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15th Meeting of the General Assembly of COMSTECH

**(OIC Standing Committee on Scientific
and Technological Cooperation)
Islamabad, Pakistan**

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT COMSTECH

A. Executive Committee of COMSTECH

- **Reconstituted every four years by the Chairman COMSTECH**
- **Eight Member States, Secretary General (OIC), and the Coordinator General (COMSTECH) form the Executive Committee**
- **Current Members:**
 1. Republic of Azerbaijan
 2. Republic of Turkey (Current Chairman of the OIC Summit)
 3. Islamic Republic of Iran
 4. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
 5. Republic of Niger
 6. Palestine
 7. Islamic Republic of Pakistan (Host Country of COMSTECH)
 8. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 9. Secretary General, OIC
 10. Coordinator General, COMSTECH is the Chair

B. General Assembly of COMSTECH

- **President of Pakistan is the Chair**
 1. Member States of OIC
 2. Observer States of OIC
 3. Secretary General OIC
 4. OIC Institutions
 5. International S&T Institutions including UN
 6. Coordinator General, COMSTECH

ORGANIZATION OF WORK FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Committee

The General Committee shall work as a committee of whole to take policy and administrative decisions regarding the conduct of the business of the Fifteenth meeting of the Standing Committee.

The membership of the committee will be as follows:

1. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee
2. Heads of Delegations of the Member States
3. Secretary General of OIC or his representative
4. Members of the Executive Committee
5. Coordinator General, COMSTECH

The Committee will have the right to co-opt other members/organizations.

Bureau

There shall be a Bureau of the meeting to steer the proceedings of the meeting. The Bureau would meet regularly to review the progress of the meeting.

The membership of the Bureau will be as follows:

1. Chairperson of the Standing Committee or his representative
2. Vice-Chairpersons of the Plenary Sessions
3. Secretary General OIC or his representative
4. Coordinator General COMSTECH or his representative
5. Rapporteur General

Drafting Group

The General Committee shall appoint a drafting group for formulating and negotiating resolutions, recommendations and to prepare the report. The Chairperson of the drafting group shall be the Head of the Delegation of the host country.

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LIST OF DOCUMENTS

Meeting Documents*

1. Working Paper	15-COMSTECH-1
2. Organization of Work	15-COMSTECH-2
3. List of Documents	15-COMSTECH-3
4. Provisional Agenda	15-COMSTECH-4
5. Programme / Time Table of Work	15-COMSTECH-5
6. Report of the Coordinator General	15-COMSTECH-6
7. Report of the General Secretariat of (OIC)	15-COMSTECH-7
8. Report of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB)	15-COMSTECH-8
9. Report of Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)	15-COMSTECH-9
10. Report of Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)	15-COMSTECH-10
11. Report of Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS)	15-COMSTECH-11
12. Report of Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)	15-COMSTECH-12
13. Report of Islamic University of Technology (IUT)	15-COMSTECH-13
14. Report of Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry & Agriculture (ICCIA)	15-COMSTECH-14
15. Report of International Foundation for Science (IFS)	15-COMSTECH-15
16. Report of The World Academy of Sciences for the Advancement of Science in the Developing Countries (TWAS)	15-COMSTECH-16
17. Report of Network of Academies of Sciences in Islamic Countries (NASIC)	15-COMSTECH-17
18. Report of Inter-Islamic Network on Oceanography (INOC)	15-COMSTECH-18
19. Report of Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences and Technology (ISNET)	15-COMSTECH-19
20. Report of Inter-Islamic Network on Tropical Medicine (INTROM)	15-COMSTECH-20
21. Report of Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management (INWRDAM)	15-COMSTECH-21

22. Report of Inter-Islamic Network on Information Technology (INIT)	15-COMSTECH-22
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24. Report of Inter-Islamic Network on Science Technology Parks (INSTP)	15-COMSTECH-24
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26. Report of Islamic University in Niger (IUN)	15-COMSTECH-26
27. Proposed Budget of COMSTECH for the Biennium 2014-2015 & 2016-2017	15-COMSTECH-27
28. Miscellaneous Reports (Status of COMSTECH Science Report of OIC Member States, OIC Blue Print for Green Technologies and Renewable Energy Profile of OIC Member States, Current Activities of STIO and IIUM)	15-COMSTECH-28

Information Documents**

1. Proceedings of the Fourteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH.
2. Directory of Active Scientists in OIC Member States and Their Recent Scientific Publications, integrated (CD), Volume I to XVI, pp, 21,997.
3. Program Leaflet

