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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to give background information about the current status of the cooperation areas, programs, and projects of the COMCEC for its 41st Ministerial Session, to be held on 1-4 November 2025 in İstanbul.

The document provides background information and the required actions on the Draft Agenda Items from 2 to 14. As the remaining Agenda Items are self-explanatory, they are not included in the Document.

The reports and studies to be submitted under each agenda item will be uploaded to the COMCEC's website (www.comcec.org).

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 2

Report on the COMCEC Strategy and Its Implementation

COMCEC is continuing its efforts in line with the COMCEC Strategy. The Working Groups (WG), as part of the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy, provide a regular platform for the Member Countries' experts to discuss the policies and practices and share experiences in each cooperation area to create a common understanding, and approximate policies among the Member Countries. The COMCEC Project Funding, as a policy support instrument, enables Member Countries, registered with the Working Groups, as well as the relevant OIC Institutions, to submit concrete projects for the realization of the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations.

Within this framework, since the 40th Session of the COMCEC, the Working Groups have conducted their 24th and 25th rounds of the Meetings (23rd and 24th Meetings for the area of Financial Cooperation) and elaborated on important themes in each cooperation area. The details about the developments in each Working Group are given under the relevant agenda item.

In terms of the projects realized under the COMCEC Project Funding, 24 projects were implemented in 2024 within the scope of the 11th Project Call. Moreover, 23 projects are being implemented by the Member Countries and the relevant OIC Institutions this year. The 13th project call was made on October 1st, 2025.

Furthermore, within the framework of the COMCEC AI-Quds Program, 7 projects were implemented in the 2020-2022 period. The scope of the program was enriched with thematic priorities including tourism entrepreneurship, creating job opportunities and empowerment of youth, e-commerce, and SME development. In this regard, 13 projects were implemented in 2023-2024 under the AI-Quds Program. Moreover, 8 projects are being implemented this year. All the details regarding the COMCEC Support Programs are available on the COMCEC website (programs.comcec.org).

Moreover, cooperation efforts carried out by the relevant OIC Institutions bear great importance for the realization of the objectives of the COMCEC Strategy and the COMCEC Ministerial Policy Recommendations. In line with the relevant resolutions of the COMCEC, the OIC Institutions organize activities aligned with the objectives and expected outputs of the COMCEC Strategy as well as the policy recommendations adopted by the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions.

In this framework, 40th Session of the COMCEC welcomed the Progress Report submitted by the CCO, providing an overview of the major achievements in the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy commended the Member Countries and the relevant OIC Institutions for their valuable contributions to its implementation, and requested the Member Countries and the relevant OIC Institutions to further their full support to the implementation of the Strategy. Moreover, the Session welcomed the successful convening of the COMCEC Working Groups in each cooperation area and the research studies conducted by the CCO for enriching the discussions in the COMCEC Working Group Meetings.

Furthermore, commending the valuable outcomes of projects financed by the COMCEC since 2014, the Session invited Member Countries to intensify their efforts to harness the benefits of COMCEC Project Funding, particularly with a view to materializing the Ministerial Policy Recommendations.

Required Action(s): The CCO will present a progress report to the Session with respect to the implementation of the COMCEC Strategy. The Session will consider the report submitted by the CCO for necessary action.

- Report of the 41st Meeting of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee

The COMCEC Follow-up Committee, in its 41st Meeting held on 13-14 May 2025, reviewed the implementation of the programs and projects on the agenda of the COMCEC, prepared the draft agenda of the 41st COMCEC Session and proposed a set of recommendations for the Session.

Required Action(s): The 41st Session of the COMCEC will be briefed by the Rapporteur of the Follow-up Committee of the COMCEC on the recommendations of the Follow-up Committee Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3

The Implementation of the OIC-2025: Programme of Action

The OIC Programme of Action for the period of 2016-2025 (OIC-2025: Programme of Action) was adopted at the 13th Islamic Summit held in İstanbul, Republic of Türkiye, on 14-15 April 2016.

