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INTRODUCTION

The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), an affiliated institution to the Organisation of Islamic Countries (OIC), as a sound mechanism for harmonization of standards among the OIC countries and for preparation of new ones, aims at realizing harmonized standards in the Member States and eliminating technical barriers to trade and thus developing trade among themselves. It shall establish certification and accreditation schemes for the purpose of expediting exchange of materials, manufactured goods and products among Member States beginning with mutual recognition of certificates.

The SMIIC also aims at achieving uniformity in metrology, laboratory testing and standardization activities among Member States and providing education and training as well as technical assistance to the OIC Members in the domain of standardization, metrology and accreditation. Hence, the Institute encourages to cooperate with other regional and international organizations interested partially or wholly in standardization, metrology or related activities.

HISTORY OF SMIIC

At the first meeting of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) of OIC chaired by the Turkish President in 1984, it was emphasized that the standardization bodies of the Member Countries should harmonize their national standards for the purpose of eliminating technical barriers to trade and thus developing trade among themselves.

In this context, The Expert Group and Coordination Committee have convened 7 times (totally 14 meetings) from 1985 to 1997. According to the resolutions made at these meetings, it was decided to establish the Standards and Metrology Organization for Islamic Countries (SMOIC). The Expert Group in its 7th Meeting in 1996 decided to submit the draft statute of the SMOIC to the 12th COMCEC Meeting and it was decided that the name of the organization be changed as the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) in the 12th COMCEC Meeting.

Following the 12th COMCEC Meeting, member organizations sent their comments on the draft statute to the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and the OIC General Secretariat. During the 13th COMCEC Meeting held on November 01-04, 1997 in Istanbul, it was decided that the draft statute of SMIIC should be reviewed with respect to both technical and judicial content in the frame of the opinions received from member countries.

In the frame of this decision, the 8th Expert Group Meeting was held on March 24-26, 1998 in Ankara by the participation of the experts representing their standardization bodies, Deputy Secretary General of OIC and OIC Chief Judicial Adviser. During this meeting, the draft statute was re-written in the frame of the opinions of member countries, judicial rules of OIC and international experience of TSE and circulated to the member countries as a final draft. Furthermore, the submission of the draft statute for its approval at 14th COMCEC Meeting was decided.

The mentioned draft statute was included to the agenda (Article 7) of the 14th COMCEC Meeting held on November 01-04, 1998 in Istanbul and approved after comprehensive

negotiations. Consequently, an important step was taken in order to begin the official work of SMIIC as a regional standardization organization.

The Statute of SMIIC was first submitted to the member countries for its signature during the 15th COMCEC Meeting held on November 04-07, 1999 in Istanbul.

The Statute entered into force after fulfilling the ratification requirement of 10 OIC member countries on May 2010. 13 OIC Member Countries (in alphabetical order) which ratified the SMIIC Statute are:

- 1- People's Democratic Republic of Algeria,
- 2- Republic of Cameroon,
- 3- Republic of Guinea,
- 4- Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,
- 5- Libya,
- 6- Republic of Mali,
- 7- Kingdom of Morocco,
- 8- Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
- 9- Republic of Somalia,
- 10- Republic of Sudan,
- 11- Republic of Tunisia,
- 12- Republic of Turkey, and
- 13- United Arab Emirates.

At the 3rd General Assembly Meeting held on 04-05 May 2012,

- Republic of Gabon,
- Republic of Gambia,
- Islamic Republic of Iran and
- Republic of Senegal

became the new members of SMIIC.

ACTIVITIES

THE FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) MEETING OF SMIIC

After the inaugural First General Assembly Meeting of SMIIC held in Ankara, Republic of Turkey on 02-03 August 2010, resulting in the establishment of SMIIC; The First Board of Directors Meeting of SMIIC was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 08 January 2011. The meeting was attended by Member States who have membership in the SMIIC Board of Directors.

The Board unanimously adopted the Action Plan for SMIIC for the term 2011-2012 to enable the Institute to effectively fulfil its designated missions. The Action Plan embodies promotional and organizational activities, which includes: inter alia, attracting OIC countries to the membership of SMIIC, representation of SMIIC at the relevant international and regional platforms; establishing organizational units and human resources of the Institute; and initiating work to revise the SMIIC Statute to keep up with the present approaches in the world.

The Board endorsed that SMIIC is the ideal platform for undertaking the mandate of halal food standards and procedures, and decided to consider the three draft standards (prepared by Standardization Expert Group, before the establishment of SMIIC, mandated by COMCEC) as SMIIC standards.

The Board decided to establish a Technical Committee on this issue with the involvement of both SMIIC members and non-members (as observers) which are OIC Member States to undertake any further tasks with regard to the halal food standards.

Within this frame, the Technical Committee Meeting was held in Yaoundé, Republic of Cameroon on 16-17 May 2011, with the participation of 33 representatives from various OIC Member States. The mentioned Technical Committee Meeting considered and adopted the three documents, with the contributions of 39 OIC-SEG Member Countries and the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), as OIC/SMIIC Standards, namely;

- *“OIC/SMIIC 1:2011, General Guidelines on Halal Food”*,
- *“OIC/SMIIC 2:2011, Guidelines for Bodies Providing Halal Certification” and*
- *“OIC/SMIIC 3:2011, Guidelines for the Halal Accreditation Body Accrediting Halal Certification Bodies”*.

The mentioned standards entered into force as of 17 May 2011. The adoption of the first three SMIIC standards were communicated to the National Standards Bodies of all OIC countries as well as the General Secretariat of the OIC (28 May 2011-SMIIC 2011/9).

THE SECOND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF SMIIC

The Second Meeting of the SMIIC Board of Directors was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 11 July 2011.

At the meeting, Mr. Tahir BÜYÜKHELVAÇIĞİL who was elected as the Chairman of the SMIIC Board of Directors at the Board's First Meeting held in Istanbul, on 08 January 2011, was replaced by Mr. Hulusi ŞENTÜRK as the President of the TSE as a result of the election at the TSE General Assembly Meeting held on 23 February 2011.

THE SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF SMIIC

The Second SMIIC General Assembly (GA) was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 12-13 July 2011. The decisions taken at the General Assembly generated important steps that would pave the way for a more efficient SMIIC.

Among the steps taken are the designation of SMIIC logo and the revision of SMIIC Statute in a way that would better address the current needs and facilitate membership procedure. According to the revised provision of the Statute (Article 4), the membership of SMIIC no longer requires the ratification of the SMIIC Statute by the Member State. Instead, the National Bodies of the OIC Member States can now be admitted into the Institute as a member upon their application to the SMIIC General Secretariat. With this greatly simplified membership procedure, SMIIC will surely flourish at a quick pace by attracting more OIC Member States.

The General Assembly also endorsed the encouragement of the implementation of OIC/SMIIC Standards by the SMIIC members as their national standards and with regard to halal issues, decided to encourage the mutual recognition of the certificates issued in line with OIC/SMIIC Standards.

ATTENDANCE TO THE 6th MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON FOOD SECURITY

Secretary General of SMIIC has attended to the *Sixth OIC Ministerial Conference on Food Security and Agricultural Development held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey*, on 03-06 October 2011. The importance of standards to food safety and to the economy was highlighted and all OIC Member states were encouraged to implement a common standard and common certification mechanism which will eliminate barriers to trade and increase trade by mutual recognition of certificates.

At the meeting, the prevention of any technical barriers among OIC Member States to trade were discussed.

ATTENDANCE TO THE 27th COMCEC MEETING

The Chairman of BOD and the Secretary General of SMIIC attended the *27th Session of COMCEC in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey*, on 17-20 October 2011. In the resolutions of the meeting, the following points related to SMIIC:

- the ratification of the Headquarters Agreement of SMIIC by the Republic of Turkey,
- the commencement of SMIIC's activities, with a view to helping the Member States to improve quality and standards of their products and services

were evaluated and appreciated.

