

**REPORT
OF THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR
ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL COOPERATION OF THE OIC
(1-4 November 2025, İstanbul)**

1. The Forty-first Ministerial Session of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (COMCEC) was held on 1-4 November 2025 in İstanbul.
2. The Session was attended by representatives of the following Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC):
 1. People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
 2. Republic of Azerbaijan
 3. Kingdom of Bahrain
 4. People's Republic of Bangladesh
 5. Brunei Darussalam
 6. Burkina Faso
 7. Republic of Cameroon
 8. Republic of Chad
 9. Republic of Cote d'Ivoire
 10. Republic of Djibouti
 11. Arab Republic of Egypt
 12. Republic of The Gambia
 13. Republic of Guinea
 14. Republic of Indonesia
 15. Islamic Republic of Iran
 16. Republic of Iraq
 17. Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
 18. Republic of Kazakhstan
 19. The State of Kuwait
 20. Kyrgyz Republic
 21. Republic of Lebanon
 22. Libya
 23. Malaysia
 24. Republic of Maldives
 25. Republic of Mali
 26. Islamic Republic of Mauritania
 27. Kingdom of Morocco
 28. Republic of Mozambique
 29. Federal Republic of Nigeria
 30. Sultanate of Oman
 31. Islamic Republic of Pakistan
 32. The State of Palestine
 33. State of Qatar
 34. Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 35. Republic of Senegal
 36. Republic of Sierra Leone

37. Republic of the Sudan
 38. Syrian Arab Republic
 39. Republic of Tajikistan
 40. United Arab Emirates
 41. Republic of Tunisia
 42. Republic of Türkiye
 43. Turkmenistan
 44. Republic of Uganda
 45. Republic of Uzbekistan
 46. Republic of Yemen
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kingdom of Thailand, the Russian Federation, and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus participated in the Session as observers.
 4. In addition to the OIC General Secretariat and the COMCEC Coordination Office, the following OIC Organs/Institutions attended the Session:
 - 1- Association of National Development Finance Institutions in Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank (ADFIMI)
 - 2- Bayt Mal Al-Qods Acharif Agency (BMAQ)
 - 3- Standing Committee for Information And Cultural Affairs (COMIAC)
 - 4- Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries (SESRIC)
 - 5- Islamic Center for the Development of Trade (ICDT)
 - 6- Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)
 - 7- Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group
 - 8- International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC)
 - 9- Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC)
 - 10- Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD)
 - 11- Islamic Organization of Food Security (IOFS)
 - 12- Standards and Metrology Institute of Islamic Countries (SMIIC)
 - 13- Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD)
 - 14- Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC)
 - 15- OIC Arbitration Centre (OIC-AC)
 - 16- OIC Labour Centre (OIC LC)
 5. Representatives of the following International Organizations attended the Session:
 - 1- Developing Eight (D-8)
 - 2- Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
 - 3- ECO Trade and Development Bank (ECOBANK)
 - 4- Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)
 - 5- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - 6- Organization of the Black Sea Economic (BSEC)
 - 7- Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

8- Organization of Turkic States (OTS)

(A copy of the List of Participants of the Forty-first Session of the COMCEC is attached as Annex I.)

6. The Meeting of Senior Officials of the 41st COMCEC Session that preceded the Ministerial Session was held on 1-2 November 2025 in İstanbul under the Chairmanship of H.E. Abdullah Rıdvan AĞAOĞLU, Vice President of the Strategy and Budget of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye. The Senior Officials deliberated on the agenda items and prepared the Draft Resolutions for consideration by the Ministerial Session.
7. The Islamic Republic of Iran expressed its reservation with regard to the reference made in Paragraph 2 of Main Resolutions, to the concept of the “two-state solution”.
8. The 47th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the COMCEC was held virtually on 21 October 2025 with the participation of the relevant OIC Institutions.

