

Brief by CCO on the TPS-OIC TNC Meeting
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Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Assalamualaikum ve Rahmetullahi ve Berakatuh,

- Today, as the co-Secretariat of the TNC, we would like to present very brief background and the recent developments regarding the Trade Preferential System among the OIC Member States (TPS-OIC), a flagship project of COMCEC.
- As it is well-known, the idea for establishing a trade preferential system within the OIC dates back to late 1980s. In this regard, the TPS-OIC aims to increase intra-OIC trade and plays a significant role in enhancing economic and commercial cooperation among the member our members.
- Considering the importance of preferential trade agreements as an initial step toward regional economic integration, the System has the potential to serve as main enabler for more advanced trade arrangements.
- TPS-OIC is based on three agreements namely the Framework Agreement as the basic legal document of TPS-OIC, The PRETAS that completes the Framework Agreement and the TPS-OIC Rules of Origin.
- In accordance with basic documents, Member Countries have to fulfill two conditions at the same time to make the TPS-OIC operational:
 - **Firstly**, they have to sign and ratify all three TPS-OIC Agreements and
 - **Secondly** they must submit their concession lists to the TNC Secretariat.
- For successful implementation of the System, the Member Countries are required to undertake some internal measures, such as printing the TPS-OIC Certificate of Origin documents, conveying specimen impressions of stamps to the TNC Secretariat and completing the necessary internal legislative and administrative measures.
- As you kindly recall, in line with the relevant decisions/resolutions of the TNC and the COMCEC Ministerial Sessions, the System has become fully operational as of 1 July 2022.
- As the co-secretariat of TNC, CCO established an online communication platform to better communicate with the TPS-OIC Focal Points regarding the latest developments concerning the System along with the diplomatic channels.
- Following the operationalization of the System, a series of TNC Meetings were held in 2022 and 2023 respectively to elaborate some practical issues for the effective implementation of the System.
- Moreover, Ministerial Working Breakfast Meetings were held in 2022 and 2023, respectively to discuss the issues on the effective implementation of TPS-OIC and the vision towards the initiation of new rounds of negotiations to expand the scope of TPS-OIC.

- Within this framework, the 3rd Ministerial Meeting of TPS-OIC TNC Meeting was held at in 2024 to initiate a new round for expanding the scope of the System.
- On the other hand, the 40th COMCEC Session welcomed the decisions adopted at the said TNC Meeting and requested the continuation of technical reviews in 2025 to explore the potential expansion of TPS-OIC through broader product coverage and the inclusion of new areas disciplines.
- The 41st COMCEC Follow-up Committee welcomed the offer of the Republic of Türkiye to host a TNC Meeting to elaborate on the potential expansion of TPS-OIC and called upon the Member Countries, which have signed and ratified the Framework Agreement to actively participate in this meeting. Other member countries, which are not party to the Framework Agreement, were also invited to participate as observers.
- In this regard, the TPS-OIC TNC Meeting was held in Ankara on 1-2 October 2025 under the auspices of the Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye in order to elaborate on the potential expansion of TPS-OIC. The meeting was attended by Member Countries that signed and ratified the Framework Agreement as well as other non-party Member Countries as observer.
- The said TNC decided to initiate preliminary discussions in the period ahead on the following issues with a view to explore the possibilities of the expansion of the TPS-OIC; such as challenges in implementation of PRETAS, possible expansion areas and objectives, legal considerations and Institutional matters.
- During the 41st COMCEC Session, the Republic of Türkiye proposed to host the next TNC Meeting on 3-4 February 2026 to initiate preliminary discussions on these four (4) issues, with the participation of the Member Countries that are parties to the Framework Agreement, while other interested Member Countries were invited to participate as observers.
- In this regard, as the TNC Secretariat, we communicated all invitations and all the relevant documents to the Member Countries through diplomatic channels in compliance with the TNC Rules of Procedures.
- We would also like to inform the august house that a special online platform providing all necessary information on the implementation of the TPS-OIC for the use of Member Countries has been established in line with relevant decision of the last TNC Meeting,
- As the TNC Secretariat, we are also continuing our efforts through awareness raising activities with a view to widening the membership composition of the System for the utilization of the benefits of the System by a greater number of member countries.
- In this regard, after the last TNC meeting an awareness-raising workshop for the benefit of the Arab and Asian Groups in the process of joining the TPS-OIC was organized on 13 January 2026.
- In the period ahead, we will remain committed to serve Member Countries in addressing their needs for the effective implementation of the TPS-OIC.

Thank you Ms. Chairman