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REPORT
OF THE TPS-OIC TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE
(14 October 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 14 October 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.)

Statements by Heads of Delegations

6. Accordingly, the Meeting was then addressed by Heads of the Delegation of the Member Countries namely Türkiye, Kingdom of Morocco, Malaysia, and State of Kuwait.

Presentation by TNC Secretariat on the updated results of the questionnaires

7. Under this agenda item, recalling the relevant discussions at the TNC Meeting, which was virtually held on 1 July 2026, regarding the submission of responses to the questionnaires by the Member Countries that had not yet submitted their responses, with a deadline of 31 August 2026, CCO, as the co-secretariat of the TNC, presented the updated findings of the said questionnaires.

(*Copy of the presentations by CCO is attached as Annex IV.)*

8. Welcoming the presentation made by the TNC Secretariat and taking note of the findings of the questionnaires, the Committee recognized that the implementation experience of Participating States provides useful guidance for considering the future development and possible expansion of the TPS-OIC, with a view to enhancing its effective utilization and commercial relevance.

9. Taking into consideration reported technical and operational issues related to the implementation of the System, the Committee requested the Participating States to take the necessary steps for the smooth implementation of the System.

Discussions on Possible Expansion Areas and Objectives for TPS-OIC

10. Recalling the structure agreed at the TNC Meeting held on 3–4 February 2026 for the thematic consideration of the future development of the TPS-OIC, the Committee held preliminary discussions on possible expansion areas and objectives, taking into account the findings of the questionnaires and the views expressed by Participating States.

11. Reaffirming the importance of strengthening the TPS-OIC with a view to increasing its effective utilization, enhancing its commercial relevance and contributing to the expansion of intra-OIC trade, the Committee recognized that future work should proceed in a gradual, inclusive and pragmatic manner, taking into account the priorities, different levels of readiness and capacities of Participating States.

12. With regard to trade in goods, the Committee noted broad interest in further exploring ways to enhance the existing framework, including through wider product coverage and more meaningful utilization of the preferences available under the System.

13. The Committee noted considerable interest in further work on trade facilitation, including the simplification of customs and certification procedures, greater transparency, digitalization, enhanced exchange of trade-related information and increased cooperation among relevant authorities.

14. Taking note of the interest expressed by a number of Participating States in exploring cooperation in trade in services and investments and recognizing the different levels of readiness among Participating States regarding its possible scope and modalities, the Committee agreed to further consider these areas in its future discussions.

15. The Committee recognized digitalization as a cross-cutting issue relevant both to improving the effective implementation of the existing TPS-OIC framework and to its possible future development.

16. Emphasized the importance of technical assistance and capacity-building in supporting the effective implementation of all Participating States in the TPS-OIC, particularly in areas requiring enhanced institutional, technical or digital capacities, the Committee encouraged the TNC Secretariat and relevant OIC institutions to take into account the capacity-building needs identified by Participating States in planning future activities.

17. Taking note of the discussions and survey results indicating a degree of convergence in certain areas, along with the need for further consideration in others, the Committee agreed to continue its work in a step-by-step manner, based on areas of common interest while allowing sufficient time for Participating States to further consider issues on which their priorities and levels of readiness differ.

18. The Committee requested the TNC Secretariat, in collaboration with interested Member Countries, to prepare, on the basis of the questionnaire results and the views expressed by Participating States during the Meeting, a non-binding and an evolving document entitled "Draft Elements for the Possible Expansion of the TPS-OIC." The Committee expressed

its appreciation to Republic of Türkiye to express their readiness to prepare the zero draft of the said document.

19. The Committee requested the TNC Secretariat to circulate the document well in advance of the next TNC Meeting in order to allow sufficient time for Participating States to review the document and undertake their internal consultations.

20. The Committee is looking forward to Draft Elements by the next meeting with a view to progressively building greater convergence on the scope, objectives and key elements that could possibly guide future negotiations on the expansion of the TPS-OIC.

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

21. Taking note of the capacity building and experience sharing needs expressed by some Member Countries, the Committee invited Member Countries to convey their requests, if any, to the Secretariat within one month, so that the Secretariat can arrange said technical and capacity building activities in a timely manner.

22. The Committee took note of the practical proposals presented by the Sultanate of Oman to facilitate the effective implementation of the TPS-OIC, including electronic Certificates of Origin, updated concession lists, national contact points, applicable preferential tariff rates, capacity building and implementation follow-up. The Committee welcomed Oman's readiness to submit these proposals and related technical assistance requests to the Secretariat in writing within one month.

Any Other Business

23. No issues were raised under this agenda item.

Date and Venue of the Next Meeting

24. The Committee welcomed the offer of the Republic of Türkiye to host the next TNC Meeting on "Possible Expansion Areas and Objectives" in February 2027. The exact date and venue of the Meeting will be communicated by the TNC Secretariat in due course.

Adoption of the Report of the Meeting

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

Closing

26. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks.