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DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRD MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE TPS-OIC TRADE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE (İstanbul, 10-11 June 2024)

1. The Third Ministerial Meeting of the Trade Preferential System among the Member Countries of the OIC (TPS-OIC) Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC), hosted by the Republic of Türkiye, was held in İstanbul on 10-11 June 2024.

2. The OIC Member Countries, relevant OIC organs/institutions and international organizations attended the Meeting:

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

3. The Senior Officials Meeting was chaired by H.E. Hüsnü DİLEMRE, Director General of International Agreements and EU Affairs, Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye.

Ministerial Session

4. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Prof Dr. Ömer BOLAT, Honorable Minister of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye.

(Copy of the text of the statement of H.E. Prof Dr. Ömer BOLAT is attached as Annex II.)

5. The message of H.E. Hissein Brahim TAHA, Secretary General of OIC, was read out by H.E. Dr. Ahmad K. SENGENDO, Assistant Secretary General for Economic Affairs of the OIC Secretariat.

(Copy of the text of the statement of H.E. Hissein Brahim TAHA is attached as Annex III.)

Adoption of the Agenda

6. The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

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

7. The meeting was then addressed by Honorable Ministers and Heads of the Delegations of the Member Countries.

Presentations by the co-Secretariats of Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC)

8. TNC co-Secretariats provided a brief account of information about background and current status of the System. The participants shared their observations and experiences on the implementation of TPS-OIC Agreements.

(Copy of presentations are attached as Annex V.)

Presentation by Türkiye on Initial Discussions on a draft "Negotiation Strategy and Work Programme for Potential Expansion of TPS-OIC"

9. The Republic of Türkiye presented the summary of the initial discussions on a draft "Negotiation Strategy and Work Programme for Potential Expansion of TPS-OIC"

(The proposal of the Republic of Türkiye is attached as Annex VI.)

10. The TNC Secretariat was instructed to conduct a study on the benefits, challenges, and potentials of the TPS-OIC, in cooperation with the interested OIC Institutions, by taking into consideration international best practices.

11. Furthermore, regarding the potential expansion of the TPS-OIC, TNC Secretariat was also assigned to prepare, in consultation with the OIC General Secretariat, a legal explanatory note on the date of entry into force of the TPS-OIC Agreements.

12. Taking note of the unique situation of the countries that are party to other arrangements and the need to avail such countries time to consider signing of the PRETAS and the Protocol on Rules of Origin, the Member States were invited to share their experiences on how to address such unique situation.

Adoption of the İstanbul Ministerial Declaration

12. Honorable Ministers and Heads of the Delegations of the OIC Member Countries adopted İstanbul Ministerial Declaration.

(The adopted İstanbul Ministerial Declaration is attached as Annex VII.)

Any Other Business

Adoption of the Meeting Report

13. Honorable Ministers and Heads of the Delegations of the OIC Member Countries considered and adopted the Report of the Third Ministerial Meeting of the TPS-OIC Trade Negotiating Committee.

Vote of Thanks

14. The participating delegations wholeheartedly thanked the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the co-Secretariats of the TNC for the excellent arrangements made for this important meeting and the warm hospitality extended to them during their stay in İstanbul.