**** Provided on arrival in Islamabad***

***** Available at the meeting venue***

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

➤ **INAUGURATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

1. **Adoption** of the Provisional Agenda, and Organization of Work of the Fifteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH.
2. **Election** of the Vice-Chairpersons, Rapporteur General, and Drafting Group.
3. **Report of the Coordinator General** on the activities of COMSTECH since the Fourteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH.
4. **Statements by the Heads of the Delegations of OIC Member States** regarding measures to strengthen science and technology in their respective countries.
5. **Presentation of Brief Reports** from OIC Institutions and Islamic Universities.
6. **Presentation of Brief Reports** of Inter-Islamic Networks and Institutions established by COMSTECH.
7. **Brief Report by the Coordinator General of COMSTECH on Suspended Networks or Recommended for Suspension.**
8. **Reports on Joint Activities of COMSTECH** with International Organizations outside the OIC System (**TWAS** and **IFS**).
9. **Miscellaneous Reports (Status of COMSTECH Science Report of OIC Member States, OIC Blueprint for Green Technologies and Renewable Energy Profile of OIC Member States, Current Activities of STIO, IIUM)**
10. **Discussion of COMSTECH's Ten Year Plan of Action for the Development of Science and Technology in Member States 2016-25 and its Implementation.**
11. **Approval of MoUs of COMSTECH** with International Organisations.
12. **Approval of Proposed Budgets** for the Bienniums 2014-2015 and 2016-2017, as Recommended by the 30th Executive Committee.
13. **Mobilization of Resources and Contributions** from Member States to COMSTECH.
14. **Cooperation in Science and Technology among the Member States: A Review and Open Discussion: Problems, their Solutions, and Policy Initiatives.**
15. **Any other matter** in accordance with COMSTECH Statutes.

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Venue: Serena Hotel, Islamabad

PROGRAMME OF THE MEETING

Monday, 30th May 2016: Arrival of the Delegations and their Registration

DAY 1: Tuesday, 31st May 2016:

09:00 – 10:25

INAUGURAL SESSION

- 08:30 Arrival of Guests.
- 09:00 Arrival of Delegates.
- 09:25 Arrival of the Chief Guest.
- 09:30 Recitation from the Holy Qur'an.
- 09:35 Address by the Coordinator General, COMSTECH
- 09:42 Welcome Address by the Federal Minister of Science and Technology
- 09:47 Address by H.E. The President of IDB
- 09:55 Address by H.E. The Secretary General of OIC
- 10:03 Address by H.E. Mr. Mamnoon Hussain, President of Pakistan / Chairman COMSTECH
- 10:15 Presentation of COMSTECH Awards.

10:25 – 10:30

Pause for Guests to Leave

10:30 – 11:15

PLENARY SESSION - I

(Plenary sessions are closed sessions)

- 10:30 ***Opening Remarks by the Chair.***
- 10:35 ***Item 1:*** Adoption of the Provisional Agenda and Organization of Work of the Fifteenth General Assembly meeting of COMSTECH
- 10:40 ***Item 2:*** Election of Vice-Chairpersons, Rapporteur General and Drafting Group.
- 10:45 ***Item 3:*** Report of the Coordinator General on the Activities of COMSTECH since the 14th General Assembly Meeting of COMSTECH.

11:15 - 11:30

Break for Refreshments

11:30– 15:30

PLENARY SESSION - II

(Plenary sessions are closed sessions)

11:30 – 13:00 (1st Part of Plenary Session – II)

11:30

- **Item 4:** Statements (not exceeding 6 minutes) by the Heads of Delegations of Member States regarding measures for strengthening of Science and Technology in their respective countries.

13:00 - 14:00

Break for Prayers and Lunch

14:00 -15:30 (2nd Part of Plenary Session - II)

- **Item 4:** (continued) **Statements** by the Heads of Delegations of Member States.

15:30 – 15:45

Short Break for Refreshment

15:45 -17:00

PLENARY SESSION – III

(Plenary sessions are closed sessions)

15:45

- **Item 5:** Presentation of Brief Reports from OIC Institutions and Islamic Universities.
- i. *The General Secretariat of (OIC)*
 - ii. *The Islamic Development Bank (IDB).*
 - iii. *Statistical, Economic and Social research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC).*
 - iv. *The Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO).*
 - v. *Islamic University of Technology, Bangladesh (IUT).*
 - vi. *Islamic University of Niger (IUN).*
 - vii. *Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU).*

17:00

Departure of Delegates

20:00 Dinner hosted by the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (by invitation)

DAY 2: Wednesday, 1st June, 2016.

