

Making Cooperation Work

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For Building an Interdependent Islamic World

*RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES
TO THE POLICY QUESTIONS ON
**Strengthening the Compliance of the OIC Member
States to International Standards***



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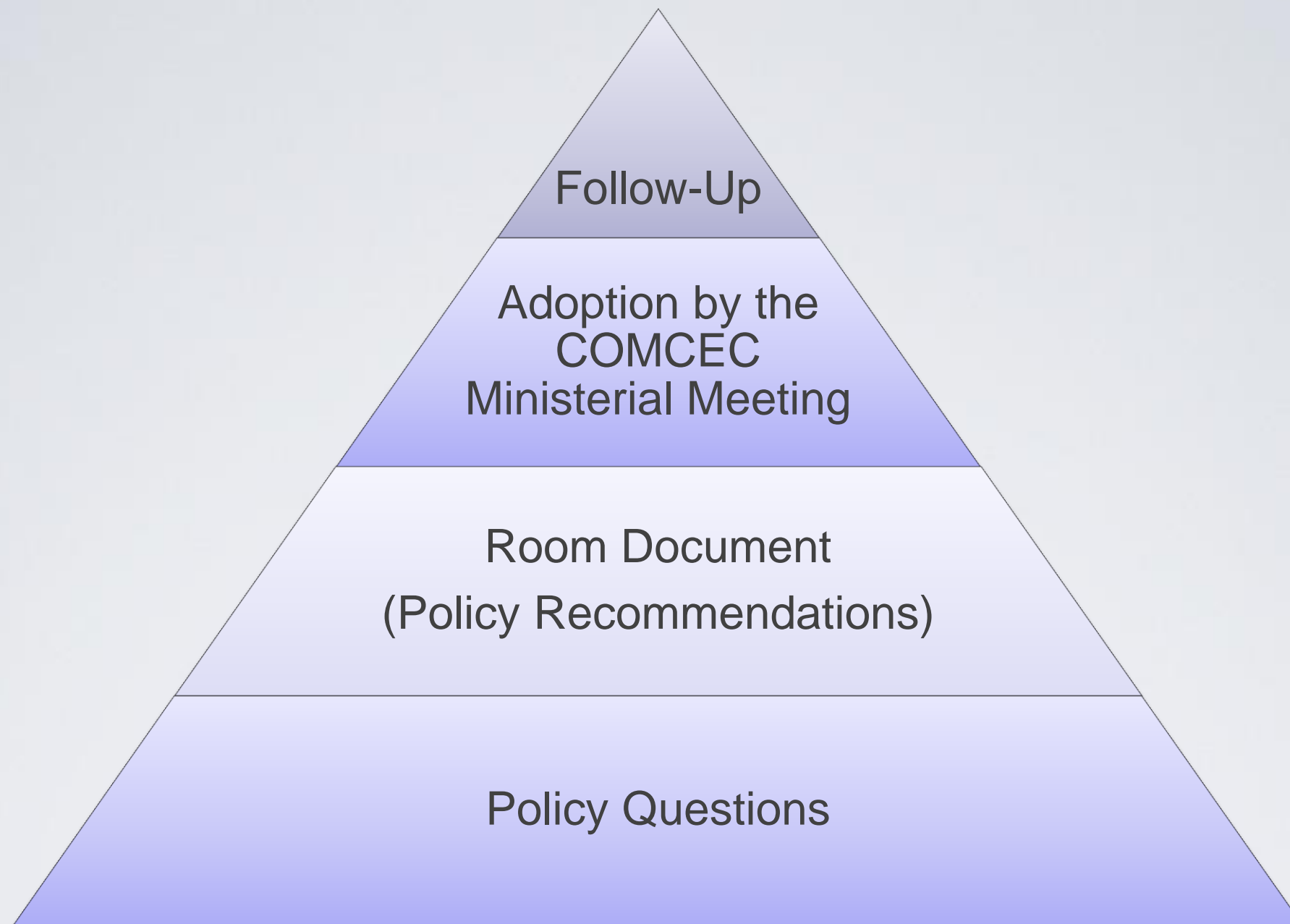
1. Policy Dimension Ladder

