



**STATUTE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF ISLAMIC
COOPERATION CENTRE FOR POLICE COOPERATION AND
COORDINATION**

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Preamble

The Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;

1. Emphasizing the importance of the cooperation, unity among Islamic ummah, friendship and spirit of solidarity reinforced by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC),
2. Reaffirming the importance of enhancing the unity and solidarity among the OIC Member countries with a view to ensuring the common interests of OIC Member countries and under the guidance of the unity and fraternity values of the sacred religion of Islam, which are expressed in the preamble of the OIC Charter,
3. Reiterating our commitment to the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of international law and OIC Charter,
4. Aiming to attain the goals of "OIC 2025 Programme of Action" by strengthening the ties between the OIC Member countries in the field of law enforcement against terrorism, various other cross-border crimes and transnational crimes, as well as serious and dangerous crimes,
5. Being aware that the criminals and criminal networks rise day by day greater challenges to the humanity by abusing the means of developing technology and communication tools, including media without being hampered by physical or political boundaries,
6. Noting the growing link between terrorism and organized crimes,
7. Recognizing the need to improve the cooperation between the police organizations to fight against crime and criminals more efficiently,
8. Aiming to fight against criminality more effectively and efficiently within the framework of human security approach,
9. Pointing out the importance of reducing the disparities between the institutional capacities of the police organizations to the lowest level possible in order to advance the international police cooperation,
10. Recalling the necessity of joint work of police organizations in an integrated and harmonized way to ensure their efficient and effective cooperation,
11. Underlining the importance of the approach that the police organizations function for their nations and peoples while they perform their duties, and they are obliged to act in an effective, efficient, transparent, accountable manner, abiding by the rule of law and national legislation and respecting the universal human rights,
12. Underlying the firm determination to respect national sovereignty, territorial integrity, human and legal rights of OIC members, national laws and regulations and international obligations,
13. Guided by the Article 1/18 of the Charter of the OIC, which sets out as objective to cooperate in combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, other cross-border crimes and transnational crimes, organised crime, illicit drug trafficking, corruption, money laundering and human trafficking;
14. Having considered Article 22 of the Charter of the OIC regarding the establishment of Specialized Institutions,
15. Having regard to the CFM Resolution 8/40-ORG on Cooperation and Coordination Among the OIC Member States in the Field of Law Enforcement,
16. Guided by the CFM Resolution 10/43-ORG on the OIC Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination,
17. Based on the Final Communiqué para. 202 of the 13th Islamic Summit, which decided to operationalize the OIC Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination as a specialized OIC institution

Have agreed on the present Statute of the OIC Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination:

Article 1

Definitions and Abbreviations

The meaning of abbreviations and expressions in this Statute are as stated below:

OIC	:	The Organization of Islamic Cooperation
OIC	CPCC/The	The Organization of Islamic Cooperation Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination (OICPOL)
Centre		
Statute	:	The present Statute of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation for Police Cooperation and Coordination
Secretariat	:	Secretariat of the OIC CPCC
Host State	:	The State where the headquarter of the OIC CPCC is located, the Republic of Turkey
Member State	:	The Member State of the OIC which have duly ratified this Statute to become a Member of the Centre
Observer State	:	Observer States of the OIC which have submitted application in writing to become an Observer to the Centre
Dialogue Partner	:	Legal entities other than Members or other than Observers of OIC deemed suitable for cooperation in compliance with the procedure determined by the Executive Council from among the States and international entities working in the field of the activities of the Centre and considered to be able to provide positive contributions to the effectiveness and productivity of the Centre subject to the approval of CFM
Legal entity	:	Natural persons or legal persons in terms of international law and legal legislations of the States where this Statute shall be enforced
Personal Information	:	Relevant information, as to be agreed by the State Member from whom the information is requested, about natural persons or legal entities whose identities are known
Competent Authority	:	Police organizations or other national organizations responsible for policing duties of the Member States of the Centre
Executive Council	:	Highest authority of OIC CPCC
Director General	:	Head of the Secretariat, Chief Administrative Officer of the Organisation responsible for management and organization of the Centre

Article 2

The Establishment

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation Centre for Police Cooperation and Coordination is established as an OIC specialized institution for the goals and tasks stipulated in this Statute and shall be governed by this Statute.