(A copy of the report of the 47th Meeting of the Sessional Committee is attached as Annex II)

Opening Session

9. The Opening Ceremony of the 41st Session of the COMCEC, held on 3 November 2025, began with the inaugural speech of H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Türkiye and the Chairman of the COMCEC.
10. At the outset, H.E. ERDOĞAN extended his heartfelt greetings and warmest regards and welcomed all participants. H.E. ERDOĞAN highlighted his sincere wishes for the 41st Session of the COMCEC Ministerial Meeting to bring fruitful outcomes for all Member Countries, Islamic Ummah and all of humanity.
11. H.E. ERDOĞAN continued his speech by noting that the past year marked significant developments in the Middle East. H.E. ERDOĞAN expressed his appreciation for Syrian Arab Republic’s progress toward stability under the leadership of President H.E. Ahmad AL-SHARAA and stated that Türkiye remains committed to supporting the Syrian people.
12. H.E. ERDOĞAN announced the launch of a dedicated COMCEC Syria Program aimed at strengthening human and institutional capacity through targeted cooperation projects.

13. H.E. ERDOĞAN also expressed his pleasure at the participation of representatives from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). H.E. ERDOĞAN underlined that the Turkish Cypriots are an integral part of the Islamic Ummah and have long faced unlawful isolation. H.E. ERDOĞAN called on the OIC Member Countries to demonstrate stronger solidarity with the Turkish Cypriots and to support their just cause for equality and justice based on the two-state solution principle.
14. H.E. ERDOĞAN stated that the Islamic Ummah is currently experiencing one of its most challenging periods, underscoring the need for unity, wisdom, and steadfast determination. Referring to the situation in Gaza, H.E. ERDOĞAN emphasized that the large-scale attacks carried out by Israel represent one of the gravest humanitarian tragedies of the century. H.E. ERDOĞAN informed that Türkiye has been at the forefront of international efforts to address the crisis, providing over 102,000 tons of humanitarian assistance and conducting extensive diplomatic engagements to ensure the establishment of a durable ceasefire.
15. H.E. ERDOĞAN welcomed the ceasefire agreement achieved through the mediation efforts of Egypt and Qatar, expressing his appreciation to all parties that constructively contributed to the process. H.E. ERDOĞAN underlined that, although a ceasefire has been established, continued acts of aggression by Israel in Gaza and the West Bank seriously undermine the prospects for peace and stability in the region. H.E. ERDOĞAN reiterated that the ultimate goal is the establishment of an independent and sovereign State of Palestine with East Jerusalem as its capital, in line with the 1967 borders.
16. H.E. ERDOĞAN expressed his deep concern over the ongoing conflict in Sudan and the recent attacks targeting civilians in El Fasher. H.E. ERDOĞAN emphasized that ending the violence and restoring stability in Sudan is a shared responsibility of the Islamic Ummah. In this regard, H.E. ERDOĞAN called on all the OIC Member Countries to support Sudan's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence.
17. H.E. ERDOĞAN stated that Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS-OIC) operationalized in July 2022 was a historic achievement and emphasized the need for more efforts to expand the scope of the System. Moreover, H.E. ERDOĞAN stated that determination of "Developing/Improving Export Capacities in the OIC Member Countries" as the theme of the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session offers significant opportunities to discuss new avenues of cooperation in the field of trade and to establish concrete roadmaps for future collaboration.
18. Underlining the importance of SMEs, H.E. ERDOĞAN stressed that COMCEC SME Program has critical role to establish cooperation network between the SMEs of OIC Member Countries and invited those Member Countries that have not yet joined to participate in the COMCEC SME Program.
19. H.E. ERDOĞAN emphasized that halal certification presents significant opportunities for expanding trade among the OIC Member Countries. H.E. ERDOĞAN noted the

progress made by the Islamic Forum for Halal Accreditation Bodies (IFHAB) and expressed his expectation that IFHAB's activities would commence in 2026.

20. H.E. ERDOĞAN further underlined the importance of the OIC Arbitration Centre, in providing an effective platform for resolving arbitration cases and strengthening economic cooperation across the Islamic world.
21. Finally, H.E. ERDOĞAN emphasized the importance of the spirit of solidarity among the Islamic Ummah and expressed his hope for the continuity of brotherhood and wished for the 41st Ministerial Session of COMCEC yield positive outcomes.

