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REPORT
OF THE TPS-OIC TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
(3-4 February 2026, Virtual Meeting)

1. The Trade Preferential System among the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) Meeting, hosted by the Republic of Türkiye, was held in a virtual-only format on 3-4 February 2026.
2. The OIC Member Countries, the OIC General Secretariat, the TNC Secretariat, namely COMCEC Coordination Office (CCO) and ICDT, SESRIC, SMIIC and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) General Secretariat attended the Meeting:

(Copy of the List of Participants is attached as Annex I.)

3. The Meeting started with a recitation from the Holy Quran.
4. The Meeting was inaugurated and chaired by Ms. Aylin BEBEKOĞLU, Deputy Director General of International Agreements and the EU Affairs, Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye.

(Copy of the text of the statement of Ms. Aylin BEBEKOĞLU is attached as Annex II.)

Adoption of the Agenda

5. The Agenda of the Meeting was adopted.

(Copy of the agenda is attached as Annex III.)

Brief by TNC Secretariat on the Recent Developments regarding TPS-OIC

6. Under this agenda item, the TNC Secretariat, the CCO and the ICDT, presented the recent developments regarding the TPS-OIC.

(Copy of the briefs by CCO and ICDT are attached as Annex IV and Annex V respectively.)

7. Recalling the relevant decisions of TNC Meeting, which was held in Ankara on 1-2 October 2025, the Committee commended the TNC Secretariat for the launch of special online access where all necessary information regarding the implementation of TPS-OIC is available for utilization of the Member States as of January 2026 and the conduct of an awareness-raising workshop on 13 January, 2026 for the benefit of the Arab and Asian Groups of the OIC that are in the process of joining the System.
8. The Committee requested the TNC Secretariat to continue their endeavors and report thereon to upcoming TNC Meetings.
9. Accordingly, the Meeting was then addressed by Heads of the Delegation of the Member Countries namely Kingdom of Morocco, Indonesia, Malaysia, Kuwait, Türkiye, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iran, and State of Qatar.

10. Recalling the relevant decisions of TNC, hosted by the Republic of Türkiye, in Ankara on 1-2 October 2025, the Committee welcomed the brief made by SMIIC on potential incorporation of the OIC/SMIIC standards into the TPS-OIC process and requested SMIIC to continue its efforts in cooperation with TNC Secretariat.

Preliminary Discussions on Possible Expansion Areas and Objectives, Legal Considerations and Institutional Matters

11. The Committee took note of the views expressed by the Member Countries regarding possible expansion of the TPS-OIC, including the differing levels of readiness and approaches among the Members, ranging from those in favor of a more proactive expansion agenda to those advocating a gradual and cautious approach.
12. The Committee also took note that several Member Countries expressed their readiness to advance discussions on the expansion of the TPS-OIC, including through consideration of broader product coverage and the addition of new disciplines, while others emphasized the importance of further analysis and studies of current implementation of the Agreements before moving forward.
13. The Committee discussed that expanding product coverage and exploring the inclusion of new disciplines constitute common areas of interest, while also stressing the importance of taking into consideration implementation experience and capacity considerations of Member Countries.
14. Taking note of the proposal made by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Committee requested the TNC Secretariat, in collaboration with the Republic of Türkiye and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as other interested Member Countries, to prepare and circulate two sets of questionnaires by mid-March, 2026 with a view to collecting a broad range of views on the main pillars, scope and modalities of a possible expansion of the TPS-OIC and on implementation issues, and report thereon to the next TNC Meeting.
15. The Committee decided that the responses to the questionnaire will serve as an important input for structuring future discussions on possible expansion areas.
16. The TNC agreed to structure its future meetings in a thematic manner, in line with the mandate endorsed by the COMCEC Ministerial Session focusing sequentially on:
 - a. challenges in the implementation of PRETAS and the current TPS-OIC framework,
 - b. possible expansion areas and objectives,
 - c. legal considerations and institutional matters.
17. The Committee decided to commence its thematic work by prioritizing discussions on the challenges in the implementation of the current TPS-OIC with a view to identifying concrete issues, requesting further technical input from the Secretariat where necessary.
18. The Committee also decided to resume discussions on possible expansion areas and objectives at a subsequent meeting, taking into account the results of the questionnaire and the lessons drawn from the analysis of current implementation.

19. The Committee agreed to address legal considerations and institutional matters ahead of the next COMCEC Ministerial Session and to report thereon to the COMCEC for guidance.

Consideration of Status of Implementation of TPS-OIC and the Experiences/Challenges of the Participating States That Have Submitted Their Concession Lists and Possible Solutions for the Effective Implementation of the TPS-OIC

20. The Participating States have shared their experiences regarding the implementation of TPS-OIC and discussed the challenges for the effective execution of the System.
21. Underlining the importance of smooth implementation of the TPS-OIC, the Committee requested the TNC Secretariat to organize capacity-building activities for Customs Administrations of interested Participating States.

Any Other Business

22. No issues were raised under this agenda item.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

23. The Committee welcomed the offer of the Republic of Türkiye to host the next TNC Meeting. The exact dates and venue of the Meeting will be communicated in due course.

Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

24. Heads of the Delegations of the OIC Member Countries adopted the Report of the Meeting.

Closing

25. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.