



Summary of Carlos Correa's intervention at the 25th Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council

Thanks for inviting the South Centre to participate at the 25th Meeting of COMSATS Coordinating Council. Thanks also for sharing an informative document about the recent activities of COMSATS. It shows how active it has been in promoting science, technology and innovation in developing countries, including in respect of frontier technologies, such as digital technologies. COMSATS is thus turning into reality the aspirations of Nobel Price laureate Abdus Salam and his views about how science and technology can support development in our countries.

We appreciate the cooperation we have had with the COMSATS Secretariat in the past and are particularly thankful for the contributions it has made on the critical issues of data localization and digital health. We look forward to a continuous and enhanced cooperation in these and other matters.

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