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non-governmental, governmental and other  
organizations**

## Information on an intergovernmental organization

### Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), which has expressed the wish to enter into an appropriate relationship agreement with UNIDO.

1. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of the guidelines issued by the General Conference in its decision GC.1/Dec.41 regarding relationship agreements, the present document provides in an annex, information on the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC), which has expressed the wish to enter into an appropriate relationship agreement with UNIDO.

#### Action required from the Board

2. The Board may wish to authorize the Director General, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paragraph 9, to conclude an appropriate relationship agreement with SMIIC, based on the information contained in the annex to the present document.

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.



## Annex

### **Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC)**

#### **Historical background**

The Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC) was established by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in August 2010 as its intergovernmental standardization institution.

#### **Purpose**

SMIIC aims to develop harmonized standards and other relevant specific standards through voluntary standardization processes to facilitate the exchange of goods and services among member States/bodies. As such, SMIIC may cooperate with other regional and international organizations interested partially or wholly in standardization, metrology or related activities.

Its main objectives are:

- Establish a conformity assessment scheme to facilitate the exchange of materials, manufactured goods and products among member States, starting with mutual recognition;
- Achieve uniformity in metrology, laboratory testing and standardization activities among Member States;
- Supply to member States, through a cost-sharing system, calibration and metrology services that require large investments and expenditures;
- Provide education and training for member States personnel in standardization and metrology by making the most efficient use of existing means and sharing information and experience;
- Provide documentation and information services in connection with standards and other issues related to the needs of the member States in this field;
- Provide technical assistance to the OIC member States, which do not have such standardization bodies with the view of enabling them to establish their own standardization body.

#### **Membership**

SMIIC currently has 39 members: Afghanistan, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, State of Palestine, Sudan, Suriname, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Uzbekistan.

#### **Organizational structure**

- General Assembly;
- Board of Directors;
- Standardization Management Council; Metrology Council; Accreditation Council; and Standing Advisory Committee;
- General Secretariat.

#### **Financing**

SMIIC is funded by the mandatory contributions of its member States, and from the income generated by services, sales of publications and voluntary contributions.

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**Cooperation with UNIDO**

SMIIC's cooperation with UNIDO would focus on advancing economic competitiveness in trade, standards, quality infrastructure and other related areas.

**Relationship with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations**

SMIIC cooperates inter alia with the Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization (AIDMO), the African Organisation for Standardisation (ARSO), the GCC Standardization Organization (GSO), the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the Islamic Organisation for Food Security (IOFS) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

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