CEN/BT Working Group (WG) 212 3rd MEETING ON HALAL FOOD

Secretary General of SMIIC attended the meeting of *CEN/BT WG 212 of European Committee for Standardization on Halal Food held in Brussels, Belgium*, on 21-22 November 2011.

At the meeting, one important point in the discussion focused on stunning. It was agreed to send a letter to the European Council for Fatwa and to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy asking for a unified and detailed opinion about stunning till end of January 2012 at the very latest. This opinion would be presented to CEN/BT WG 212 and be subject to further discussion at the next CEN/BT WG 212 as basis to which one of the below options in regard to stunning should be preferred:

Option A: Stunning is prohibited in general. This option will lead to a high number of A-deviations making the European Standard less applicable in European countries.

Option B: Stunning is allowed under certain conditions, e.g. the stunning shall ensure that the process is reversible, methods of stunning complying with these conditions can be indicated in an Annex of the European Standard (same approach in the OIC/SMIIC 1).

THE THIRD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF SMIIC

Third SMIIC Board of Directors meeting was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 23-24 January 2011.

The Third Board of Directors Meeting decided that the General Secretariat of SMIIC get in touch with the OIC Member States in the shortest time possible in order to collect nominations from both the national standardization and accreditation bodies which are interested in becoming a member of both the Accreditation Committee and Technical Committees.

The Board emphasized the importance of the establishment of SMIIC taking into account the objectives regarding elimination of any factors likely to adversely affect trade among intra-OIC and gaining maximum benefit from the economic advantages to be brought about by the standards. Consequently, the Board instructed the SMIIC General Secretariat to encourage and invite all the OIC member states through the official diplomatic channel of the OIC General Secretariat to support the cause of SMIIC.

1ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HALAL FOOD CONTROL AND EXHIBITION

General Secretariat of SMIIC was invited to present a paper at the *1st International Conference on Halal Food Control and Exhibition in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)* on 12 – 15 February 2012, hosted by Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA) and participated in this conference with its presentation on SMIIC activities. It was a fruitful meeting in the sense that SMIIC had the opportunity to introduce itself to all participants as well as to the visitors of exhibition.

COMCEC WORKSHOP ON COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP MODELS WITH CENTRAL ASIA

Secretary General of SMIIC attended and gave a presentation on the importance of standardization in alleviating the barriers to trade and informed the participants of the planned activities of SMIIC at the meeting of *COMCEC Workshop on Country Partnership Models with Central Asia* held on 22 - 23 February 2012, Ankara, Republic of Turkey. Central Asian countries were invited to join SMIIC by becoming a member and participate in the Technical Committee activities.

During the meeting, the importance of standards to the economy was highlighted and all OIC Member States were encouraged to adopt the OIC/SMIIC Standards as their national standards and to implement a common standard and common recognized certification mechanism which will eliminate technical barriers to trade and increase trade by mutual recognition of certificates issued in line with OIC/SMIIC Standards to boost the economies of OIC Countries (see 28th Meeting of the Follow-Up Committee of the COMCEC Report, page 95).

CEN/BT WG 212 4th MEETING ON HALAL FOOD

Secretary General of SMIIC attended to the 4th meeting of CEN/BT Working Group 212 – Halal Food Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 06 March 2012.

The European Committee for Standardization (CEN) had set up this Working Group (CEN/BT WG 212) to analyse the feasibility of a European Standard on halal food. This 4th meeting was the last meeting and WG 212 would be proposed to be disbanded to CEN/BT decision by its secretariat. Its feasibility report was to be submitted to CEN/BT meeting which was to be held by the end of March 2012 for final consideration.

In this last meeting, Secretary General of SMIIC made reference to OIC/SMIIC Standards about the relevant subjects and proposed that CEN can adopt the OIC/SMIIC Standards on Halal food.

After the disbandment of WG212, a new Project Committee was proposed by CEN/BT to work on Halal Food issues.