Article 3

Objectives

1. To realize the objective of the Charter of the OIC to ensure communication and cooperation in combating all types of crimes including terrorism, violent extremism, in all its forms and manifestations, other cross-border crimes and transnational crimes, organised crime, illicit drug trafficking, corruption, money laundering and human trafficking, as well as other and

- new types of crimes;
- 2. To enhance the institutional capacities of the Police Organizations of the Member States;
- 3. To increase professional and friendly relations and cooperation among the Police Organizations of the Member States;
- 4. Exchange of information, experiences and best practices between the police organizations of the Member States;
- 5. To facilitate cooperation in order to produce scientific data and academic knowledge in order to combat crimes and criminals more effectively and efficiently;
- 6. To develop modes of operational cooperation in combatting organized crime, drug trafficking, migrant smuggling, human trafficking and cyber-attacks among its Member States as required, subject to the recommendation of the Council of Foreign Ministers.
- 7. Holding mutual training programs by taking advantages of member states capacities,

Article 4

Duties

OIC CPCC shall implement following duties to fulfil the objectives as stated in Article 3 of this Statute:

- 1. Providing, maintaining, facilitating and increasing the communication and cooperation between the police organizations in accordance with the regulations to be adopted by the Executive Council.
- 2. Bringing together the Member States requiring police training with the countries who are capable to provide such training upon request, as well as ensuring the coordination of the training activities in order to obtain maximum benefit from the training programs and providing the training;
- 3. Carrying out scientific and academic studies in order to fight against all kinds of crimes including terrorism, narcotics, money laundering, financing of terrorism, other cross-border crimes and transnational crimes, cyber-crimes, violent extremism, as well as extremism and radicalization leading to violence, serious and dangerous crimes and submitting these studies to the use of the police organizations, based on the decisions of the Executive Council. These studies will be for exclusive use of the police organisations of the member states and carried out by the Center;
- 4. Carrying out analysis, training and capacity building deemed appropriate by the Working Groups and the Member States of the Centre;
- 5. Providing or mobilizing technical assistance to the Member States that are targeted by terrorism, upon the request of the concerned Member States.

Article 5

Activities

In order to attain the objectives stipulated in this Statute, OIC CPCC holds periodical meetings for liaison officers of the Member States for better cooperation, taking advantage of the best practices and fulfills its duties by performing the following activities in conformity with the mandate of the Center and approval of the Executive Council:

- 1. Bulletins to share contact and other important information,
- 2. International periodical and non-periodical publications,
- 3. Activities through the internet and social media to raise the public awareness of the Centre,
- 4. Working and requirement analysis visits upon the request of the Member States,

5. Technical assistance and trainings,
6. Exchange of experts among the Member States and OIC CPCC in a way that is suitable to each Member State,
7. Fairs and exhibitions, congress, symposia, seminar and workshops,
8. Other relevant activities to be determined by the Executive Council and subject of the approval of CFM,
9. Establishing relationships of collaboration with similar organizations existing in the international, continental, regional or sub-regional levels with the approval of all members based on the decision of the Executive Council,
10. Designating relevant national institutions of the Member States Training Centres in the area of law enforcement research, analysis and training in line with regulations to be adopted by the Executive Council and by informing the CFM.

Article 6

Prohibitions

OIC CPCC shall be prohibited to undertake any act or activity bearing political, military, religious or racial characteristics or in contravention of the OIC Charter.

Article 7

Legal Status

1. OIC CPCC is a specialized institution of the OIC, enjoying the status of international legal personality.
2. OIC CPCC can be a party to commercial and legal contracts in the Member States in compliance with the legislations of the Member States of the OIC CPCC.
3. OIC CPCC can have movable and immovable property and buy services in the Member States of OIC CPCC in accordance with national legislation; OIC CPCC can take legal action on the disputes in accordance with the local legislation within the framework of the legal immunities and privileges specified in this Statute.

