MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE SOUTH (COMSATS)

AND

THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP)

Islamabad, Pakistan
20 December 2017
The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (hereinafter referred to as “ESCAP”), and the Commission on Science and Technology for Sustainable Development in the South (hereinafter referred to as “COMSATS”),

**Considering** that ESCAP was established as a multilateral platform for promoting cooperation among member States to achieve inclusive and sustainable economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific,

**Considering** that COMSATS was established as an intergovernmental organization with its permanent Secretariat based in Islamabad, Pakistan, and is one of the highest forums for the promotion of South-South cooperation in science and technology with the objective of achieving sustainable socio-economic progress in the developing countries,

**Taking note** that ESCAP and COMSATS share common objectives of promoting sustainable social and economic development in their respective member States,

**Desirous** of coordinating their respective efforts in pursuit of their shared goals in accordance with the International Agreement establishing COMSATS and ESCAP,

ESCAP and COMSATS have agreed on the following:

**Article I**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be to provide a framework of cooperation and to facilitate collaboration between the two parties.

**Article II**

**Cooperation**

1. ESCAP and COMSATS shall establish between them mutual cooperation ties through the bodies competent for the purpose.

2. Such cooperation shall encompass any matter pertaining to the fields of sustainable socioeconomic development through science, technology and innovation.

3. To promote cooperation, both parties anticipate that their collaboration will focus on following activities:

   i) Undertake joint research and joint publications;
   ii) Organize/participate in joint events;
   iii) Conduct capacity building and training workshops;
   iv) Undertake measures and initiatives to strengthen the COMSATS Network of Centres of Excellence; and
v) Consider joint publications and exchange of information and document on
issues of mutual interest.

**Article III**
**Consultation**

1. The competent bodies of both organizations shall consult each other regularly on all
matters mentioned in Article II which are of common interest.

2. Both sides shall inform each other of their programme activities which may be of
interest to their respective member States and share study proposals submitted by
each side with a view to coordinating efforts between the two organizations.

**Article IV**
**Reciprocal Representation**

Both parties shall notify each other of convening of the sessions of the Committees and
relevant meetings and shall invite the other to send observers to them where
appropriate.

**Article V**
**Execution of the Agreement**

The Executive Secretary of ESCAP and the Executive Director of COMSATS may, for the
purpose of executing this Agreement, enter into any such additional arrangements as
may prove desirable, in the light of experience.

**Article VI**
**Review and Examination**

1. This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of both parties.

2. Either of the parties may terminate this MOU by giving six months’ written notice to
the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall be without prejudice to the
execution and completion of any projects or programmes under way.

3. ESCAP and COMSATS will prepare annually a list of all current operational
cooperation activities and status of implementation and an indicative list of planned
cooperation activities.

4. ESCAP and COMSATS agree that the respective focal points will conduct a joint
review of the cooperation 2 years after signature of this MOU.
Article VII
Acknowledgments and use of Institutional Emblems

1. ESCAP and COMSATS recognize that the involvement of both organizations in joint cooperation activities needs to be publicized. They agree that:

   a. there will be public acknowledgment of the role and contribution of each organization to cooperation projects in all public information documentation related to such cooperation; and
   b. the use of emblems of each organization in documentation related to cooperation will be in accord with the current policies of each organization concerning such usage.

Article VIII
Entry into force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon signatures by the two Organizations and shall terminate on 31 December 2021.

Done in Islamabad, Pakistan on 20th December 2017 in two original copies in English.

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