TÜBİTAK-UME VISIT

National Metrology Institute (TUBİTAK-UME) of the Republic of Turkey paid a visit to Headquarters of SMIIC on 09 March 2012 during which both parties found a chance to introduce themselves and agreed on mutual cooperation on Metrology issues. TUBİTAK-UME expressed its interest in actively supporting SMIIC with its experience and expertise and asked for information regarding the SMIIC membership procedure. Joint projects such as the “*Workshop on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Member States*” were agreed upon.

VISIT OF STANDARDS MALAYSIA AND NATIONAL STANDARDIZATION AGENCY OF INDONESIA

The Chairman of BOD, Secretary General and staff of SMIIC visited Standards Malaysia and National Standardization Agency of Indonesia (BSN) to invite them to the Third General Assembly and to become a member of SMIIC. World Halal Forum (WHF) and Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS) fairs on Halal Food were also visited by SMIIC representatives during 1st week of April 2012.

SASO VISIT

Saudi Standards, Metrology and Quality Organization (SASO) Governor Mr. Nabil Molla paid a visit to SMIIC Headquarters on 06 April 2012. SMIIC General Secretariat had the opportunity to discuss the membership process of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia whose membership and support is important in achieving the unity and development aimed in the Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation area by SMIIC and hence the OIC Member States.

THE FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Fourth Meeting of the SMIIIC BOD was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 03 May 2012. The draft Internal Regulations of SMIIIC was unanimously accepted by BOD members to be submitted to GA for approval. The following Technical Committees (TCs), Terminology Committee and Financial Committee were established in the meeting:

- TC1 Halal Food Issues
- TC2 Halal Cosmetic Issues or TC1/SC1
- TC3 Service Site Issues
- TC4 Renewable Energy
- TC5 Tourism and Related Services
- TC6 Agriculture Processes
- TC7 Transportation

BOD members were informed about the completion of the task given to SMIIIC General Secretariat pursuant to the Item 11 of the Third BOD meeting (GS/BOD3/finalreport) which was to invite all the OIC countries through the official diplomatic channel of the OIC General Secretariat. The official letter sent (08/02/2012 dated, 2012/18 numbered) to OIC General Secretariat, and the official letter received from OIC General Secretariat (25/02/2012 dated, OIC/ECO-04/138/2012/001035 numbered) were submitted to the opinion of the BOD members.

The BOD members were informed about the project of a SMIIIC SUMMIT, which will promote the importance of joining SMIIIC among OIC Member States, and attract potential members to SMIIIC. In the meeting it was decided that the General Secretariat will coordinate with the member countries about the potential topics of the Summit.

THE THIRD MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Third Meeting of the SMIIIC GA was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey on 04-05 May 2012.

The GA was attended by the representatives of the following Member States who have membership in the SMIIIC GA:

- 1- People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
- 2- Republic of Cameroon
- 3- Republic of Guinea
- 4- Libya
- 5- Republic of Tunisia
- 6- Republic of Turkey
- 7- Jordan
- 8- Republic of Sudan
- 9- United Arab Emirates
- 10- Morocco
- 11- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- 12- Islamic Republic of Iran (newly approved member)
- 13- Gabon (newly approved member)

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kuwait, Yemen, Sultanate of Oman, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Guinea Bissau, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Egypt were represented in the meeting as observers. Additionally the Accreditation Bodies of Algeria, Bangladesh, United Arab Emirates, Islamic Republic of Iran, Libya and Turkey were present as observers. And also, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the COMCEC Coordination Office, TÜBİTAK-UME (National Metrology Institute-TURKEY), World Halal Forum of Malaysia were represented in the Meeting in observer status.

The SMIIC General Secretariat made a presentation on the progress and latest activities of SMIIC including the completion of the final versions of SMIIC documents, the newly designed web page, the SMIIC headquarters in İstanbul, initiatives to attract new members, and the committee work so far undertaken.