Article 8

Headquarters, Immunities and Privileges

1. Headquarters of OIC CPCC will be based in Istanbul/Turkey. The Secretary General of the OIC shall sign a “Headquarters Agreement” with the host country.
2. Host country shall allocate the necessary premises and infrastructure for Headquarters within its means. The host country will bear the running expenses (water, electricity, internet, heating, cooling, telecommunication, repair, maintenance, cleaning.) of the premises and assign initial adequate staff during the establishment process of the Centre.
3. As a legal entity, OIC CPCC, OIC CPCC Secretariat and OIC CPCC staff shall benefit from the diplomatic immunities and privileges necessary only in fulfilment of their duties.

Article 9

The Membership Status

1. The membership of the Centre is open to all Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation who have the right to join the Centre by ratifying or joining this Statute in accordance with their national constitutional procedures.
2. The Member States of the Center are represented and have equal voting rights in the Executive Council.

3. The General Secretariat of the OIC will notify in writing as soon as possible the Director General of the Centre and all Member States of ratifications of the Statute by each Member State.

Article 10

The Observer Status

1. Observer States of the OIC shall have the right to become observers at the Centre by applying to the Executive Council in order to gain observer status.
2. Observer States may be invited to attend the public sessions of the Executive Council meetings. The participation of the observers may be allowed to fairs, exhibitions, congress, symposia, seminar and workshops as defined in article 5 (7) and only on the case by case basis.
3. Observer status shall not grant a right to participate in operational activities or to exchange personal information.

Article 11

The Dialogue Partner Status

During the conduct of the cooperation activities on specific subjects to be carried out with the States, institutions or entities which are not Members or Observer States of OIC, Dialogue Partner status may be given to these aforementioned third parties. The Status of Dialogue Partner shall be granted by the Executive Council by consensus only subject to the affirmative decision of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

Article 12

Organizational Structure

The Centre shall consist of the following administrative units:

1. Executive Council
2. Secretariat of the Centre
3. Working Groups

The Secretariat of the Centre shall be organized under the overall management and authority of the Director General.

The Executive Council may establish adequate number of directorates of the Centre, to be tasked with carrying out the substantive activities as well as legal, administrative and financial work of the Centre, upon the proposal of the Director General, in accordance with the internal rules to be adopted by the the Executive Council and taking into consideration geographical representation and by informing the CFM .

Article 13

Executive Council

1. Executive Council is the highest authority of OIC CPCC.
2. Executive Council shall consist of the members (one for each) assigned by the Member States of the Centre and substitute members assigned by the Member States of the Centre, who shall attend the Council meetings in the absence of the members. The Secretary General of the OIC and the Director General of Centre shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Council.
3. Members of the Council shall be assigned by the Member States from among the high-level officials and will have the authority to take decisions and make statement on behalf of the

States they represent.

4. Executive Council shall meet at least once a year. Extraordinary Meetings of the Executive Council and may always be convened on demand of any Member State or Director General and by the approval of the simple majority of the Member States. The quorum for meetings shall be two thirds (2/3) majority of the Members.
5. The Executive Council Meeting shall elect its chairman, who shall preside over the Council's meetings, from among the Member States, alternating between geographical groups.
6. Executive Council Meetings shall be held at the OIC CPCC Headquarters unless otherwise agreed in line with the provision of paragraph 8.
7. Each Member State shall have one vote at the Executive Council meetings.
8. Decisions shall be taken by consensus. If consensus cannot be obtained, decision shall be taken by a two-third majority of members present and voting.