(A copy of the text of the Inaugural Statement of H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN is attached as Annex III)

22. Following the opening statement of H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, His Excellency Dr. Hussein Ibrahim TAHA, the Secretary General of the OIC, made his statement. At the outset, H.E. TAHA conveyed his special thanks to H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, President of the Republic of Türkiye and Chairman of the COMCEC, for his continued support of the OIC programs, as well as for the arrangements made to ensure the success of the Meeting.
23. H.E. TAHA referred to the recent ceasefire agreement in Gaza, emphasizing that it is expected to end the grave violations committed by Israel and alleviate the suffering of the Palestinian people. H.E. TAHA underlined that shared prosperity cannot be achieved as long as the foundations of the Palestinian economy continue to be systematically undermined.
24. H.E. TAHA informed that the OIC General Secretariat and its institutions continue to implement the resolutions designed to enhance socio-economic cooperation among the Member Countries. H.E. TAHA noted with satisfaction the notable increase in intra-OIC trade and emphasized the need for strengthened collective efforts to strengthen trade relations among the Member Countries.
25. H.E. TAHA announced that the upcoming 2nd Conference of Ministers of Transport to be held in Türkiye and the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Energy to be hosted by Saudi Arabia in 2026, as well as the 1st OIC Forum on Investment in Africa to be held in Mali in December 2025. H.E. TAHA invited all the Member Countries to participate actively in these important initiatives.
26. H.E. TAHA drew attention to the persistent challenges of poverty and underdevelopment affecting many OIC Member Countries. H.E. TAHA emphasized that the future of the Islamic Ummah largely depends on the effective empowerment of its youth and called for the adoption of a comprehensive strategy to strengthen their economic participation and ensure sustainable development.

27. Finally, H.E. TAHA expressed his appreciation to the COMCEC Coordination Office and all relevant OIC institutions for their support in implementing socio-economic projects and extended best wishes for a productive meeting.

(A copy of the text of the Statement of the Secretary General of the OIC is attached as Annex IV)

28. The Heads of Delegations of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the State of Qatar, and the Republic of Senegal made statements on behalf of Asia, Arab and African geographical groups of the OIC, respectively, during the Opening Ceremony.
29. At the outset, H.E. Sheikh Faisal bin Thani ALTHANI, Minister of Commerce and Industry of State of Qatar, expressed his deep gratitude to H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Republic of Türkiye and the Chairman of the COMCEC as well as the Turkish government for their hospitality during the 41st Session of COMCEC. H.E. ALTHANI also extended his gratitude to the COMCEC Coordination Office for its dedicated role in enhancing economic and commercial cooperation through effective financial instruments and Working Groups. H.E. ALTHANI further conveyed his thanks on behalf of the Arab Group for the confidence placed in the State of Qatar to represent it at the Session, underlining the Arab Group's commitment to fostering solidarity and collective action to confront regional and global economic challenges.
30. H.E. ALTHANI underlined that the 41st COMCEC Session was convened at a time when the Islamic Ummah is facing multiple challenges, particularly the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. H.E. ALTHANI emphasized that development cannot be achieved without stability and stressed that unity and joint action are essential to restore security and promote sustainable development. H.E. ALTHANI further noted that global economic transformations require the OIC Member Countries to enhance cooperation under COMCEC's framework to promote intra-OIC trade and investment by overcoming the difficulties.
31. H.E. ALTHANI informed that, despite the recent global and regional crises, the economies of the OIC Member Countries demonstrate promising growth prospects, with their combined GDP projected to increase by nearly 2 trillion USD between 2025 and 2026. H.E. ALTHANI informed that the efforts of the OIC Member Countries to diversify their economies, enhance regional cooperation, and implement the Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC) contributed to a 13.56% increase in intra-OIC trade, reaching 1 trillion USD in 2024. H.E. ALTHANI commended the Republic of Türkiye for its leading role in implementing the COMCEC Strategy and Ten-Year Programme of Action (2016-2025) of the OIC and concluded by reiterating his gratitude to H.E. President ERDOĞAN, the participating delegations, and the COMCEC Coordination Office for their valuable contributions to the success of the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session.

