

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE DEVELOPING-8 ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION (D-8)
AND
THE STANDARDS AND METROLOGY INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC COUNTRIES
(SMIIC)
ON COOPERATION**

THE PARTIES TO THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, the Secretariat of the Developing Eight Organization for Economic Cooperation (hereinafter "D-8"), an international organization for economic development cooperation, located at Darüşşafaka Caddesi Seba Center, No: 45, Kat: 3 Istinye 34460, Sarıyer-Istanbul/Türkiye, represented by its Secretary-General, Ambassador İsiaka Abdulqadir IMAM, and the General Secretariat of the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (hereinafter "SMIIC"), an intergovernmental organization, with headquarters at İstanbul Dünya Ticaret Merkezi A1 Blok No: 437-438 K:14 Yeşilköy, Bakırköy-İstanbul/Türkiye , 34149, represented by its Secretary General, Mr. İhsan ÖVÜT;

CONSIDERING:

That the D-8 is an international organization for development cooperation among the following countries: Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, and Türkiye aiming to improve its member states' position in the global economy, diversify and create new opportunities in trade relations, enhance participation in decision-making at the international level, and improve standards of living;

That the SMIIC is affiliated to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and is a mechanism for the harmonization of standards among the OIC Member States and for the preparation of new ones, aims at realizing harmonized standards in the Member States and eliminating technical barriers to trade, whilst developing intra-OIC trade and aiding to take further part in international trade;

The D-8 and SMIIC hereinafter collectively referred to as the 'Parties' and individually as 'Party';

HAVE AGREED to enter into the present Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

**ARTICLE 1
OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the present Memorandum are:

- i- To promote communication between the two Parties.

- ii- To promote cooperation and exchange of information about standardization and related activities between the two Parties, including through sharing documents, where and when applicable, that may be relevant to the work of the Parties.
- iii- To coordinate stances in regional and international arenas in relation to issues of common interests in the field of standardization and its related activities.
- iv- To promote mutual understanding of the roles, functions, and specialization of each Party in the area of standardization.
- v- To avoid duplication of work efforts, where possible.
- vi- To promote a broader awareness in the field of standardization and related activities.
- vii- To organize meetings on a regular basis or as necessary to address matters of common interest, which may include Member States of the two Parties.
- viii- To organize and implement joint projects.
- ix- To strengthen cooperation with other countries, regional and international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, with a view to promoting the concerns and interests of the developing countries through their potential involvement in the joint activities organized by the two Parties.
- x- To further strengthen economic, social, technical, and scientific ties among the Parties.

ARTICLE 2 SCOPE OF COOPERATION

- i- Exchange of information on annual programs and plans of the SMIIC's technical committees and information on activities in developing standards specifications and technical regulations.
- ii- Publish matters having relation to joint programs, projects and activities.
- iii- Organize capacity-building programs in the field of standardization and its related activities through activities enumerated in the subsequent Article of the present Memorandum.
- iv- Convene joint events, meetings, and other similar activities on the halal industry and other relevant industries of common interest.
- v- Conduct joint research projects in industrial and technical areas to facilitate trade and industrial development.

ARTICLE 3
TRAINING, WORKSHOPS, AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Two Parties undertake to collaborate in the following fields to promote capacity building program:

- i- Organizing training in the field of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment, accreditation, and quality.
- ii- Organizing seminars, workshops, and field visits to exchange experiences in the areas of standardization, metrology, conformity assessment, accreditation, and quality.
- iii- Exchanging information on information technology programs, challenges, and their solutions, awareness campaigns in the field of standardization, and related activities, including bulletins, periodicals, studies, and statistics.

ARTICLE 4
FINANCIAL PROVISION

This Memorandum does not create any financial commitments for or between the Parties. Expenses arising from the implementation of this shall be communicated and mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

ARTICLE 5
GENERAL PROVISIONS

- i- This Memorandum shall come into effect from the date of signature and shall remain in effect for three (3) years and is automatically renewable for a similar period or periods unless one of the Parties requests in writing its termination giving six (6) months' notice.
- ii- Any issues arising from the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum will be settled through consultations between the Parties or any other means as they may mutually decide.
- iii- The Parties agree to regularly review this Memorandum in order to ensure that it meets its goals.
- iv- To ensure the smoothness of communication between the Parties, the Parties decided to designate the following contact persons:

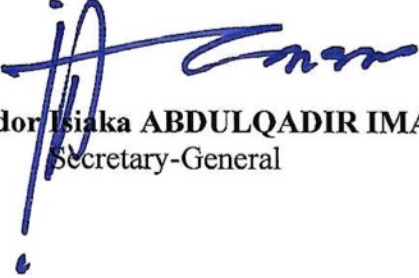
For the D-8: Mr. Punjul S. Nugraha, Director for Trade and External Relations, email: punjul.nugraha@developing8.org, secretariat@developing8.org, phone: +90.537 321 19 97; and

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secretariat@smiic.org, phone: +90 545 447 8020.

- v- Either Party may amend this Memorandum upon written notification of one Party and consultation with the other Party, which must then be mutually endorsed.
- vi- The Parties signed this Memorandum in two (2) original copies in the English language, both being equally authentic.

Done at*Istanbul*..... on the ..*12.* day of ..*June*... in the year ..*2023*

**FOR THE DEVELOPING EIGHT
ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC
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Secretary-General

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