Article 14

Powers of the Executive Council

Executive Council shall have the power to decide on the following matters:

- a. Election of the Director General and Deputy Directors General,
- b. Approval of the general policies, strategic plans, rules and regulations, guidance documents and the yearly action plans of the Centre,
- c. Adopting and changing the rules of procedure, financial regulations, personnel regulations, internal rules, and regulations on the confidentiality of the personal information and security of the Centre, and any other necessary rules and regulations in accordance with this Statute,
- d. Determination and approval of the annual budget and the annual financial contribution of the Member States,
- e. The authorization of the Director General to conduct negotiations regarding the agreements, protocols and memorandums of understanding to be signed, or if necessary, the authorization of the Director General for adopting a new position at those negotiations,
- f. Approval of the agreements, protocols and memorandums of understanding to be signed by the Director General,
- g. Approval of the applications of OIC Observer States for gaining Observer Status,
- h. Adoption and auditing of the Centre's accounts and financial activities in accordance with the Financial Regulations to be adopted,
- i. Determination and approval of the activities of Centre other than those specified in Article 5 of this Statute subject to the approval of the CFM,
- j. Discussion and the resolution of the issues regarding the salaries, social security and other issues relating to the affairs of the staff employed at the Centre,
- k. Evaluation of proposals regarding the new operational working groups or similar units proposed to be established, and approval of the important changes planned to be implemented in current units through evaluation,
- l. The Executive Council may establish temporary or permanent committees and commissions to be composed of limited or all Member States' representatives and experts as appropriate, for fulfilling specific tasks and duties, in discharging above functions and responsibilities, including the Centre's accounts and financial activities. Internal rules of the Center should be adopted in conformity with the present Statute.

Article 15

Organizational and Administrative Structure of the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat shall be made up of Director General, 3 Deputy Directors General, Directors and the staff.
2. While carrying out their duties and powers, Director General, Deputy Directors General, Directors and the staff shall not seek or receive any order and/or instruction from any State, institution or authority and shall be accountable only to the OIC CPCC.
3. The competencies and responsibilities of Deputy Directors General and Directors will be defined by the internal rules to be adopted by the Executive Council.
4. The duties and functions of the other OIC CPCC staff will be defined by the Personnel Regulations.
5. In the nomination, appointment and election of the Director General, Deputy Directors General, Directors and the staff, the qualification and eligibility will be observed with due regard to equitable geographical distribution among Member States.

Article 16

Director General

1. Director General is the Head of the Secretariat, Chief Administrative Officer of the Centre and responsible for the organization and management of the Centre.
2. Director General shall be responsible to the Council through his/her performance in services entrusted to him/her.
3. Director General shall be elected for a period of four (4) years by the Executive Council and the CFM will be officially informed of this election. Director General shall be a citizen of the Member States to the Centre and a resident in one of these States.
4. Director General can be elected two times for a maximum total period of service of 8 years (4+4).
5. Director General must have the following qualifications:
 - a. Past experience as a high level police official on active duty,
 - b. A diploma from a higher education institution. Graduate studies can be considered as an advantage for candidates,
 - c. A very good knowledge of at least one of the official languages of the Centre,
 - d. Familiarity in international relations and police cooperation,
6. Director General shall be responsible for performing the following duties:
 - a. Conducting the daily business and operations of the OIC CPCC effectively, efficiently and appropriately in accordance with the rules of the Statute,
 - b. Implementing the decisions of the Executive Council taken in accordance with this Statute and the general policies of the OIC CPCC,
 - c. Preparing short and long-term programs to be submitted to the Executive Council,
 - d. Preparing yearly draft Action Plan to be submitted to the Executive Council,
 - e. Preparing the Annual Activity Report and submitting it to the Executive Council,
 - f. Monitoring and evaluating the performance and functionality of the Secretariat staff who are elected or appointed in accordance with the OIC CPCC Personnel Regulation,
 - g. Preparing the draft of the rules and regulations for this Statute to be implemented properly; recommending it to the Executive Council,
 - h. Submitting the annual draft budget and budget realizations to the Executive Council,
 - i. Supporting the relations between the Member and Observer States, OIC CPCC and Dialogue Partners, signing protocols and MoUs.