32. H.E. Serigne GUEYE, Minister of Industry and Trade of Republic of Senegal, expressed his deep gratitude to the H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Republic of Türkiye and the Chairman of the COMCEC as well as the Turkish government for hosting the 41st Session of COMCEC and for their continued support to the OIC. H.E. GUEYE commended COMCEC's ongoing efforts to address the development priorities of the Member Countries and acknowledged the valuable contributions of the relevant OIC institutions in implementing socio-economic programs.
33. H.E. GUEYE emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation in food security and agriculture in the context of rising global food prices. H.E. GUEYE called for increased capacity-building activities and investment support to enhance agricultural productivity and ensure food security among the OIC Member Countries. H.E. GUEYE welcomed the growth in intra-OIC trade and encouraged further efforts to advance industrial development, enhance SME financing, and promote tourism, while expressing appreciation to the OIC for its support to the "Dakar, OIC Capital 2025" initiative.
34. H.E. GUEYE highlighted Senegal's new national vision, "Senegal 2050: National Transformation Agenda", which identifies industrialization as the key pillar of sustainable economic growth. H.E. invited the OIC Member Countries to invest in Senegal's strategic sectors and reaffirmed readiness of Senegal to foster mutually beneficial partnerships. In conclusion, H.E. GUEYE expressed his appreciation to the Republic of Türkiye for its continued support to the OIC and to all Member Countries contributing to the OIC's activities, and wished the participants fruitful deliberations.
35. H.E. Jam Kamal KHAN, Minister for Commerce of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, expressed his deep gratitude to H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Republic of Türkiye and the Chairman of the COMCEC as well as the Turkish government for steadfast leadership in advancing economic cooperation among the OIC Member Countries. H.E. KHAN also acknowledged the valuable role of COMCEC since its establishment in 1984 in promoting shared prosperity, solidarity, and inclusive growth across the Islamic Ummah. H.E. KHAN affirmed that the Asian Group remains firmly committed to the principles of unity, equity, and sustainable development within the framework of the OIC.
36. H.E. KHAN highlighted that digital transformation represents both an opportunity and a challenge for the OIC Member Countries. H.E. KHAN underlined that bridging disparities in broadband coverage, data governance, and cross-border payment systems is essential for all the Member Countries to fully benefit from digital transformation and economic integration. In this regard, H.E. KHAN commended the COMCEC Coordination Office and other relevant OIC institutions for their analytical and policy work in these areas.
37. H.E. KHAN emphasized that intra-OIC trade is a critical driver of economic self-reliance and urged for a fast-track plan to achieve the 25 percent intra-OIC trade target set in the OIC-2025 Programme of Action. H.E. KHAN emphasized that digital

transformation offers great opportunities for the OIC Member Countries, while calling for joint efforts under COMCEC to bridge digital divides, enhance cybersecurity, and build inclusive, resilient digital economies. In closing, H.E. KHAN reaffirmed the Asian Group's full support for COMCEC's vision and leadership expressing his confidence that collective efforts will deepen economic cooperation and digital solidarity across the Islamic Ummah.

38. After the statements on behalf of Arab, African and Asian geographical groups of the OIC, the 41st Ministerial Session of COMCEC continued with the welcoming speeches of IsDB Group, ICCD and TOBB.
39. President of the IsDB Group, H.E. Dr. Muhammad Sulaiman AL JASSER expressed his deep gratitude to the H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Republic of Türkiye and the Chairman of the COMCEC for his leadership and generous hospitality during the 41st Ministerial Session of the COMCEC. H.E. AL JASSER highlighted the complex global environment affected by prolonged conflicts, geopolitical tensions, and climate change, stressing that these challenges threaten development achievements and deepen poverty, particularly in Gaza. H.E. AL JASSER reaffirmed the IsDB Group's unwavering solidarity with the Palestinian people and its commitment to supporting Gaza's reconstruction efforts.
40. H.E. AL JASSER emphasized the significance of this year's theme, "Developing/Improving Export Strategies in the OIC Member Countries," and noted its particular relevance in the current challenging global environment. H.E. AL JASSER underlined that the IsDB Group continues its efforts to enhance trade, investment, and regional integration within the OIC framework. H.E. AL JASSER further noted that the IsDB's new 2026–2035 Strategy focuses on cross-border infrastructure, digital trade, and regulatory harmonization as key priorities to promote sustainable and inclusive growth.
41. H.E. AL JASSER informed that the IsDB's annual commitments nearly tripled to 5.11 billion USD in 2024, with total commitments exceeding 204 billion USD by mid-2025. H.E. AL JASSER added that ITFC provided 7.3 billion USD in trade financing and ICIEC insured 12.9 billion USD in trade and investment transactions, contributing significantly to intra-OIC trade and investment flows.
42. H.E. AL JASSER commended Türkiye's leadership and experience in export development, highlighting Türkiye's exemplary role for the OIC Member Countries. H.E. AL JASSER reaffirmed the IsDB Group's commitment to enhancing cooperation with COMCEC and other OIC institutions to strengthen institutional and regulatory capacities. H.E. AL JASSER concluded his statement by expressing confidence that the Session's deliberations would produce concrete results to advance trade strategies, foster cooperation, and promote the prosperity of OIC Member Countries.