Underlining the importance of the realization of the objectives set by OIC 2025: Programme of Action and active follow-up of the economic and commercial section of the Programme by the COMCEC, the 40th Session of the COMCEC requested the OIC General Secretariat to regularly submit comprehensive progress reports on the implementation of the Programme to the COMCEC Sessions and the Follow-up Committee Meetings.

Furthermore, regarding the preparations towards the successor ten-year programme of action, the 40th COMCEC Session invited the Member States to actively participate in the on-going process to develop a new OIC Programme of Action for 2026-2035 and contribute to this endeavour by providing their respective inputs including priorities and strategic goals.

Required Action(s): The OIC General Secretariat is expected to submit a comprehensive progress report on the implementation of the OIC 2025: Programme of Action and the preparations towards the successor programme. The Session will consider the General Secretariat's report on the subject for necessary action.

AGENDA ITEM 4

World Economic Developments with Special Reference to the OIC Member Countries

In line with the relevant decision of the 12th Session of the COMCEC, SESRIC has been preparing an annual report on recent world economic developments and their implications on the OIC Member Countries and submitting it to the COMCEC Sessions.

The Annual Economic Report provides an overview of the global and regional economic and financial developments as well as several policy recommendations for OIC Member Countries. The 40th Session of the COMCEC entrusted SESRIC to continue monitoring world economic developments and their implications on OIC Member Countries as well as continue to report thereon to the annual sessions of the COMCEC.

Required Action(s): SESRIC is expected to submit an annual report on recent world economic developments and their implications on the OIC member countries. The Member Countries will share their experience regarding the recent economic developments.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Intra-OIC Trade

Expansion of intra-OIC trade is one of the most important strategic objectives of the COMCEC in trade domain. In this regard, trade occupies an important place in the COMCEC agenda.

In accordance with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of the COMCEC, Trade Working Group, in its 24th and 25th Meetings, has focused on the theme of “Developing/Improving Export Strategies in the OIC Member Countries.”

Regarding the projects supported under the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding, two projects are being implemented by Indonesia, and SMIC in trade domain in 2025. The project titled “Enhancing Slaughterhouse Standards for Halal and Food Safety Compliance” is being implemented by Indonesia in partnership with Türkiye and SMIC. The project titled “Enhancing the Capacity of Metrology Laboratories for Improved Quality Infrastructure” is being implemented by SMIC with Türkiye, Sudan and Uganda.

Required Action(s): The CCO will brief the Session on the outcomes of the 24th and 25th Meetings of the Trade Working Group and the projects being implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding.

There are also some important programs and projects on the agenda of the COMCEC in the field of trade. Some of the ongoing programs and activities are; TPS-OIC, Islamic Trade Fairs, WTO- Related Technical Assistance, Trade Financing Activities, and Trade Related Activities of SMIC.

- TPS-OIC

TPS-OIC (Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member Countries) is the most important project of the COMCEC in the trade area. The System is based on three agreements, namely the Framework Agreement, the Protocol on Preferential Tariff Scheme (PRETAS), and the Rules of Origin. The legal basis of the TPS-OIC was completed in 2011. The System has become fully operational as of July 1st, 2022.

Within this framework, welcoming the effectuation of the System, the 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session requested the Participating States, which have not done so yet, to complete their internal procedures and called upon the Member Countries, which have not yet signed or ratified the TPS-OIC Agreements to do so at their earliest convenience and complete other procedures for joining the System. The 40th Ministerial Session of COMCEC welcomed the convening of the Honorable Ministers and Vice-Ministers on 4 November 2024 on the margin of 40th Session of the COMCEC, where the Honorable Ministers and Vice Ministers deliberated on the issues regarding the OIC trade agenda, particularly TPS-OIC.

The Session also welcomed the decisions of the Third Ministerial Meeting of TPS-OIC TNC hosted by Republic of Türkiye on 10-11 June 2024, in İstanbul and requested the continuation of technical review in 2025 to elaborate on the potential expansion of TPS-OIC with increased product coverage and new disciplines with the participation of the OIC Member Countries, which have signed and ratified the TPS-OIC Framework Agreement and other interested Member Countries, which are not party to the Framework Agreement, as observers, for ensuring a wider membership composition.

