

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY
THE FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF
OIC MINISTERIAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
COMSTECH**

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The Fourteenth Session of COMSTECH General Assembly, held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan from 06-08 Safar 1432H (11-13 January 2011);

RECALLING resolution No.13/3-P (IS) of the Third Islamic Summit Conference held at Makkah Al-Mukarramah/Taif, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, from 19-22 Rabi-ul-Awwal, 1401H, corresponding to 25-28 January 1981, establishing a Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) and all subsequent resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conferences pertaining to COMSTECH;

FURTHER RECALLING resolution No. 3/10-S&T(IS) of the Tenth Islamic Summit Conference held in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 16-17 October 2003, on the Role of Science and Technology in the Socio-Economic Development and the adoption of Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology

FURTHER RECALLING the decision of the Third Extraordinary Summit held in Makkah al-Mukarramah in December 2005 to adopt the OIC Ten –Year Programme of Action for the Muslim World to meet the challenges of the 21st Century;

RECOGNIZING the central role of COMSTECH for realizing the objectives of the Vision 1441 H for Science and Technology and the Ten Year Programme of Action;

REFERRING with appreciation the progress report presented by the Coordinator General on behalf of the Executive Committee of COMSTECH on the implementation of COMSTECH program for the biennium of 2008-2009, and the joint activities conducted by COMSTECH with TWAS, IFS and WHO/EMRO;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations made by the representatives of Member States during the course of the 14th COMSTECH General Assembly session;

FURHTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT reports of the OIC General Secretariat, Islamic Development Bank (IDB), Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Science, Technology and Innovation Organization (STIO), Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Islamic University of Technology (IUT), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Islamic University of Uganda (IUIU), Islamic University In Niger (IUIIN) and other OIC institutions and **APPRECIATING** their efforts in facilitating and assisting Member States in meeting the challenges of the 21st century in science, technology and innovation for socio-economic development;

NOTING with appreciation the progress reports presented by Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS), Inter Islamic Networks on Biotechnology (INOGEb), Inter-Islamic

Network on Renewable Energy (**INRES**), Inter-Islamic Network on Oceanography (**INOC**), Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences (**ISNET**), Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development (**INWRDAM**), Inter-Islamic Network on Biosaline Agriculture (**INBA**) and Inter-Islamic Network on Information Technology (**INIT**); Inter-Islamic Network on Tropical Medicine (**INTRM**), Inter-Islamic Network on Environment (**INE**), Inter-Islamic Network on Veterinary Sciences (**INVS**), **Network of the Academies of Sciences in the Countries of the Organization of Islamic Conference (NASIC)** and the chairman of the OIC Task Force for Vision 1441H for Science and Technology;

HAVING CONSIDERED the various items of the Agenda of the Fourteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH and resolution on Higher Education, Science, Technology, Health and Environment by the Thirty-seventh Session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (Shared Vision of a More Secure and Prosperous Islamic World), held in Dushanbe, the Republic of Tajikistan, 18-20 May, 2010 and recalling its decision to transform the COMSTECH Secretariat into a specialized organ of the OIC;

WELCOMING the establishment of Science, Technology and Innovation Organization (STIO) as a specialized organ of OIC in accordance with Chapter XIII Article 24 of the OIC Charter as stipulated in resolution No8/34-S & T;

RECALLING the decision of the 13th session of the COMSTECH General Assembly approving the Statute of the Science, Technology and Innovation Organization (STIO) and coming into effect of the Statute at the first meeting of the Founding Members of the STIO hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in February 2010,

REFERRING to resolution No. 5/37-S&T adopted by the 37th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in Dushanbe in May 2010 which requested the STIO to formulate its programme for effective implementation of the relevant decisions of the OIC Vision 1441H and the OIC Ten Year Programme of Action.

TAKING NOTE of the meeting of the Budget and Programme Committee of the STIO held in Riyadh in June 2010 approving the budget of the STIO for 2011.

REFERRING TO the Mid Term Review meeting on the implementation of the Vision 1441H and the Ten Year Programme of Action held in Dubai in December 2010;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations of the Brainstorming session held on 10 January 2011 on strengthening cooperation among OIC institutions;

The Fourteenth General Assembly of COMSTECH:

1. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude to President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani and the Government of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, particularly H.E. Pir Aftab Hussain Shah Jilani, Minister for Science and Technology, and Federal Secretary, Mr. Irfan Nadeem, Ministry of Science and Technology and a dedicated team of very hard working staff for the excellent arrangements made for the Fourteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH;
2. **REQUESTS** the Prime Minister of Pakistan / Co-Chairman COMSTECH to consider the request of the Federal Minister for Science and Technology of

Pakistan to enhance COMSTECH annual grant from US\$ one million to US\$ four million.