(A Copy of the text of the Statement of the IsDB Group President is attached as Annex V)

43. H.E. Abdullah bin Saleh KAMEL, the President of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) emphasized the strategic importance of the halal industry as a key pillar of economic growth and integration among the OIC Member Countries. H.E. KAMEL noted that the sector has evolved into a global industry with significant potential and stressed the need to strengthen its institutional, legislative, and regulatory frameworks to ensure sustainable expansion.
44. H.E. KAMEL further highlighted the complementary role of Islamic finance in advancing sustainable economic growth and promoting financial inclusion across the Islamic Ummah. H.E. KAMEL emphasized that the alignment of the halal industry with Islamic financial instruments provides an integrated framework for fostering trade, investment, and entrepreneurship among the OIC Member Countries.
45. H.E. KAMEL concluded by reaffirming the ICCD's commitment to supporting initiatives that enhance cooperation, build institutional capacity, and strengthen private sector engagement in the halal economy and Islamic finance sectors, thereby contributing to inclusive and sustainable development among the OIC Member Countries.

(A copy of the text of the Statement of the President of the ICCD is attached as Annex VI)

46. H.E. Rifat HİSARCIKLIOĞLU, President of the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye (TOBB) and the Vice-President of the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD) made a speech at the Opening Ceremony.
47. H.E. HİSARCIKLIOĞLU highlighted that the world is experiencing profound uncertainty and instability, with a fragile global economy and rising protectionist tendencies, and emphasized that these challenges can only be addressed through unity, solidarity, and collective action within the Islamic Ummah.
48. H.E. HİSARCIKLIOĞLU noted that trade cooperation is a key means to foster peace, stability, and mutual understanding among the Member Countries, and called on OIC Member Countries to remove trade barriers, including visa and quota restrictions, to strengthen economic integration and achieve shared prosperity.
49. H.E. HİSARCIKLIOĞLU further stated that the OIC Arbitration Centre in İstanbul, established under the auspices of President ERDOĞAN, has completed its institutional set-up and is ready to facilitate trade and investment dispute resolution, inviting all the Member Countries to actively utilize the Centre.

(A copy of the text of the Statement of the President of TOBB is attached as Annex VII)

Ministerial Working Session

50. The Ministerial Working Session of the 41st Session of the COMCEC was held on 3 November 2025, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Cevdet YILMAZ, Vice President of

the Republic of Türkiye with the theme “Developing/Improving Export Strategies in the OIC Member Countries.”