In this context, TPS-OIC TNC Meeting was held on 1-2 October 2025, in Ankara, in line with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of COMCEC and decision of 41st COMCEC Follow-up Committee Meeting.

Required Action(s): As the co-secretariat of the TNC, the CCO will brief the Session on the recent developments regarding the TPS-OIC. The Session will consider the recent developments and take appropriate action if necessary.

- **Islamic Trade Fairs**

Islamic trade fairs are conducted in one of the OIC Member Countries by ICDT in order to promote intra-OIC trade. In addition to the Islamic Trade Fairs, sector-specific exhibitions are also organized by the ICDT in the Member Countries. The 18th OIC Trade Fair of the OIC Member Countries is expected to be organized in Lahore, Pakistan, in cooperation with ICDT.

The 40th Session of the COMCEC appreciated ICDT's various activities conducted in 2024, and invited the Member Countries to actively participate in the fairs, exhibitions, workshops and forums to be organized by the ICDT.

Required Action(s): The ICDT is expected to report the recent developments on the Islamic Trade Fairs and sector-specific exhibitions.

- **WTO Related Technical Assistance**

COMCEC encourages its members to join the WTO in order to benefit from the international trade system on an equitable and fair basis. For this purpose, the IsDB Group and ICDT organize training courses, seminars, and workshops on WTO-related issues for the benefit of the Member Countries.

The 40th Session of the COMCEC called upon the IsDB and ICDT to keep on extending their technical assistance to the Member Countries in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations and coordinate the position of the Member Countries.

The 40th Session of the COMCEC and 41st Follow-up Committee Meeting of COMCEC called upon the Member Countries and the relevant OIC institutions to extend support to the Member Countries who need technical assistance on trade facilitation practices towards the implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Required Action(s): The IsDB and ICDT are expected to report their activities in this field to the Session.

- **Trade Financing Activities**

Accessing to affordable trade financing is one of the crucial factors for business people to engage in international trade. Trade financing activities are mainly carried out within the IsDB Group's trade financing organ, the Islamic Trade Financing Corporation (ITFC). Moreover, the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC) has been providing export credit insurance to mitigate the risks of trade.

The 40th Session of the COMCEC appreciated the trade finance and trade development activities of ITFC and the mobilization of funds from the development partners for funding trade operations in the Member Countries, contributing towards the achievement of intra-OIC trade target of 25 percent by the year 2025.

Moreover, the 40th Session of COMCEC requested the ICIEC, in collaboration with the SESRIC, ICDT, and ICCD to continue their efforts to complete the technical preparations for launching the OIC Business Intelligence Programme and submit a Progress Report to the 41st Follow-up Committee Meeting and the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session.

Required Action(s): The IsDB Group is expected to report its activities on trade financing and export credit risk insurance. The IsDB Group (ICIEC) is also expected to inform the Session on the latest developments with regard to the OIC Business Intelligence Program.

- **Trade-Related Activities of SMIIIC**

SMIIIC, as the affiliated institution of the OIC, aims to enhance trade among the Member Countries by realizing harmonized standards and eliminating technical barriers among them.

The 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session commended the efforts of SMIIIC in the areas of standardization, metrology and accreditation as well as quality infrastructure and their impact on trade facilitation and capacity building and invited the Member Countries to adopt and use the OIC/SMIIIC Standards as their national standards with a view to contributing to the harmonization of standards and alleviating technical barriers to trade among the Member Countries.

The Session also called upon the Member Countries using OIC/SMIIIC Standards to officially adopt the standards according to SMIIIC adoption guidelines.

Required Action(s): The SMIIIC will inform the Session on the recent developments regarding its trade-related activities.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Enhancing the Role of Private Sector in Economic Cooperation

- **Private Sector Meetings**

The Private Sector Meetings, organized by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) serve as a platform for the private sector of the OIC Member Countries to communicate with each other, and explore the opportunities for trade and investments. Apart from private sector meetings, the ICCD also organizes various sector-specific Forums in the areas of Sustainable Agriculture, Sustainable Tourism, Islamic Economy, Investment, Digital Economy, and Entrepreneurship to support the sustainable development of the OIC private sector for the resilient economic growth of the member countries.