The SMIIC documents (Statute of SMIIC (GS/STA/002), Rules of Procedure of SMIIC (GS/ROP/004), Agreement Between SMIIC and Member States (GS/AGR/005), Staff Regulation of SMIIC (GS/PER/006), Strategic Plan and Action Plan of SMIIC (GS/SP-AP/001), Organization Chart of SMIIC (GS/ORG/003), SMIIC Directives, Part 1 (SD/DIR/001), SMIIC Directives, Part 2 (SD/DIR/002), Financial Regulations of SMIIC (GS/FIN/007)) were submitted to the GA for approval pursuant to item 5.2 of the Minutes of the Fourth SMIIC BOD Meeting. The GA unanimously approved the documents as officially valid SMIIC documents.

The membership application of the esteemed OIC Member States, Iran, Gabon, Gambia and Senegal, which were accepted by BOD, was submitted to the GA for approval, which unanimously approved the new membership requests.

Mr. Haluk Dağ, Interim Secretary General and the nominee of the Republic of Turkey, was elected as the permanent Secretary General for a term of three years.

SMIIC Technical Committees, Accreditation Committee, Financial Committee and Terminology Committee whose compositions were already approved at the Fourth BOD meeting held their first meetings after the GA meeting. And also SMIIC Budget for the year 2012 was submitted to the GA and unanimously accepted.

28TH MEETING OF THE FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE OF THE COMCEC

Secretary General of SMIIC participated in the *28th Meeting of the Follow-Up Committee of the COMCEC* on 09-10 May 2012, in Ankara, Republic of Turkey in which the institutionalization and activities of SMIIC were discussed (see 28th Meeting of the Follow-Up Committee of the COMCEC Report, page 14).

BUSINESS FORUM AT MOSCOW HALAL EXPO 2012

The welcoming speech was given and a presentation on “SMIIC in brief” and “OIC/SMIIC Halal Food Standards” was made by SMIIC staff at the Business Forum “*World Experience and Prospects of Halal and Islamic Finance Markets*” at the Moscow Halal Expo 2012 on 07-10 June 2012.

1ST INTERNATIONAL HALAL CONGRESS IN RUSSIA

A Presentation on “SMIIC in brief” and “OIC/SMIIC Halal Food Standards” was made by SMIIC staff at the *1st International Halal Congress* at Kazan City, Republic of Tatarstan, Russia on 12-13 June 2012.

6TH COORDINATION MEETING OF OIC SUBSIDIARY ORGANS, SPECIALIZED AND AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEN-YEAR PROGRAMME OF ACTION

The Secretary General of SMIIC, Mr. Haluk Dag participated in the *6th Coordination Meeting of OIC Subsidiary Organs, Specialized and Affiliated Institutions for Implementation of the Ten-Year Programme of Action* in OIC Headquarters, Jeddah on 16-17 June 2012.

35TH SESSION OF THE ISLAMIC COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Secretary General of SMIIC, Mr. Haluk Dag participated in the *35th Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Social and Cultural Affairs* in OIC Headquarters, Jeddah on 18-20 June 2012.

TİKA VISIT

Secretary General of SMIIC visited Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) and met President of TİKA, Mr. Serdar ÇAM, to discuss future cooperation between TİKA and SMIIC on 27 July 2012. As a first step a joint project on “*Workshop on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC LDC Member States*” was agreed upon (see “Continuous and Planned Activities” item 5).

INHAC 2012 (INTERNATIONAL HALAL CONFERENCE 2012)

SMIIC staff presented the following papers “SMIIC in brief” and “OIC/SMIIC Halal Food Standards” in the InHAC 2012 (International Halal Conference 2012) with the main theme “*Enhancing Halal Integrity in the Global Halal Industry*” organized by Centre for Islamic Thought and Understanding (CITU) UiTM on 04-05 September 2012 at PWTC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

CONTINUOUS AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES

1. The activities of SMIIC Technical Committees, Financial Committee and Terminology Committee will continue.
2. Accreditation Committee work to establish international recognition of accreditation shall increase.