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4. Room Document

1- POLICY DIMENSION LADDER



2- POLICY QUESTIONS

1. Does your country experience technical barriers to trade (TBTs) as a problem in exporting products to the OIC Member States?
2. Does your country have any mutual recognition agreements with the OIC Member States for a) standards or b) conformity assessments? If yes, please specify the name of the countries
3. In which international standardization bodies, does your country play an active role, such as ISO, the Codex Alimentarius or other?
4. Have there been any significant developments or improvements in your country's standards infrastructure (physical, institutional, legal, etc.; general or sector-specific) over the last five years?
5. With your knowledge of the technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment systems in the OIC Member States; do you have any recommendations which would facilitate trade?

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q1: Does your country experience technical barriers to trade (TBTs) as a problem in exporting products to the OIC Member States?

- **Yes: 7 No/Minimal or Undetermined: 7**
- **Main technical barriers;**
 - *Non-compliance with good manufacturing practices and hygiene*
 - *Insufficient quality infrastructure*
 - *Conformity assesment requirements*
- **Affected product groups: Seafood/Fish products, fruits and vegetables**

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Q2: Does your country have any mutual recognition agreements with the OIC Member States for a) standards or b) conformity assessments? If yes, please specify the name of the countries.

	Standards	Conformity Assessment
Yes 6	Guinea with ECOWAS Mali Iran Pakistan Palestine Indonesia	Guinea with 11 MCs Mali Iran with Yemen Pakistan Palestine with 4MCs Indonesia with Saudi Arabia
No 8	Suriname Brunei Burkina Faso Senegal Gambia Egypt (MoU with 9 MCs) Turkey (MoUs) Jordan (MoUs)	Suriname Brunei Burkina Faso Senegal Gambia Egypt Turkey (MoUs) Jordan (MoUs)

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Q3: In which international standardization bodies, does your country play an active role, such as ISO, the Codex Alimentarius or other?

ISO

IEC

Codex Alimentarius

CEN

CENELEC

OIML

ARSO

ECOSHAM (ECOWAS)

NORMCERQ (UEMOA)

RNF

UNECE Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards

OECD Working Groups

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Q4: Have there been any significant developments or improvements in your country's standards infrastructure (physical, institutional, legal, etc.; general or sector-specific) over the last five years?

- Adoption of international and regional standards (Suriname, Brunei, Guinea)
- Effectuation of Laws, Regulations and National Quality Policy (Burkina Faso, Turkey, Indonesia)
- Establishment of new Standards & Metrology Institutes, committees and taskforces (Gambia, Senegal, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, Jordan)
- Technical capacity building programs with EU for standardization and conformity assessment activities (Egypt)

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Q5: With your knowledge of the technical regulations, standards and conformity assessment systems in the OIC Member States; do you have any recommendations which would facilitate trade?

- Using international standards as reference to develop national standards & regulations
- Having mutual recognition agreements based on harmonized standards & regulations within the OIC
- Raising awareness in the MCs for each other's quality infrastructure and conformity assessment procedures
- Preventing fragmented structures in the field of halal standardization and certification among the OIC Countries / Strengthening SMIIC
- Capacity Building activities based on careful review of OIC MC's regulations, standards and conformity requirements

4- ROOM DOCUMENT

Policy Advice 1

- **Developing/Strengthening National Quality Infrastructure for Enhancing Export Competitiveness**