The 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session took note of the efforts and activities of the ICCD in organizing various sector specific forums in the areas of sustainable agriculture, sustainable tourism, Islamic economy, investment, digital economy, and entrepreneurship to support the sustainable development of the OIC private sector for the resilient economic growth of the Member Countries..

Required Action(s): The ICCD is expected to inform the Session on the recent developments regarding private sector meetings.

- **OIC Arbitration Centre**

The OIC Arbitration Centre has been operating in İstanbul/Türkiye. The 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session acknowledged the important role of the OIC Arbitration Centre, as an affiliated institution of ICCD for the settlement of disputes and called upon the Member Countries to encourage the active participation in the activities of the OIC Arbitration Centre with a view to making use of services provided by the Centre to those who seek it.

Required Action(s): The ICCD and OIC Arbitration Centre are expected to brief the Session on recent developments. The Session will consider the issue and take the necessary action accordingly.

- **Financing Private Sector Development**

Islamic Corporation for the Development of Private Sector (ICD), a member of the IsDB Group, works towards the development of the private sector in the Member Countries and provides financing to private sector projects for this purpose.

Taking into consideration the crucial role of private sector financing in mobilizing private investments and ensuring sustainable economic growth of the Member Countries, the 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session commended ICD for its efforts in promoting private sector development and aiding the economic progress of OIC Member Countries by offering financial support and advisory services to the private sector.

Required Action(s): The ICD is expected to brief the Session on its efforts in financing the private sector in the OIC Member Countries.

Considering the COMCEC SME Programme, which was launched during the 39th COMCEC Ministerial Session, the thematic areas in the SME Program were added to the sectoral areas to be supported under the Project Call of 2024. In this context, the projects titled "Experience Sharing for Designing a Roadmap on Building an SME Network Platform" and "Business Development with Suriname and Guyana" were implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding.

Required Action(s): The CCO is expected to brief the Session on the recent developments related to COMCEC SME Program.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Deepening Financial Cooperation

The expansion and intensification of financial collaboration are crucial for the socio-economic progress of OIC Member Countries.

In line with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of the COMCEC, the 23rd and 24th Meetings of the Financial Cooperation Working Group were held in 2025, focusing on the theme "Promoting Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Islamic Financial Instruments to Combat the Adverse Effects of Climate Change and Natural Disasters in the OIC Member Countries."

Regarding the projects supported within the framework of the COMCEC Project Funding, Benin implemented the project titled "Experience Sharing in Designing a Legal Framework for Building an Islamic Finance Lead Unit" and Sierra Leone implemented the project titled "Capacity Building for Strengthening Digital Payment Systems in the Financial Sector" in 2025.

Required Action(s): The CCO will brief the Session on the outcomes of the 23rd and 24th Meetings of the Financial Cooperation Working Group as well as the projects being implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding.

Furthermore, other ongoing activities in the area of financial cooperation have been carried out under the OIC Exchanges Forum, COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators Forum, and OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum.

- OIC Exchanges Forum

As a special platform and communication channel for the Member Countries, the OIC Exchanges Forum aims to deepen and widen cooperation among the relevant authorities of the member countries. The Forum has conducted 19 meetings so far and developed some important projects, including the S&P OIC/COMCEC 50 Shariah Index and OIC Gold Exchange. The 19th Meeting of the Forum was held on September 23rd, 2025. Detailed information about the efforts of the Forum is available on its website (<http://www.oicexchanges.org/>).

The 40th COMCEC Session called upon the Member Countries to support the promotion of the S&P OIC/COMCEC 50 Shariah International Fund, which includes shares from the OIC COMCEC 50 Shariah Index, developed under the coordination of OIC Exchanges Forum, to the investors and the finance community in their respective countries.