3. **WELCOMES** the announcement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan to call a meeting of OIC S&T organizations by August 2011, in Islamabad so that the policies and programmes can be coordinated under a unified policy of COMSTECH;
4. **EXPRESSES** its gratitude to H.E. Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of OIC for his participation in the 14th General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH and his keen interest and support for the development of science and technology;
5. **FURTHER EXPRESSES** its gratitude to H. E. Dr. Ahmad Mohammed Ali, President Islamic Development Bank (IDB) for his interest in the activities and programmes of COMSTECH and the generous support of the IDB towards S&T programmes and projects of COMSTECH;
6. **EXPRESSES** its appreciation to the Coordinator General COMSTECH, H.E. Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman and the COMSTECH Secretariat for efficient coordination and management of affairs of COMSTECH and for the elaborate documentation on the occasion of the Fourteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH and his efforts for securing external funding for various COMSTECH programs from international organizations;
7. **COMMENDS** the Vice Chairpersons (Egypt, Indonesia, Palestine and Senegal) for efficiently conducting the meetings of the General Assembly;
8. **COMMENDS** the Rapporteur General, H.E. Prof. Dr. Ali Abbasov, Minister of Communications and Information Technologies, Republic of Azerbaijan, for maintaining a correct and faithful record of the proceedings of the meeting;
9. **COMMENDS** Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for initiating joint programs with COMSTECH;
10. **EXPRESSES** appreciation for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its announcement of a contribution of US\$ 0.5 million for COMSTECH.
11. **RECOMMENDS** that national innovation systems should be promoted through preparing policy documents on technology parks, innovation, entrepreneurship, venture capital funding, mechanisms of incentivization of private sector, changes in legal system, “brain circulations” and higher education after examining the best systems in different countries so that guidelines for Member States can be developed in each case.
12. **RECOMMENDS FURTHER** that member countries should activate their national commissions on science and technology as well as parliamentary committees in order to promote science, technology and innovation;
13. **RECOMMENDS** that a policy paper should be prepared on mechanisms to promote university-industry interaction and introduction of curricula on innovation and entrepreneurship at all levels of education using international best practices;

14. **WELCOMES** the interest of member states to promote Green Technology programmes to combat climate change and calls for preparation of proposals for approval by the next meeting of the COMSTECH Executive Committee;
15. **APPROVES** the proposals of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish Inter Islamic Networks on Nanotechnology, Virtual Universities, and Technology Parks in Islamic Republic of Iran;
16. **REQUESTS** Coordinator General, COMSTECH to take necessary actions in respect of the Inter-Islamic Networks in the light of resolution No. 27 of 10th General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH held in February 2002 and to prepare a standard framework and uniform statutes for the networks to be approved by the executive committee of COMSTECH;
17. **REQUESTS** COMSTECH and IDB, in addition to the existing programmes of center of excellence to further strengthen selected centers of excellence and research institutes, and initiate programmes in collaboration with IDB;
18. **APPRECIATES** the activities of ISESCO towards the promotion of Science, Technology and Innovation in OIC Member States;
19. **WELCOMES** COMSTECH cooperation with the **Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)** to promote science and technology innovation programs in the light of success stories elsewhere in the OIC region and initiate a joint research support program for young scientists in mathematics, physics, chemistry and other;
20. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the report of the Mid-Term Review of the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action and OIC Vision 1441H for Science and Technology held in Dubai in December 2010.
21. **ENDORSES** the decision of the 6th meeting of the Vision 1441 H Task Force to (a) to expand the membership of Task Force to include 9 Member States (3 each from the Arab, African and Asian regions), (b) transfer the Secretariat of the Task Force to COMSTECH and (c) to also include in its purview the monitoring of implementation of the Ten Year Programme of Action;
22. **REQUESTS** COMSTECH to develop a coordinated strategy for implementation of the OIC Ten-Year Program of Action in collaboration with the General Secretariat of OIC, IDB, ISESCO, STIO, IAS, and ICCL;
23. **UNDERScores** the need to mobilize necessary political will, allocation of financial and other requisite resources for the realization of the objectives of the Vision 1441H and the Ten Year Programme of Action;
24. **REQUESTS** Member States to consider establishing and strengthening the legal, regulatory and administrative infrastructures for STI with the assistance of relevant OIC institutions, where required;
25. **ENDORSES** the report of STIO as contained in document 14–COMSTECH-12;

26. **APPRECIATES** the pledges made by Islamic Republic of Iran, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Syrian Arab Republic to make available US \$ 5 million each for the STIO programmes for 2011 and calls upon other STIO Member States to urgently initiate projects under the umbrella of STIO according to their approved budgetary shares;
27. **RECOMMENDS** the member states to establish new bilateral and multilateral S&T funds under STIO, which will be equally shared between the parties, where each party share will be spent inside the country after approval of competitive research projects of mutual interest;
28. **INVITES** the OIC Member States to join the STIO for effective implementation of the relevant decisions of the Islamic Summit, COMSTECH General Assembly, Council of Foreign Ministers and Sectoral Ministerial Conferences in accordance with its Statute;
29. **CALLS UPON** all member states to continue to positively respond to the IDB invitation of including at least 10% of their total financial requests of the year to IDB for S&T related projects and to benefit from grant facilities of IDB for formulation of relevant projects and feasibility studies;
30. **REQUESTS** the ICCI to work with science, technology and business communities of OIC to come forward with their expertise and help their governments to formulate projects to be finance-worthy and in bankable format to improve chances for financial support;
31. **URGES** upon all member states to generously contribute towards COMSTECH Program and Budget;
32. **SUPPORTS** the request of the Palestinian Authority for assistance and cooperation of OIC Member States and institutions for the promotion of Science and Technology in Palestine;
33. **APPROVES** COMSTECH program and budget 2010-2011;
34. **WELCOMES** the offer by Kazakhstan to host in parallel with the 38th CFM, a Science and Technology Conference and Exhibition as mandated by the 37th CFM;
35. **REQUESTS** the Secretary General of the OIC to submit a report on the activities of COMSTECH to the 38th Session of the CFM to be held on 28-30 June, 2011 in Astana, Kazakhstan;
36. **REQUESTS** the Chairman of COMSTECH to present chairman's report to the 12th Islamic Summit Conference to be held in Sharm el-Shiek, Egypt in on 16-17 March, 2011 for endorsement.
