council over the last eight years and wish him a long, happy and productive life.

## **Resolution - 2**

The Coordinating Council Members of the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (COMSATS) are honoured to welcome the new Executive Director of COMSATS, Dr. Imtihan Elahi Qureshi who took over this responsibility with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2008. He is occupying this position after having made strong scientific contributions in the field of Physics for more than 25 years, while working at the premier research centre of Pakistan, the Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology (PINSTECH). Apart from being a working scientist, Dr. Qureshi has had a long experience of scientific administration as the Head of a Research Division of PINSTECH.

During the course of his scientific career Dr. Qureshi has traveled widely and participated in collaborative technical projects. As an Associate of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics he engaged himself with the issues relevant to the promotion of Science and Technology in the developing world. Additionally, he served for three years in the diplomatic capacity of Minister (Technical) in the Permanent Mission of Pakistan in Geneva, availing the opportunity to interact with inter-governmental organizations such as, CERN, WMO, ITU, WIPO, CSTD and HRC.

The Council notes with satisfaction that Dr. Qureshi is undertaking his new responsibility with passion and vigour. He has quickly moved to improve the administrative matters of Secretariat and initiate correspondence with Centres of Excellence with a view to re-invigorate Network activities. His interactions with high Government officials in Pakistan, specially with the Prime Minister, has led to enhanced financial contribution of Pakistan for COMSATS Secretariat, approval of holding the 1<sup>st</sup> Consultative Committee in Nigeria and the notification of an inter-ministerial steering committee for holding the Commission meeting in

2010. The starting of a bimonthly COMSATS Newsletter is also a commendable initiative.

The Council expresses satisfaction over the credentials of the new Executive Director and appreciates his devotion in pursuit of his assignment as the Executive Director COMSATS and Secretary of the Coordinating Council. We wish him well in the execution of his job and assure him of our full support.