3. SMIIC SUMMIT 2012 will be organized during the first half of November 2012 in Antalya, Republic of Turkey.
4. Fifth Board of Directors Meeting will be held during the SMIIC SUMMIT 2012.
5. “*Workshop on Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC LDC Member States*” with possible cooperation/support of TIKA, SESRIC, UNIDO, TSE, TURKAK and UME will be organized in Turkey.
6. Four Workshops on “*Building and Enhancing Standardization, Metrology and Accreditation Capacity in the OIC Member States*” in the following regions will be organized with possible cooperation/support of Islamic Development Bank (IDB):
 - a) North African Arabic Speaking Countries
 - b) African French Speaking Countries
 - c) African English Speaking Countries
 - d) Central Asian Countries (CACs)

CONCLUSION

By the first half of this year, the finalization of the establishment of the infrastructure of SMIIC was completed.

General Secretariat of SMIIC now focuses on the functioning of the Accreditation Committee to establish the recognition of the Halal Certificates based on OIC/SMIIC Standards all over the world.

Technical Committees have the significant role to form new OIC/SMIIC Standards which will be useful to improve trade and the infrastructure of Member States within OIC. For the functioning of the Technical Committees it is vital that all Member States and Correspondents actively participate in their selected Committees. General Secretariat would like to stress that the actual SMIIC work will take place in these committees and SMIIC members and as well as OIC members are strongly encouraged to participate and contribute to SMIIC technical work with their voting rights and/or comments in fields in which they feel themselves technically strong and more experienced. Non-member countries are also very much welcome to contribute to the technical committee work with an observer status.

In facilitation of these activities, a SMIIC SUMMIT will be held during the first half of November 2012. The SMIIC SUMMIT 2012, will function as a platform to draw together experts and representatives from the fields of standardization, accreditation and metrology. During the SMIIC SUMMIT 2012 discussions regarding the current situation of these fields internationally and in the OIC Member States, steps that need to be taken and the projects that need to be launched will take place.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1- SMIIC General Secretariat expects from all members of SMIIC (ideally from all OIC Member States after completing the membership procedure) to adopt the existing OIC/SMIIC Standards as their national standards and launch certification activities for the sake of supporting a common standard and common certification mechanism among OIC Member States.

2- The OIC Member States which have already signed the SMIIC Statute are:

- 1- Republic of Azerbaijan
- 2- Burkina Faso
- 3- Republic of The Gambia
- 4- Republic of Guinea-Bissau
- 5- Federal Republic of Nigeria
- 6- State of Palestine
- 7- Republic of Senegal
- 8- Republic of Sierra Leone
- 9- Syrian Arab Republic
- 10- Republic of Yemen

(Source: 25/10/2011 dated and No. OIC/ECO-04/38/2008 List of Member States Sheet (<http://www.oic-oci.org/uploads/file/conventions/en/Accords-Eng-25-10-2011.pdf> link))

Furthermore, at the Second General Assembly of SMIIC, which was held in Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, on 12-13 July 2011, the SMIIC Statute was amended in a way that would better address the current needs and facilitate membership procedure. According to the revised provision of the Statute (Article 4), the membership of SMIIC no longer requires the ratification of the SMIIC Statute by the Member State. Instead, the National Bodies of the OIC Member States can now be admitted into the Institute as a member upon their application to the SMIIC General Secretariat via an official stamped letter.

Consequently, SMIIC General Secretariat expects from above signatories of SMIIC Statute to complete their membership procedure at their earliest convenience by the support letter of OIC dated 25 February 2012 and No. OIC/ECO-04/138/2012/001035 addressed to all OIC Member States.

3- SMIIC would also invite all the SMIIC member states first with participating status (P-Member with voting right), then non-member states with observing status (O-Member without voting right) to participate in their interested SMIIC Technical Committees, namely TC1: Halal Food Issues, TC2 (or TC1/SC1): Halal Cosmetic Issues, TC3: Service Site Issues, TC4: Renewable Energy, TC5: Tourism and Related Services, TC6: Agriculture Processes, TC7: Transportation.

4- General Secretariat of SMIIC also invites and urges the importance of the National Accreditation Bodies of OIC Member States to become a member of the Accreditation Committee.

General Secretariat, SMIIC