



**Rules Governing the Granting of the
“OIC Affiliated-Institution Status”**

Chapter One: General Provisions

Article 1: Definitions

Unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them:

- Charter:** The Charter of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- Organisation:** The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)
- Summit:** The Summit of Kings and Heads of State and Government of OIC Member States
- Council:** The Council of Foreign Ministers of Member States
- Secretary General:** The Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- General Secretariat:** The General Secretariat of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
- Subsidiary Organs:** The OIC Subsidiary Organs
- Specialised Organs:** The OIC Specialised Organs
- Affiliated Institution:** An entity recognised by the Summit or the Council as affiliated to the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, as defined by Article 25 of the Charter
- Member States:** Member States of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation.

Article 2: Scope

The present rules shall govern the granting of the status of OIC affiliated institution and set out the related rights and obligations, consequent courses of action and measures related to the violation of rules.

Chapter Two

Application Criteria

Article 3:

Applications for affiliated-institution status must be submitted officially by the host Member State, together with a letter from that State indicating that the objectives of this institution are consistent with the objectives and principles of the OIC.

Article 4:

The objectives of an institution applying for OIC affiliated-institution status as contained in its statute and documents of incorporation must be in agreement with the objectives and principles of the OIC Charter.

Article 5:

An institution applying for OIC affiliated-institution status must be operating in some Member States, with its headquarters situated in one of these States, and shall have a legal personality.

Chapter Three

Procedures

Article 6:

An application for OIC affiliated-institution status shall include the following key documents:

1. “Application Form for Affiliated Institution Status” submitted by the institution (Appendix I)
2. Statute of the institution.
3. List of names and curriculum vitae of the officials of the institution.
4. Statement from the host State validating the relevant information.
5. All documents relating to the activities and financial resources of the institution for the last three years.
6. The headquarters agreement, if any, signed between the host State and the applicant institution, in case of regional and inter-governmental organisations based in Member States.

Article 7:

The General Secretariat shall consider applications and circulate such to Member States, including all the documents specified in Article 6, one month prior to the Senior Officials' Meeting preparatory to the Council of Foreign Minister.

The Secretary General shall prepare a report to the Council containing full information about the institution and his assessment as to granting it the affiliated status.

Article 8:

(The Council shall seek to decide on applications for affiliated-institution status through a resolution adopted by consensus, consistent with the Charter.)

If an application is rejected, the applicant institution may reapply after two years of rejection, and Member States may, through the General Secretariat, seek further clarifications or answers to questions.

Article 9:

Application criteria and procedure shall be applicable without prejudice to the status of the existing OIC affiliated institutions.

Chapter Four Rights

Article 10:

An affiliated institution may be granted an observer status at the OIC by a resolution of the Council.

Article 11:

The affiliated institution may receive voluntary assistance from the following:

- a. Member States;
- b. Subsidiary Organs within their budgets adopted by the Council;
- c. Specialised Organs in accordance with their respective statutes.

Article 12:

The General Secretariat shall, with the approval of the host State, invite affiliated institutions to the Summit and Council meetings, and may invite them to other meetings, related to their activities if their participation would contribute to the pursuance of OIC objectives

These institutions may submit notes and proposals to the OIC and participate in deliberations.

The invited affiliated institution may provide information to the General Secretariat about its activities, to be circulated to Member States. The General Secretariat may make comments on such information.

Article 13:

To help affiliated institutions participate in the meetings they are invited to, the States hosting these meetings shall seek to provide necessary facilities for the representatives of these institutions.

Article 14:

Affiliated institutions may, in carrying out their activities and in conformity with the Charter, place the OIC's logo beside their own with the expression "Organisation of Islamic Cooperation – affiliated institution," subject to the written approval of the Secretary General.

Article 15:

Affiliated institutions may be assigned tasks and functions under OIC resolutions, to carry out activities in pursuance of OIC programmes and resolutions.

**Chapter Five
Obligations**

Article 16:

An institution granted affiliated-institution status must abide by the objectives, principles and resolutions of the OIC and must not engage in any activity in conflict with these objectives.

Article 17:

Under Article 1, Paragraphs 2 and 3, of the Charter, the affiliated institution shall safeguard and protect the common interests of Member States and respect their sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

Article 18:

The affiliated institutions must, at the end of each calendar year, submit to the General Secretariat annual periodic reports for circulation to Member States. The reports shall highlight in particular their respective activities and any change of regulations that may have occurred since the obtainment of the status.

Article 19:

The affiliated institutions shall submit to the General Secretariat, at the end of each calendar year, special reports on how they put to use the contributions and/or assistance they receive from Member States and/or OIC organs; the General Secretariat shall circulate those reports to Member States and those organs, and they may seek clarifications when necessary.

Article 20:

If an affiliated institution is dissolved or its legal status ceases to exist, the host State shall notify the General Secretariat immediately so that the Council is informed to take the necessary measure.

Chapter Six

Suspension or Cancellation of Status

Article 21:

The Council shall suspend affiliated-institution status for a maximum of two years for any of the following reasons:

1. Two successive years of delay in report submission;
2. If the institution's activities do not serve the objectives of the Charter;
3. If the affiliated institution commits any excesses or prejudice against a Member State.

The General Secretariat shall notify the affiliated institution of the existence of any breach relating to one of the abovementioned reasons before referring the matter to the Council.

The resolution on suspension or end of suspension (when the grounds for suspension cease to exist) shall be adopted by the Council based on a report by the Secretary General and upon consultation with the State(s) concerned.

Article 22:

(The Council shall seek to adopt a resolution to indefinitely cancel the affiliated status of an institution by consensus in conformity with the Charter for the following reasons:)

1. Deviation from the objectives of the OIC and the rules governing this status.
2. Grave abuse of the affiliated-institution status.
3. Submission of false reports on the activities of the institution.
4. Recurrence of excesses or prejudice against a Member State.
5. Use of the OIC's logo by the institution in contravention of its objectives.
6. The grounds for suspension do not cease to exist within two years of suspension.

Affiliated-institution status cannot be re-granted to any entity from which it has been withdrawn indefinitely.

Chapter VII

Final Provisions

Article 23:

Without prejudice to their independent budgetary rules and regulations that may be contingent on voluntary membership of Member States' organs, the granting of affiliated-institution status shall not result in any financial obligations on the part of the General Secretariat, subsidiary and specialized organs or Member States.

Article 24:

Existing affiliated institutions shall maintain their legal status at the time of adoption of these rules, and they shall abide by the provisions of these rules, which shall be applicable to them.

Article 25:

Any Member State may propose an amendment to the present rules, and the Secretary General shall draw the attention of Member States to any necessary amendments.

In any case, the present rules shall be amended by the same procedure through which they were adopted.

Article 26:

The present rules shall enter into force from the date of adoption by the Council.
