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RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE POLICY QUESTIONS ON

Forced Migration in the OIC Member States: Policy Framework Adopted by Host Countries

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1) FORMULATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

*«..... **approximate policies** in the cooperation areas to address and find solutions to the economic and social challenges of the Islamic Ummah»*
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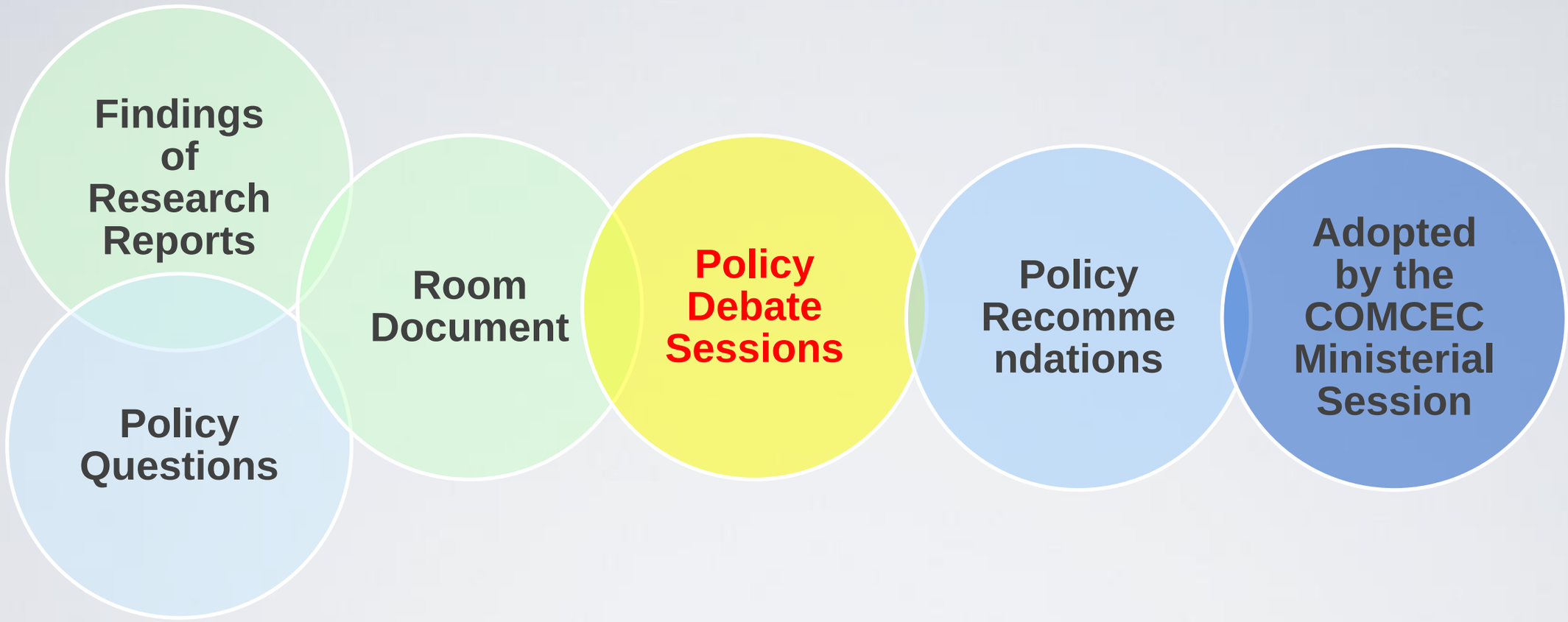
Policy Recommendations:

- Based on evidence based analyses and discussions (Research Reports, Policy Questions etc.)
- Adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions
- Serve to policy approximation

1) FORMULATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS



Member Countries' Direct Involvement

2- POLICY QUESTIONS

1. Does Your Country have forced migrants?
2. Is there a national legal framework that regulates the status of forced migration in Your Country?
3. What is the institutional structure that is responsible for the management of forced migration?
4. Does your country receive international support for improving the conditions of forced migrants?
5. Can you briefly explain the poverty alleviation efforts in the following areas; housing, education, health and employment?
6. Which of the services given in Question 5 is the most challenging for Your Country?

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q1: Does Your Country have forced migrants?

