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1. The Thirteenth Meeting of the OIC Exchanges Forum convened in İstanbul on September 26, 2019.
2. The Meeting was attended by the representatives of the following institutions:

A. Exchanges of the OIC Member States

1. Amman Stock Exchange, Jordan
2. Ashgabat Stock Exchange, Turkmenistan
3. Borsa İstanbul, Turkey
4. Indonesia Stock Exchange
5. Iran Fara Bourse
6. Iran Mercantile Exchange
7. Muscat Securities Market, Oman
8. Pakistan Mercantile Exchange
9. Pakistan Stock Exchange
10. Palestine Securities Exchange
11. Qatar Stock Exchange
12. Tehran Stock Exchange, Iran
13. Toshkent Republican Stock Exchange, Uzbekistan
14. Turkish Mercantile Exchange

B. Central Securities Depositories and Clearing, Settlement and Registry Agencies of the OIC Member States

1. Central Securities Depository of Iran
2. Central Securities Depository of Turkey
3. Muscat Clearing & Depository, Oman
4. İstanbul Clearing, Settlement and Custody Bank (Takasbank), Turkey
5. National Clearing Company of Pakistan Limited
6. Qatar Central Securities Depository
7. Tunisie Clearing

C. Other Organisations

1. Accounting and Auditing Organization for Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI)
 2. Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency Turkey
 3. COMCEC Coordination Office
 4. Durham University Business School, United Kingdom
 5. Global University of Islamic Finance, Malaysia (INCEIF)
 6. International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM)
 7. International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)
 8. Islamic Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (ICCIA)
 9. Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)
 10. Islamic International Rating Agency (IIRA)
 11. Ministry of Treasury and Finance, Turkey
 12. Participation Banks Association of Turkey
 13. QNB Finance Portfolio Management
 14. S&P Dow Jones Indices
 15. Turkish Capital Markets Association
 16. Turkish Public Oversight, Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority
 17. Ziraat Portfolio Management
3. The meeting was opened by Mr. Selçuk Koç, Director of the COMCEC Coordination Office, who delivered a welcome speech, briefed delegates on the activities of the COMCEC Financial Cooperation Working Group and highlighted support from the COMCEC to the OIC Exchanges Forum.
4. Mr. Selçuk Koç gave the floor to Mr. Mehmet Gönen, Forum Chairman and Acting CEO of Borsa İstanbul, who welcomed all delegates to İstanbul on the occasion of the Thirteenth Meeting of the OIC Exchanges Forum and expressed his honor and contentment for hosting the Meeting.
5. Dr. Zamir Iqbal, Islamic Development Bank delivered a keynote speech entitled “Potential and Future of the OIC Capital Markets”. (Annex I)

6. Dr. Recep Bildik, Borsa İstanbul reported on the activities of the OIC Exchanges Forum during the briefing session and updated participants on the latest developments regarding Task Force on Indices, Task Force on Precious Metals and the OIC Exchanges Forum. (Annex II)
7. Mr. Mahmut Varlı, Borsa İstanbul provided information on OIC Exchanges Statistics Report 2018 (Annex III) and Mr. Muhammet Mustafa Şenel, Borsa İstanbul introduced the renewed internet site for OIC Exchanges Forum.
8. Mr. Charbel Azzi, S&P and Mr. Kenan Turan, Ziraat Portfolio Management delivered presentations regarding Task Force on Indices. Following the presentations (Annex IV and Annex V respectively), launch ceremony for S&P OIC/COMCEC Shariah 50 Index Fund was held.
9. Mr. Gökhan Elibol, Takasbank and Mr. Murat İnce, QNB Finans Portfolio Management delivered presentations regarding new perspectives related to Task Force on Precious Metals (Annex VI and Annex VII respectively).
10. Dr. Zamir Iqbal moderated a group discussion with all participants, difficulties faced by the Task Forces on Indices and Precious Metals as well as the roadmap and future actions were discussed.
11. Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed, Durham University delivered a presentation entitled “Infrastructure Finance and Capital Markets”. (Annex VIII)
12. Mr. Kenan Jusufspahic, Islamic Development Bank delivered a presentation entitled “Islamic Finance for Infrastructure Projects: Challenges and Opportunities in Capital Markets”. (Annex IX)
13. Best practice sharing from OIC Exchanges and Clearing Companies session was held with presentations from experts including Mr. Reşat Adıgüzel, Borsa İstanbul (Annex X), Dr. Mehran Mohamadi, Tehran Stock Exchange (Annex XI), Mr. Irwan Abdalloh, Indonesia Stock Exchange (Annex XII), and Mr. Muhammad Lukman, National Clearing Company of Pakistan (Annex XIII).
14. Mr. Mahmut Aydoğmuş, Borsa İstanbul delivered a presentation entitled “Sustainability and Islamic Capital Markets”. (Annex XIV)

15. Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmed moderated a group discussion with all participants on potential new projects for the OIC Exchanges Forum, four new project ideas were discussed and one project was selected.
16. Mr. Ismail Dadabhoy, International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM) delivered a presentation entitled “Sukuk Market and Related Development Issues”. (Annex XV)
17. Mr. Faheem Ahmad, Islamic International Rating Agency (IIRA) delivered a presentation entitled “Islamic Rating Standards”. (Annex XVI)
18. Mr. Mohammad Majd Bakir, AAOIFI delivered a presentation entitled “Shariah Governance for Sukuk Structures”. (Annex XVII)
19. Dr. Recep Bildik read draft decisions for the 13th OIC Exchanges Forum on behalf of the secretariat, the decisions were ratified by the participating Members.
20. Prof. Dr. Obiyathulla Ismath Bacha, INCEIF delivered a presentation entitled “Innovative Capital Market Instruments”. (Annex XVIII)
21. The following decisions were taken at the meeting:
 1. The Forum welcomes group discussions held by the participants on Task Forces of Indices and Precious Metals regarding S&P/OIC COMCEC 50 Shariah Index and OIC Gold Exchange projects.
 2. The Forum appreciates the efforts of the Task Force on Indices and welcomes launch of the S&P/OIC COMCEC 50 Shariah Index Fund (the Fund) which is considered a major success for the Forum and OIC capital markets. As the next step the Forum mandates the Task Force to find investors for the Fund and exert every effort to increase the assets under management of the Fund. The Forum invites IsDB to invest into the Fund to help accelerate further investments.
 3. With reference to the resolution of the 35th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC, the Forum mandates the Task Force on Indices, in cooperation with IsDB to continue to work towards the promotion of S&P OIC/COMCEC Shariah 50 Index and the

Fund to the investors and the finance community as well as publishing the Index on the official websites of the OIC Exchanges Forum Members.

4. The Forum mandates the Task Force on Precious Metals to cooperate with OIC Central Banks Forum and utilize Takasbank experience in Gold Transfer System to further the OIC Gold Exchange project. The Forum also mandates the Task Force to work on listing Gold ETF in OIC exchanges and enhancing Gold ETF know-how among OIC exchanges.
5. With reference to the resolution of the 35th Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC, the Forum mandates the Task Force on Precious Metals to include Takasbank as a member of the Task Force to advance the OIC Gold Exchange project.
6. The Forum welcomes the group discussion on new OIC Exchanges Forum projects. Based on the group discussion, The Forum established a new Task Force on “Sustainability in OIC Exchanges”. The Forum mandates the new Task Force on Sustainability in OIC Exchanges to initiate studies in its respective focus area following the final decisions of the 35th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC.
7. The OIC Exchanges Forum Secretariat will continue publishing quarterly newsletters to update Members on the recent developments in OIC Capital Markets with contributions from Members.
8. The results and decisions of the 13th OIC Exchanges Forum will be reported to the 35th Ministerial Session of the COMCEC, which will be held in İstanbul on 25-28 November 2019.
9. The next annual meeting of the OIC Exchanges Forum is planned to be held on September-November 2020 in İstanbul.