09:00 - 10:45

PLENARY SESSION – IV
(Plenary sessions are closed sessions)

09:00

- **Item 6: Presentation of Brief Reports** by the Heads of Delegations of the Inter-Islamic Networks and Institutions established by COMSTECH
 - i. *Islamic World Academy of Sciences (IAS),*
 - ii. *Inter-Islamic Network on Oceanography (INOC),*
 - iii. *Inter-Islamic Network on Space Sciences (ISNET),*
 - iv. *Inter-Islamic Network on Tropical Medicine (INTROM),*
 - v. *Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources (INWRDAM),*
 - vi. *Inter-Islamic Network on Information Technology (INIT),*
 - vii. *Inter-Islamic Network on Science and Technology Parks (INSTP),*
 - viii. *Inter-Islamic Network on Virtual Universities (INVU),*
 - ix. *Inter-Islamic Network on Nanotechnology (INN),*
 - x. *Network of the Academies of Sciences in the Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (NASIC).*

- **Item 7: Brief Report** by the Coordinator General COMSTECH on Inter-Islamic Networks already Suspended or Recommended for Suspension.
 - i. *Inter-Islamic Network on Environment (INE)*
 - ii. *Inter-Islamic Network on Genetic Engineering & Biotechnology (INOGEB)*
 - iii. *Inter-Islamic Network on Renewable Energy (INRES)*
 - iv. *Inter-Islamic Network on Veterinary Sciences (INVSR)*
 - v. *Inter-Islamic Network on Bio-saline Agriculture (INBA) ...**Suspension Recommended***

- **Item 8: Brief Report** on the Joint Activities of COMSTECH with International Organizations outside the OIC System (**TWAS, IFS**).

- **Item 9: Miscellaneous Reports:**
 - i. **Status** of the **COMSTECH Science Report** of OIC Member States
 - ii. **OIC Blueprint for Green Technologies and Renewable Energy Profile of OIC Member States**
 - iii. Current Activities of **STIO**
 - iv. International Islamic University of Malaysia (**IIUM**), If provided

10:45 - 11:00

Break for Refreshments

DAY 2 (continued): Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

11:00 - 13:15

PLENARY SESSION – V

(Plenary sessions are closed sessions)

11:00

- **Item 10: Discussion of COMSTECH's Proposed Ten Year Plan for the Development of Science and Technology in Member States, 2016-2025, and its Implementation.**
- **Item 11: Approval of MoUs of COMSTECH with International Organizations.**
- **Item 12: Approval of Proposed Budgets for the Bienniums of 2014-2015 & 2016-2017 as Recommended by the 30th Executive Committee.**
- **Item 13: Mobilization of Resources and Contributions from Member States to COMSTECH.**
- **Item 14: Cooperation in Science and Technology among the Member States: A Review and Open Discussion: Problems, their Solutions, and Policy Initiatives.**
- **Item 15: Any Other Matter in accordance with COMSTECH Statutes.**

13:15 - 16:30 Break for Zuhar Prayer and Lunch / Meeting of Drafting Group

16:30 -17:50

CONCLUDING SESSION

- 16:30 Arrival of Guests.
- 16:45 Arrival of Delegates.
- 16:55 Arrival of Chief Guest.
- 17:00 Recitation from the Holy Qur'an.
- 17:05 Summary by the Coordinator General, COMSTECH
- 17:10 Presentation of the Report by Rapporteur General.
- 17:25 Adoption of Draft Recommendations and Resolutions.
- 17:35 Announcement of New Executive Committee of COMSTECH
- 17:40 Concluding Address by the Chief Guest.
- 17:50 Vote of thanks by the Federal Minister for Science and Technology
- 17:55 Departure

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TIME TABLE OF WORK

Date	Time	Session	Agenda Items
Monday, 30th May	Arrival of Delegations and their Registration		
Tuesday, 31st May, 2016	08:30 -10:25	Inaugural Session	
	10:25 – 10:30		Pause for Guests to leave
	10:30 -11:15	Plenary Session-I	1, 2, 3
	11:15 – 11:30		Short Break for Refreshments
	11:30 -13:00	Plenary Session-II	4
	13:00 – 14:00		Break for Prayer and Lunch
	14:00 - 15:30	Plenary Session-II	4 (continued)
	15:30 – 15:45		Break for Refreshment
	15:45 - 17:00	Plenary Session-III	5
Wednesday, 1st June, 2016	09:00 – 10:45	Plenary Session-IV	6, 7, 8, 9
	10:45 – 11:00		Break for Refreshments
	11:00 -13:15	Plenary Session-V	10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15
	16:30 -17:50	Concluding Session	