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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY "THE PAKISTAN COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY BILL, 2016"

PRESENTED BY
SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, Chairman Standing Committee on Science and Technology, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2016" referred by the House in its sitting held on 10-01-2017, to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

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| 1. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan | Chairman |
| 2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati | Member |
| 3. Senator Mir Nematullah Zehri | Member |
| 4. Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri | Member |
| 5. Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi | Member |
| 6. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan | Member |
| 7. Senator Professor Sajid Mir | Member |
| 8. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum | Member |
| 9. Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani | Member |
| 10. Senator Muhammad Yousaf | Member |
| 11. Senator Saleem Mandiwala | Member |
| 12. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh | Member |
| 13. Rana Tanveer Hussain
Minister for Science and Technology | Ex-officio Member |

3. The Committee considered the said Bill first in its meeting held on 1st February 2017 and then on 17th February, 2017, which was attended by the following:-

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| 1. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan | Chairman |
| 2. Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani | Member |
| 3. Senator Saleem Mandviwala | Member |
| 4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh | Member |
| 5. Rana Tanveer Hussain
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4. The Committee held threadbare discussion on Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Bill, 2016. It was emphasized that overlap between the functions of the Pakistan Science Foundation and the Pakistan Council of Science and Technology needed to be minimized. Given the meager budget allocated to Science and Technology in the country, the members emphasized the need for each of the above organizations to be effective, focused and accountable. The Chairman of the Committee stressed that in all bodies working under the MoST scientists must have primacy in decision making as far as matters of science were concerned. After lengthy discussion the Committee proposed the following amendments in the Bill:-

(i) In clause 4,

a) for paragraph (g), the following shall be substituted namely:-

“(g) evaluation of national research and development activities including output of individuals and institutions and to grant research productivity awards or incentives thereof;”

b) for paragraph (h), the following shall be substituted namely:-

“(h) promote collaboration among national and international organizations for capacity-building and other policy initiatives in the field of science and technology and to enter into memoranda of understanding, contracts etc., in accordance with the Rules of Business, 1973;”

c) paragraph (j) shall be deleted and subsequent paragraphs shall be renumbered;

(ii) In sub-clause (1) of clause 7, the composition of the Board of Governors shall be substituted with:

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| (a) | Minister for Science and Technology | <i>President</i> |
| (b) | Secretary, Science and Technology Division | <i>Vice-President</i> |
| (c) | Secretary, Planning and Development Division or his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary | <i>Member</i> |
| (d) | Secretary, Finance Division or his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary | <i>Member</i> |
| (e) | Executive Director, Higher Education Commission | <i>Member</i> |
| (f) | Secretary of the Division controlling subject-matter of education and training or his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary | <i>Member</i> |
| (g) | President, Pakistan Academy of Sciences or his nominee | <i>Member</i> |
| (h) | Chairman, Pakistan Engineering Council | <i>Member</i> |
| (i) | Chairman, Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research | <i>Member</i> |
| (j) | Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation | <i>Member</i> |
| (k) | Representatives of Provincial Governments not below the rank of Provincial Secretary | <i>Members</i> |
| (l) | Five eminent Scientists from academia, one each from four provinces and federal capital to be nominated by the Board | <i>Members</i> |
| (m);2 | Two eminent industrialists to be nominated by the Federal Government | <i>Members</i> |
| (n) | President, Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Islamabad | <i>Members</i> |
| (o) | dealing officer not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Division controlling the subject-matter of science and technology | <i>Member</i> |
| (p) | Two Parliamentarians, one each from Senate and National Assembly, preferably with scientific knowledge and background | <i>Members</i> |

(q) Chairperson, Pakistan Council for Science and Technology *Member*

(iii) In clause 10,


- a) in sub-clause (2), after the word “called” the words “and presided” shall be inserted, and the words “one meeting” shall be substituted with the words “two meetings”
- b) in sub-clause (3), the word “six” shall be substituted with the word “ten”
- c) sub-clause (4) shall be omitted.

(iv) In clause 13,

- a) in paragraph (a), after the word “research” the word “policies” shall be inserted,
- b) paragraph (d) shall be deleted and subsequent paragraphs shall be renumbered.

5. After detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill, as reported by the Committee, may be passed by the Senate. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House.

6. The Bill as reported by the Committee is at Annex-A and the Bill as passed by the National Assembly is at Annex-B.


(HARIS REHMAN)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
24th February, 2017