Moreover, the 40th COMCEC Session requested the Secretariat of the OIC Exchanges Forum to complete technical preparations on the OIC Gold Exchange Project, based on block-chain model, in cooperation with Central Banks of the interested Member Countries.

Required Action(s): As the Secretariat of the Forum, Borsa Istanbul is expected to inform the Session of the recent developments regarding the activities of the Forum as well as the S&P OIC/COMCEC 50 Shariah Index, and to report the progress towards the realization of the above-mentioned Gold Exchange Project. The Session will discuss the issue and take necessary action.

- COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators Forum

The COMCEC Capital Markets Regulators (CMR) Forum serves as a regular platform exerting efforts towards increasing coordination and cooperation in the fields of regulatory and legal infrastructure among the Member Countries. The Forum has convened thirteen times so far. The 14th COMCEC CMR Forum was held on 15 October 2025. Detailed information about the efforts of the Forum is available on the Forum's website (<http://www.comceccmr.org/>).

Welcoming the involvement of 14 Member Countries in the COMCEC Real Estate Electronic Platform (GEFAS Platform) within the framework of the Capital Markets Regulatory Forum, the 40th Session of the COMCEC requested the Forum Secretariat to expedite the necessary legal, administrative, and technical work towards having a full-fledged Real Estate Electronic Platform and invited the Member Countries, which have not done

so yet, to identify their authorized bodies as well as notify them to the Forum's Secretariat for enhancing coordination.

Required Action(s): As the Secretariat of the Forum, the Capital Markets Board of Türkiye is expected to brief the Session on the recent developments regarding the endeavours of the Forum. The Session will discuss the issue and take necessary action.

- OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum

Since its inception, the OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum has been providing a regular platform to discuss monetary, banking, and financial matters, while also intensifying efforts to deepen the cooperation and coordination among Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the OIC Member Countries. Within this framework, the 6th Meeting of the OIC-COMCEC Central Banks Forum was held on 28-29 September 2025 in İstanbul, Türkiye. Detailed information about the efforts of the Forum is available on the Forum's website (<http://comceccentralbanks.org/>).

Furthermore, commending training and capacity building programs, particularly on Islamic banking and finance, financial stability and monetary policy, organized by SESRIC for the benefit of Central Banks and Monetary Authorities of the Member States, the 39th COMCEC Ministerial Session requested SESRIC to continue organizing such activities for the benefit of the relevant national institutions of the Member States within the framework of the Central Banks Capacity Building Programme (CB-CaB).

Required Action(s): As the Secretariat of the Forum, the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye is expected to inform the Session about the activities of the Forum.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Improving Transport and Communications

Efficient and inclusive transport and communication networks serve as the backbone of sustainable economic development with the facilitation of mobility of people, goods, services and information. Well-functioning and integrated transport infrastructures also enable higher productivity through lower logistics costs, inventory savings, and access to larger supply and labour markets as well as reduces travel time. Therefore, the existence of a functional transportation system is highly important for economic growth.

In this regard, COMCEC Transport and Communications Working Group (TCWG) devoted its 24th and 25th Meetings in 2025 with the theme of "Enhancing and Sustaining Rural Accessibility in the OIC Member Countries" in line with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of the COMCEC.

Regarding the projects supported under the COMCEC Project Funding, The Gambia implemented the project titled "Strengthening Human and Institutional Capacity for Data Identification, Analysis, and Monitoring to Track Transport Sector Emissions in The Gambia and OIC Countries" in partnership with Senegal, Sierra Leone, Türkiye and Nigeria in 2025.

Required Action(s): The CCO will brief the Session on the outcomes of the 24th and 25th Meetings of the TCWG, the projects being implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding as well as other developments regarding the cooperation in this field.

AGENDA ITEM 9

Developing a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism Sector

Tourism industry, which plays a crucial role in the economic and social structure of countries, is one of the important areas of cooperation for the COMCEC. In line with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of the COMCEC, the Tourism Working Group (TWG) conducted its 24th and 25th Meetings in 2025 with the theme of “Improving the Quality and Sustainability of Heritage Tourism in OIC Countries”.