7. Determining the Deputy Directors General who will temporarily take over the management of the Centre in the absence of Director General.
8. Deputy Directors General can be elected two times for a maximum total period of service of 8 years (4+4).
9. Deputy Directors General must have the following qualifications:
 - a. Past experience as a high level police official on active duty,
 - b. A diploma from a higher education institution. Graduate studies can be considered as an advantage for candidates,
 - c. A very good knowledge of at least one of the official languages of the Centre,
 - d. Familiarity in international relations and police cooperation,

Article 17

Working Groups

1. Working Groups may be established within the Centre in order to study the subjects having priority for the police organizations of the Member States of the Centre.
The aim of the Working Groups is to increase capacity through exchange of experience, and information.
2. A Working Group is formed upon request of at least three (3) Member States of the Centre regarding the establishment of a specific Working Group upon the approval of the Executive Council.
3. Coordinatorship of a Working Group shall be determined upon the application of the willing states among the countries proposing to establish that particular Working Group subject to the approval of the Executive Council. The reports will be adopted by the Working Group and then submitted in the Executive Council by the Coordinator.
4. The expenses arising from the activities to be conducted within the framework of Working Groups shall be primarily met by the Centre within its capabilities. The coordinator country may make voluntary contributions towards meeting the expenses of the working groups. All member countries interested in participating in bearing the expenses could also contribute on voluntary basis.
5. Working Group Coordinatorship is an institutional duty and this duty shall be carried out by the unit to be determined by the relevant State. Secretariat services shall be provided in coordination with the Centre.
6. If accepted by the States which have undertaken Working Group Coordinatorship and within the capabilities of the Centre, a sufficient number of staff shall be assigned within the Centre through secondment in order to undertake the activities of Working Group Coordinatorships.

Article 18

National Contact Points and Exchange of Information

1. The Member States of the Centre shall exchange information in achieving the goals of the Centre in conformity with their national legislation and in a reciprocal basis and ensure communication for the conduct of the cooperation activities under this Statute.
2. National Police Organizations of the Member States can appoint existing NCP's and other units in relations with national or international organizations or may establish new units that will function as national contact points.
3. The Member States shall be responsible for employing adequate number of staff in national contact points with the capability to ensure international communication and for updating contact information of these units or staff.

4. National contact points will facilitate the following:
 - a. Ensuring communication between the Centre and national competent authority,
 - b. Providing coordination within their organizations regarding Centre's information requests and announcements about issues within its field of activity, and informing the Centre. The judicial and criminal requests shall be excluded from the information exchange and communications to be conducted within the framework of the Centre,
 - c. Ensuring the conformity of information exchange with the respective national legislations.
5. The expenses of national contact points resulting from the communication with the Centre shall be borne by the Member States themselves.
6. An information exchange network shall be established through contact points of the Member States and Centre by utilizing existing communication channels until a dedicated and secure communication system under the Centre may be set up.
7. A Member State may provide, upon request or with its own initiative, assistance to another Member State regarding the following information formats in line with its national legislation:
 - a. Capacity building, police training and technical support practices,
 - b. Practice activities that can be useful,
 - c. New methods used during committing a crime,
 - d. Best practices of criminal investigation techniques.

Article 19

Exceptions

1. If the country from which information confined to police activities is demanded decides that the assistance to be provided will be prejudicial to its own sovereignty, security, public interest or the interests of a sovereign country or is contrary to its own national law and arrangements, it may refuse or suspend the demand of assistance or may stipulate the fulfilment of certain conditions and requirements.
2. The country from which information is requested may postpone the request of assistance because of interference in an ongoing investigation, trial or legal action. In this case, the country demanding information and the country from which information is demanded may discuss the situation of assistance.

Article 20

Information Security and Protection of Personal Information

1. Confidentiality and protection of the information obtained within the framework of the Statute must be ensured by the Centre, its staff and the Member States providing and demanding this information.
2. The information obtained within the framework of the Statute shall be used only in line with the purposes of the Statute. If the country demanding information will use this information for other purposes, including transmitting the information to another country, this country must obtain written permission of the country providing the information at first. Then, such use of information may be subject to the conditions determined by the country providing the information and within the limits set by providing the Member State.
3. Provided information must be protected based on the present Statute.