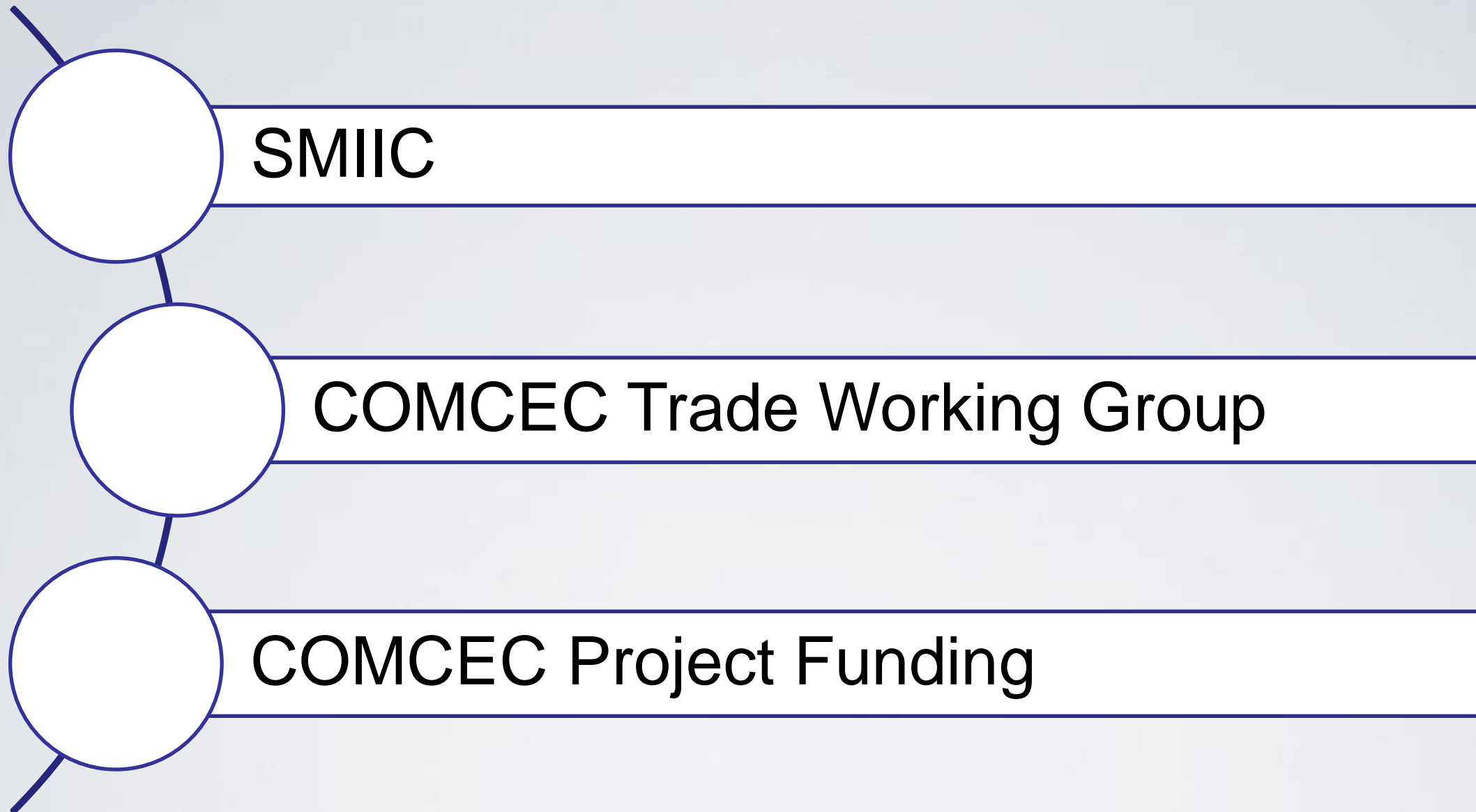
Policy Advice 2

- **Supporting the Member States' Efforts for their Active Participation to work of International Standardization Bodies**

Policy Advice 3

- **Adopting the Internationally Harmonized Standards of SMIIC for Enhancing Intra-OIC Trade**

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