Regarding the projects supported under the COMCEC Project Funding, seven projects have been implemented by Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Uganda and SESRIC in 2025, and 13 Member Countries have benefited from these projects.

The 13th OIC/COMCEC Private Sector Tourism Forum was held on October 8th, 2025.

Required Action(s): The CCO will brief the Session on the outcomes of the 24th and 25th Meetings and the projects implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding as well as other developments regarding the cooperation in this field.

AGENDA ITEM 10

Increasing Productivity of Agriculture Sector and Sustaining Food Security

Agriculture is one of the significant cooperation areas defined in the COMCEC Strategy. In line with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of the COMCEC, the 24th and 25th Meetings of the COMCEC Agriculture Working Group were held in 2025 with the theme of “Strengthening the Resilience of Family Farmers and Small-Scale Producers in the Agriculture and Food Sector in OIC Member Countries”.

Concerning the projects supported under the COMCEC Project Funding, 6 projects are being implemented by Benin, Azerbaijan, Egypt; The Gambia, Niger, and SESRIC in 2025 in agriculture domain and 11 Member Countries will benefit from the projects.

Required Action(s): The CCO will brief the Session on the outcome of the 24th and 25th Meetings of the Agriculture Working Group, the projects being implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding and other developments in this cooperation area.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Alleviating Poverty

Poverty remains at the top of the global development agenda due to regional and global political and socioeconomic challenges. Unfortunately, achievements in poverty alleviation have been adversely affected by the ongoing turbulences.

In line with the relevant resolution of the 40th Session of the COMCEC, the PAWG conducted its the 24th and 25th Meetings in 2025 with the theme of “Decent Housing for the Poor in the OIC Member Countries.”

Under the COMCEC Project Funding, SESRIC implemented the project titled “Developing an Effective Roadmap for Facilitating Digital Transition in National VET Systems in OIC Member Countries” in 2025 and 9 Member Countries in total will benefit from the project.

Required Action(s): The CCO will brief the Session on the outcomes of the 24th and 25th Meetings and the projects being implemented in 2025 under the COMCEC Project Funding.

Moreover, ongoing cooperation efforts in the area of poverty alleviation have been carried out under the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), Special Program for Development of Africa (SPDA), Vocational Education and Training Program for the OIC Member Countries (OIC- VET), and the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) and Special Program for Development of Africa (SPDA)

Following the 3rd Extraordinary Islamic Summit held in 2005, a special fund called as Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) was established under the Islamic Development Bank. Since it was officially launched in 2007, the fund has aimed to help the reduction of poverty in the Member Countries. Another important initiative of IsDB, launched in 2008, is the Special Program for Development of Africa (SPDA). Along with creating more employment, this fund aims to enhance economic growth and agricultural production in African Member Countries.

The 40th COMCEC Ministerial Session and 41st Follow-up Committee requested the IsDB Group to submit report regularly on the implementation of its programs, in particular ISFD and SPDA, to the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions and COMCEC Follow-up Committee Meetings.

Required Action(s): The IsDB Group is expected to submit reports on the implementation of the ISFD and SPDA and to inform the Session on the implementation of the aforementioned programs.

- OIC-VET Program

SESRIC has been carrying out the Vocational Education and Training Program for the OIC Member Countries (OIC-VET) since 2009 to contribute to the delivery of quality vocational education and training by relevant education authorities of the OIC Member Countries.

The 40th Session of the COMCEC commended the efforts of SESRIC in the execution of the OIC-TVET Strategic Road Map 2020-2025, requested SESRIC to continue providing regular progress updates to both COMCEC Sessions and Follow-up Committee Meetings and to identify potential challenges and propose strategic responses to ensure the continued successful implementation of the OIC-VET Programme and encouraged SESRIC to take necessary steps to prepare the OIC TVET Strategic Road Map 2026-2030.

Required Action(s): SESRIC is expected to inform the Committee on the latest developments on the implementation of the OIC-TVET Strategic Roadmap 2020-2025 and the preparations towards the successor roadmap and as well as other training activities within the scope of the OIC-VET Program.