	Yes	No	Country of Origin	~Migrant Population
Albania	✓		Iran and Syria	500
Azerbaijan	✓		Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia	880.000
Cameroon	✓		Central Africa and Nigeria	350.000
Niger	✓		Nigeria	40.000
Suriname		x		
Turkey	✓		Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq	3.000.000
Uganda	✓		Congo, South Sudan, Burundi, Somalia and Rwanda	500.000

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q2: Is there a national legal framework that regulates the status of forced migration in Your Country?

	Yes	No
Albania	✓	
Azerbaijan	✓	
Cameroon	✓	
Niger		x
Suriname		x
Turkey	✓	
Uganda	✓	

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q3: What is the institutional structure that is responsible for the management of forced migration?

	Responsible Authority
Albania	- General Directorate of Police - Directorate of Border and Migration - Department of Asylum - National Commission for Refugees - National Reception Centre for asylum seekers — **Under Ministry of Interior**
Azerbaijan	- State Committee on deals of Refugees and Internally displaced persons - Sate Migration Service — **Under Ministry of Interior**
Cameroon	Department of Civil Protection **Under Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization**
Niger	**Ministry of Humanitarian Action**
Turkey	Directorate General of Migration Management **Under Ministry of Interior**
Uganda	**Ministry of Disaster Preparedness and Refugees**

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q4: Does your country receive international support for improving the conditions of forced migrants?

	Yes	Source	No
Albania	✓	UNICEF, UNDP, EU	
Azerbaijan			x
Cameroon	✓	UNHCR, Turkey, Germany, UK, UNDP, France, China, African Development Bank, EU	
Niger	✓	UN, African Development Bank, Islamic Development Bank, NGOs	
Turkey	✓	EU	
Uganda	✓	UNHCR, UNICEF, NGOs	

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q5: Please briefly explain the poverty alleviation efforts in the following areas; housing, education, health, employment.

	housing	education	health	employment
Albania	No information	free	free	No information
Azerbaijan	Basic services such as electricity, water and gas are free of charge in the camps	Mixed (free or paid)	Mixed (free or paid)	No restriction (legally allowed)
Cameroon	Water, sanitation, food and education services are provided in the camps.	free	free	Not allowed
Niger	Drinking water, food and health services are provided in the camps	free	free	No restriction (legally allowed)
Turkey	Basic services are free of charge in the camps	free	free	No restriction (legally allowed)
Uganda	Land and shelter are provided in the camps.	Free for registered migrants.	Universal coverage for health care services	No restriction (legally allowed)

3- RESPONSES OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

Q6: Which of the services given in Question 5 is the most challenging for Your Country?

	Housing	Education	Health	Employment
Albania	✓			✓
Azerbaijan				✓
Cameroon		✓		
Niger				✓
Suriname				
Turkey	✓			
Uganda				✓

4- ROOM DOCUMENT- POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy Recommendation 1

- **Developing a sound policy framework at the national level in the host countries and strengthening their institutional and human capacity in order to manage forced migration flows and address the needs of migrants**

Policy Recommendation 2

- **Facilitating access to safe and affordable housing with a view to decreasing housing shortages and the economic burden on both migrants and host communities**

4- ROOM DOCUMENT- POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy Recommendation 3

- **Increasing the forced migrants' access to labour market through providing work permits and developing programs for upgrading their skills**

Policy Recommendation 4

- **Ensuring forced migrants' access to health and education services through eliminating the practical barriers including linguistic disparities and service fees**

4- ROOM DOCUMENT- POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy Recommendation 5

- **Collecting reliable data on forced migrant population with a view to increasing the efficiency of policy making and monitoring as well as evaluation processes**

5. INSTRUMENTS TO BE UTILIZED

COMCEC Poverty Alleviation Working Group

- Coming up with concrete policy recommendations which are submitted to COMCEC Sessions for adoption
- An Asset to be utilised for elaborating on the adopted policy recommendations
- Developing joint initiatives and projects

5. INSTRUMENTS TO BE UTILIZED

COMCEC PROJECT FUNDING

- Mobilizing the human and institutional resources of the Member Countries and OIC Institutions
- Promoting and encouraging the Member Countries to develop and implement multilateral projects
- A Well-defined stages of project submission, appraisal, implementation and monitoring processes
- A tool for Islamic countries to cooperate with one another and increase their capacities
- A grant based funding mechanism
- Project call is made in September each year

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