Article 21

Official Languages

Official languages of the Centre are Arabic, English and French. The three languages will be equally binding.

Article 22

Budget and Funding Resources

1. The expenses of the Centre shall be financed through the following resources:
 - a. Mandatory budgetary contributions of Member States to be determined by the Executive Council proportionate to the national incomes of the Member States pursuant to Article 29-1 of the OIC Charter.
 - b. Donations and voluntary contributions made by the Member States.
2. The budget of the Centre shall be on an annual basis. Fiscal year shall start on 1 January and terminate on 31 December.
3. The budget shall be prepared annually as total revenues and total expenditures.
4. The budget must be prepared in a balanced way in which annual total revenues covers annual total expenditures.
5. The Executive Council must review the budget and approve it by latest in November for the following year.
6. In the case that any Member fails to fulfil its financial obligations, the issue shall be submitted to the Executive Council in order to be examined.
7. State of Palestine will be exempted from the mandatory contribution.

Article 23

Cooperation with Other Parties

1. The Centre may establish relations with law enforcement institutions of Non-Member States, regional and international institutions in accordance with the purposes of the Statute with the approval of the Executive Council by consensus only and subject to the approval of the CFM.
2. The Executive Council shall determine the fields and activities to be included in the framework of the relations to be established and to end the relations subject to the approval of the CFM.
3. The establishment of cooperation with law enforcement institutions of non-Member States, regional and international organizations shall be negotiated by the decision of the Executive Council upon the proposal of one of the Member States or opinion of Director General and subject to approval of CFM. When necessary, a protocol may be prepared with a view to determining the framework of cooperation, to be signed by Director General on behalf of the Centre.

Article 24

Emblem

1. The emblem of the Centre must have a style showing its purpose. Director General of the Centre shall propose an emblem in consultation with all Member States and submit it to the Executive Council for approval.
2. The approved emblem shall be used in all official correspondence of the Centre and on all occasions where the Centre is represented officially.

Article 25

Other Agreements of the Member States

This Statute shall not affect or prevent the implementation of the Member States' bilateral or international agreements, their obligations stemming from these agreements, including mutual assistance agreements and the other international agreements on law enforcement.

Article 26

Settlement of Disagreements

Any disagreement that may arise in the interpretation, application or implementation of any Article in the present Statute shall be settled cordially, and in all cases through consultation and negotiation including at the Executive Council if the parties agree.

Article 27

Entry into Force

This Statute shall be subject to signature and ratification by the Member States in accordance with their national legislation. This Statute shall come into force 60 days after 19 Member States deposit the Instruments of Ratification or acceptance to the depositary.

Following its entry into force, this Statute shall come into force for each new Member State, on the day the Instrument of Ratification or acceptance is deposited. The General Secretariat of the OIC will act as the depositary. The General Secretariat will notify the member states of entry into force of the Statute.

Article 28

Amendments

1. The amendments to this Statute may be proposed by any Member State. The proposal for an amendment to the Statute shall be submitted to Centre with a view to informing the other Members at first.
2. The proposed amendments to the Statute shall be considered in the Executive Council and shall be adopted by the agreement of 2/3 of the Members. The entry into force of any amendment shall be subject to the procedure as laid out the Article 27 of this Statute.

Article 29

Withdrawal

Any Member State may withdraw from membership provided that it notifies in writing through the diplomatic channels the OIC General Secretariat in advance who shall inform the other Members regarding that withdrawal. Withdrawal from membership shall take effect after 3 months following the notification submitted to the OIC General Secretariat.

The withdrawing Member States should fulfil their obligations until the end of the current fiscal year.

Transitional Clause

The Host country will nominate, provisional Director General authorized for a maximum term of 1 year, to fully to execute all administrative, legal, financial and technical tasks for the initial establishment phase of the Centre as soon as the present Statute of the Centre comes into force. The host country will convene the first Executive Council meeting with the cooperation of provisional Director General and the General Secretariat of the OIC.