51. The Session adopted the Agenda of the 41st Session of the COMCEC.
52. Following the adoption of the agenda, H.E. Abdullah Rıdvan AĞAOĞLU, Vice President of the Strategy and Budget of the Republic of Türkiye, as the Chairman of the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), informed the Session on the outcomes of the Senior Officials Meeting as well as the policy recommendations on “Developing/Improving Export Strategies in the OIC Member Countries” deliberated by the SOM and submitted to the consideration of the Ministerial Session.
53. Following the presentation of H.E. AĞAOĞLU, Dr. Sherine TAHA, Deputy Manager at the Egyptian Exporters Association (EXPOLINK), delivered a keynote speech on recent trends in developing/improving export strategies.
54. At the outset, Dr. TAHA highlighted that global trade environment has become increasingly fragile under rising protectionism, geopolitical tensions, and shifting trade policies. Dr. TAHA stressed that these dynamics pose additional risks for the OIC Member Countries, underscoring the need for greater resilience and stronger collective action to sustain long-term trade growth.
55. Dr. TAHA highlighted that, despite notable progress over the past decade, the overall trade performance of OIC Member Countries remains below its full potential. She emphasized that the export structure continues to rely on a limited range of products and markets—primarily hydrocarbons—and noted that growth in non-oil exports has yet to result in meaningful diversification or a shift toward higher value-added production across the Member Countries.
56. Dr. TAHA stressed that the lack of technological progress and limited industrial capacity continue to undermine export competitiveness in many OIC Member Countries. Dr. TAHA noted that high-technology exports still account for only a small share of total exports, and that weak supply-chain linkages, overlapping trade agreements, and differences in production structures prevent the Member Countries from developing strong regional value chains and fully benefiting from intra-OIC trade.
57. At the end of her speech, Dr. TAHA emphasized that closer integration into global and regional value chains is essential for boosting competitiveness, diversifying exports, and advancing industrial development. Dr. TAHA noted that clear national export strategies (NES), better logistics and trade facilitation, and improved access to trade finance—particularly for SMEs—stand as key priorities for advancing export performance.
58. Afterwards, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations of the Member Countries made statements and interventions on their country experiences with respect to the theme of the Ministerial Exchange of Views Session. They highlighted actions taken to overcome key challenges in developing export strategies and strengthening institutional capacity,

and emphasized that enhanced cooperation among OIC Member Countries is vital for advancing export performance.

Closing Session

59. The Closing Session of the 41st Session of the COMCEC was held on 4 November 2025 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Cevdet YILMAZ, Vice President of the Republic of Türkiye.
60. Mr. Yousaf JUNAID, Ambassador of Pakistan to Türkiye, as the Rapporteur, summarized the salient points in the Resolutions.
61. The Session adopted the Resolutions OIC/COMCEC/41-25/RES.
62. Afterwards, Dr. Ahmad Kawesa SENGENDO, Assistant Secretary-General of OIC for Economic Affairs, in his closing statement, congratulated the 41st Session of the COMCEC for its successful organization, emphasizing the shared commitment of the OIC Member Countries to advance economic development, strengthen intra-OIC cooperation, and promote inclusive and sustainable growth.
63. H.E. SENGENDO expressed his deep gratitude to the Republic of Türkiye, the COMCEC Coordination Office, and relevant OIC institutions for organizing side events, particularly in support of Syria's reconstruction and development. H.E. SENGENDO also commended the efforts aimed at strengthening the private sector's role in advancing the socio-economic development of the OIC Member Countries.
64. H.E. SENGENDO called for continued support for Palestine, stressing the need for sustained humanitarian aid and an effective reconstruction strategy for Gaza. Afterwards, H.E. SENGENDO extended his deep gratitude to the H.E. Recep Tayyip ERDOĞAN, the President of the Republic of Türkiye and the Chairman of the COMCEC and Government of Türkiye for their hospitality. H.E. SENGENDO also conveyed his appreciation to H.E. Cevdet YILMAZ, Vice President of the Republic of Türkiye, for his chairmanship during the session, commending the COMCEC Coordination Office for its efforts. H.E. SENGENDO concluded his closing statement by wishing for the success of the Member Countries' commitment in the service of the Islamic Ummah and humanity.
65. H.E. Bassel ABDULLHANNAN, Deputy Minister of Economy and Industry of Syrian Arab Republic, expressed his deep gratitude to the Republic of Türkiye and the COMCEC Secretariat for their warm hospitality and the timely organization of the Session.
66. H.E. ABDULLHANNAN underlined that Syria is returning to the international economic arena with strong determination and will. H.E. ABDULLHANNAN also stressed that their participation in the 41st COMCEC Session affirms Syria's commitment to strengthening economic relations with the OIC Member Countries.

