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WORKSHOP ON FACILITATING TRADE: IDENTIFYING NTBs AMONG THE OIC MEMBER STATES

24-25 October 2017, Rabat - Kingdom of MOROCCO

The Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT) and the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC) organized, in collaboration with the Ministry in charge of Foreign Trade of the Kingdom of Morocco, a **WORKSHOP ON FACILITATING TRADE: IDENTIFYING NTBs AMONG THE OIC MEMBER STATES** on 24 and 25 October 2017, at Rabat, Kingdom of MOROCCO.

The opening ceremony of the Workshop was chaired by HE Dr. Yousef A. AL-OTHAIMEEN, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

The objective of this workshop is to identify and analyze Non-Tariff Barriers to trade and their impact on trade in the OIC Member States and to discuss on operationalization mechanism of the relevant provisions of the TPS/OIC Agreement.

During the Workshop, the following topics was discussed:

- ✓ Overview of the current situation of the NTMs/NTBs on a global scale.
- ✓ NTMs and NTBs in the OIC Member States and their impact on the expansion of intra-OIC Trade.
- ✓ National experiences on NTMs/NTBs.
- ✓ General discussion on the strategies for progressive dismantlement of NTBs between the OIC Member States.

The Workshop was moderated by Experts from the Islamic Centre for Development of Trade (ICDT), the Coordination Office of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the International Trade Center (ITC) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).

On this occasion, the OIC Countries, notably Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Uganda, Malaysia, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Turkey, Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates made presentations on their national experiences in the field.