- Implementation of SDGs

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were adopted by the UN Special Summit in September 2015, presenting a more ambitious and comprehensive global development agenda.

Commending the efforts of SESRIC in conducting annual reports on the progress towards achievement of the prioritized SDGs in the OIC Member Countries and submission to the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions on a regular basis, 40th Ministerial Session and 41st Follow-up Committee requested SESRIC to continue to carry out statistical training activities focusing on SDGs for the benefit of National Statistical Offices and relevant constituents of the national statistical systems of the Member Countries within the framework of its Statistical Capacity Building (StatCaB) Programme.

Furthermore, the 40th COMCEC Session also requested the CCO to carry on compiling the relevant OIC Institutions' activities aligned with the SDG areas for submission to the 41st Session of the COMCEC.

Required Action(s): SESRIC is expected to present its report on the progress towards achievement of the SDGs in the OIC Member Countries. The CCO will inform the Session of the activities of the relevant OIC Institutions' aligned with the prioritized SDG areas.

AGENDA ITEM 12

Cooperation on Digital Transformation

Underlining the emerging trends with respect to digital technologies in all government services in particular amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic, the 37th Session of the COMCEC decided the inclusion of digital transformation as an additional cooperation area in the COMCEC Agenda. Furthermore, the 38th Session of the COMCEC took note with appreciation the Declaration of the High-Level Meeting on "COMCEC High Level Digital Cooperation Initiative/Programme" on November 27th, 2022 on the sidelines of 38th COMCEC Session in particular the commitment of the Member Countries to continue their cooperation in this field under the "COMCEC High Level Digital Transformation Forum".

Accordingly, Digital Transformation was added to the sectoral areas to be supported under the COMCEC Project Funding (CPF). In this context, two projects were implemented under the CPF in 2024. Moreover, two projects are being implemented under the CPF in 2025. The project titled "Enhancing e-Government Capacity for Effective Public Service Delivery" is being implemented in partnership of Tajikistan and Türkiye. In addition, the project titled "Capacity Building Programme on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Public Sector Employees" was implemented by Türkiye with the participation of five beneficiary countries.

Required Action(s): As the Secretariat of the COMCEC High-Level Digital Transformation Forum, is expected to brief the Session on the Forum's endeavours.

AGENDA ITEM 13

Exchange of Views on “Developing/Improving Export Strategies in the OIC Member Countries”

Exchange of views sessions are held regularly at the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions. The 40th Session of the COMCEC decided the theme of the Ministerial Exchange of Views of the next COMCEC Session as “Developing/Improving Export Strategies in the OIC Member Countries” and requested the COMCEC Trade Working Group in its 25th Meeting, in cooperation with the relevant OIC Institutions, to come up with concrete policy recommendations on this topic and report it to the 41st COMCEC Session

In line with the above-mentioned resolution, the COMCEC Trade Working Group, in its 25th Meeting, has elaborated on the preparations for the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session and come up with some policy recommendations to be submitted to the 41th Session of the COMCEC.

Required Action(s): The CCO is expected to inform the Session of the preparations for the Exchange of Views Session including the recommendations of the Working Group to be submitted to the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session for consideration. The Session will consider the recommendations and take necessary action.

- Possible Themes for the Exchange of Views Session of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC

During its 41th Meeting, the COMCEC Follow-up Committee discussed the possible themes for the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC and requested the CCO to circulate a questionnaire to explore the Member Countries’ views on the subject and report the outcome to the 41th Session of the COMCEC.

Required Action(s): The CCO is expected to present the results of the questionnaire on the theme of the exchange of views session of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC. Accordingly, the 41th Session of the COMCEC will decide on the theme of next year’s ministerial exchange of views session.

AGENDA ITEM 14

Date of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC

The Session will decide on the dates of the 42nd Session of the COMCEC and the 42nd Meeting of the COMCEC Follow-up Committee.

Required Action(s): CCO will propose specific dates for the 42nd Session of the COMCEC and the 42nd Meeting of the Follow-up Committee. The Session will decide on the dates of the said meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 15

Any Other Business

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