67. Finally, H.E. Cevdet YILMAZ, Vice President of the Republic of Türkiye, delivered the closing statement, expressing his gratitude to all delegates, international organization representatives, and participants for their contributions to the 41st COMCEC Ministerial Session, and highlighting COMCEC's role in promoting development-focused programs and projects for the Islamic world.
68. On the margins of the 41st COMCEC Session, H.E. YILMAZ highlighted the focus on Syria's reconstruction following its rejoining of the OIC and noted a series of special events addressing cooperation opportunities within this process. H.E. YILMAZ expressed appreciation for the initiation of the Capacity-Building Program for Syria, covering training, expert exchanges, needs assessments, field studies, feasibility analyses, and institutional twinning, and wished for its successful implementation.
69. H.E. YILMAZ noted that the Gaza ceasefire, supported by regional countries, has provided relief to Gazans after two years of conflict, and stressed the need to support Gaza's reconstruction and monitor progress on OIC and other international platforms.
70. H.E. YILMAZ noted that the theme "Developing/Improving Export Capacities in the OIC Member Countries" was elaborated during the Exchange of Views Session in 41st COMCEC Session, expressing his beliefs on the discussions conducted to contribute to strengthening the export capacities of the Member Countries and enhancing their effectiveness.
71. H.E. YILMAZ emphasized the importance of TPS-OIC as a flagship trade initiative under COMCEC, welcomed its expansion and the initiation of new negotiations in 2026, and encouraged all Member Countries to join the System. Moreover, H.E. YILMAZ expressed his commitment to making the OIC Arbitration Centre one of the world's leading arbitration centers through active member participation and highlighted the importance of recognizing Multilateral Recognition Arrangements (MRAs) and operationalizing IFHAB based on SMIIC standards.
72. H.E. YILMAZ concluded by thanking all Member Country delegations, the OIC General Secretariat, the COMCEC Coordination Office, OIC institutions, and other international organizations for their active and valuable contributions.

(The text of the Closing Statement of H.E. Cevdet YILMAZ is attached as Annex VIII)

Side Events/Special Sessions

73. The OIC Business Leaders' Summit was organized with the theme of "The Private Sector as a Strategic Partner for Sustainable Development," on 2 November 2025, by the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Development (ICCD), in collaboration with COMCEC and the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Türkiye. The Summit will be regularly organized on the margins of COMCEC Ministerial Sessions, with the title of "B57+".

74. Ministerial Working Breakfast, focusing on recovery and reconstruction efforts in Syria, was hosted by H.E. Cevdet YILMAZ, Vice President of the Republic of Türkiye, on 4 November 2025 with the participation Honorable Ministers and Heads of Delegations of the OIC Member Countries and relevant OIC Institutions. This high level gathering provided an opportunity to the elaboration of possible contributions of the Member Countries and the relevant OIC Institutions to the endeavours of Syrian Arab Republic.
75. The Panel on “The Role of Institutional and Human Capacity in Rebuilding Process: The Case of Syrian Arab Republic” was held on 2 November 2025. The session was moderated by Prof. Dr. Mesut ÖZCAN, the Chair of Diplomacy Academy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye. H.E. Ambassador Mehmet GÜLLÜOĞLU, Prof. Dr. Habib AHMED (Durham University), Dr. Younes ABOUYOUB (United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UN-ESCWA)) and Mr. El-Mansour VETEN (Qatar Charity) participated as panelists. The discussion focused on the importance of institutional and human capacity in Syria’s recovery and examined the roles of key stakeholders, including public institutions, academia, civil society, and international organizations.
76. The Panel on “Revitalization of Economic Activities in Rural Areas of Syrian Arab Republic” was also held on 2 November 2025. The session was moderated by Dr. Sinan HATAHET from Omran Center for Strategic Studies. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Thameur CHAIBI (National Research Institute for Agricultural Engineering of Tunisia), Prof. Aykut GÜL (Çukurova University) and Mr. Mehmet Okan ATEŞ (Agricultural Credit Cooperatives of Türkiye) participated as panelists. The discussion focused on revitalizing rural agriculture, strengthening infrastructure, expanding employment opportunities, and promoting inclusive development mechanisms.
77. The Panel on “Mobilizing Economic and Social Development Dynamics: The Case of Syrian Arab Republic” was held on 4 November 2025. The session was moderated by Dr. Mehmet KÖSE from Africa Foundation. Mr. Salah JELASSI (Islamic Development Bank), Prof. Dr. Mehmet ASUTAY (Durham University) and Mr. Halit ACAR (Foreign Economic Relation Board) participated as the panelists. The panel focused on key economic and social development challenges in the reconstruction process, with particular emphasis on infrastructure, production and employment, social cohesion, and the delivery of social services.
78. All documents submitted to the 41st Session of COMCEC will be available on the COMCEC Web Site (www.comcec.org).
