

Comsats Commission reviews gains

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ISLAMABAD - The 2nd Commission meeting of COMSATS concluded here on Tuesday after having worked out broad policy guidelines for the future functioning of the Commission renewing the commitment for cooperation in science and technology.

The meeting achieved its objective renewing the commitment of the member states of COMSATS for cooperation in S&T through COMSATS' platform and it was recognized by the participants that the second commission meeting would serve as a beacon for the future progress of COMSATS.

The meeting was attended by 17 member countries representing their respective Heads of state/government at the level of ministers, senior officials, and observers from international organizations and envoys of the member countries placed in Islamabad. The number of participants stood at 53, including three delegates representing international organizations as observers.

The participating delegates extensively deliberated on the 12-point agenda of the meeting during the three plenary sessions spread over two days. The main highlights of the Meeting included: election of the new Chairperson of COMSATS; report by the Executive Director COMSATS, overviewing COMSATS' activities since its inception; country-statements by the Heads of Delegations; and amendments in the International Agreement of COMSATS.

Ghana was elected the new chairperson of COMSATS for the next three-year term. In the acceptance speech on behalf of the new Chairperson, the Minister for Environment, Science & Technology, Republic of Ghana, Ms. Sherry Ayittey thanked the members of the Commission and pledged to "make every effort to strengthen the foundations and precepts of COMSATS and encourage the socio-economic growth for all our countries to become competitive in the global industrial development, trade and economic development in the countries of the South".

In his presentation, 'Overview of COMSATS' Activities and Future Plans', the Executive Director COMSATS, Dr. I. E. Qureshi, recalled the key programmes and projects of COMSATS pursued over the last 17 years; highlighted the key achievements, and gave an insight to the future course of action envisaged for the organization.