

**INTEGRATION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY:
EXPERIENCE OF THE OIC COUNTRIES**

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Abstract

The degree of trade and capital accounts openness of any country reflects, to a large extent, the level of integration of that country into the world economy. This paper attempts to evaluate the experience of the OIC countries in this respect and comes to the conclusion that, overall, these countries are performing relatively well in the process of opening up their economies in terms of foreign trade indicators. However, they still need to take further bold steps on the financial score. The paper also highlights the need for establishing efficient and effective institutional frameworks in support of the integration process and underlines the role of regional integration efforts as a preliminary step towards a larger integration at the world scale.

1. INTRODUCTION

The wave of change which accelerated in the last two decades has put pressures on countries/governments to liberalise their trade, open up their capital accounts and deregulate their markets by removing restrictions on competition. Such steps are also accompanied by the orientation of the economies toward the market structure with the establishment of the necessary institutions. In fact, this tide is reshaping the division of labour among the economies of the world. As this reshaping process is under way, the potential benefits to be derived from it by individual countries depend, to a great extent, on the right sequencing of liberalising trade and capital accounts and designing the necessary institutional framework.

In theory, opening up trade and capital accounts by removing barriers is defensible on the grounds of, *inter alia*, increasing

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productivity, transferring knowledge and technology, and utilising capital inflows as an additional factor contributing to growth and development. However, not all the *a priori* positive outcomes of liberalisation are automatic, and they require a number of prerequisites that lead the domestic authorities to make the right and optimal choices.

The integration of national economies into the world economy through trade and capital account liberalisation brings about new dynamics and interrelations with numerous new agents, many of which have different backgrounds and varying jurisdictions. Thus, the opening up of those economies calls for evolving the traditional structural framework to satisfy the needs and requirements of the interested parties.

Integration into the world economy is not an end in itself but should rather be regarded as a means in the course of development. Thus, an optimisation should be made by the authorities of the domestic economy. In this respect, although some developing countries, particularly in South East Asia, succeeded during the last two decades in realising faster growth rates, a large number of them made slow progress in terms of economic growth, and some others, especially in Africa, even lost ground and were trapped in the process of marginalisation and faced increasing problems of human poverty and deprivation.

Against such a setting, this paper aims at evaluating the OIC countries' integration into the world economy and the physical and institutional infrastructure requirements to this end. In Section 2, a quick literature review on openness and liberalisation is made while in Section 3, the developments and current situation in those countries in terms of the level of their integration into the world economy are analysed. Section 4 concentrates on the physical and institutional infrastructure requirements for attaining better results to accompany the process of liberalisation. The study ends with concluding remarks.

2. OPENNESS AND INTEGRATION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY

The integration of individual economies into the world economic system merely means finding a place for those economies in the global network

of production and various flows with respect to their resource endowments and specialisation capacities and potentials. The degree of openness, which defines the intensity of an economy's integration into the world system, has diverse implications in terms of the expected total benefits and the potential costs of the process and the institutional structure it entails. As opening up introduces new relations, contracts, agents and forms of association and requires additional restructuring, failure to meet the liabilities incurred bears the potential of increasing the system's costs. In this context, free movement of money and capital acts as a factor that supplements domestic firms' investment needs.

On the other hand, with a diverse background of knowledge, business habits and jurisdictions, those newly-formed relations require an objective treatment and approach on the part of the national authorities and create the need to share the available information with other actors on an equal footing. In particular, successful integration into the world economy requires a restructuring in the institutional set-up of the market economy. This section limits itself to a brief review of the benefits and costs of the two forms of liberalisation, i.e. liberalisation of the trade and capital accounts.

Openness in terms of trade and financial flows refers to the free circulation of goods and services together with physical and financial capital. As such, the process of liberalisation is expected to include positive externalities that are likely to give impetus to the development process, such as acquiring new technologies, knowledge and managerial skills, setting up institutions, contributing to total factor productivity and augmenting the developmental financial means.

Of those definitions of openness or integration into the world economy, the basic and traditional one is the opening of the trade account of the balance of payments. This denotes the removal of all barriers – be they tariff or non-tariff – against the free movement of goods and services. The immediate outcome of such liberalisation would be the direct convergence of the domestic prices of internationally tradable goods and services in an economy to the world prices. The prices of non-tradable goods and services are also likely to be affected, though indirectly. Another outcome is related to the welfare of the consumer: as the price-distorting levies are removed from imported goods and services, consumers become free to choose among the

imported and domestically produced goods. In this way, a new array of consumption opportunities is created which adds to the consumer benefits. On similar grounds, such a freedom of substitution between imported and domestically produced inputs is expected to help rationalise the production process by reducing production costs arising from price distortions, given that competitive practices are respected.

Alongside the trade account liberalisation, another channel toward integration into the world economy is capital account liberalisation. This could be summarised as allowing portfolio investments of any time horizon, letting foreign direct investment attracted from abroad, and removing controls on outflows.

In the last two decades, the degree of the financial market's integration into the global system increased as investments sought higher returns and opportunities for diversifying risks internationally. However, as the speed and volume of the funds circulating between the world financial markets are on the increase, the macroeconomic risks to which individual economies are exposed have become a matter of serious concern, especially in case of failure to build the necessary institutional framework and fulfil sound macroeconomic prerequisites. Economic literature abounds with researches on this particular area.

The proposed advantages of financial integration cited in the relevant literature could be summarised under a few headings. Of those, the most important for a developing economy is augmenting the limited domestic financial resources of the recipient country by providing additional room for investments which are to support its long-run economic development. In addition, access to world capital markets is likely to allow a country to engage in consumption smoothing: by allowing the country to borrow during a recession and repay at periods of growth (Agénor, 2001). It also induces countries to follow more disciplined macroeconomic policies. Another expected benefit would be increasing the capacity, performance and efficiency of the domestic financial system through the competition of foreign financial institutions, improving financial supervision and contributing to domestic institutions' capacity (Agénor, 2001).

However, integration into a global financial system may generate significant costs, especially if the prerequisites of opening were not

realised. Foremost among those risks is the high degree of volatility of capital flows, which relates in part to herding and contagion effects (Agénor, 2001). Moreover, flows could undermine the aim of consumption smoothing due to the lack of access to world markets when countries need financial support the most. In addition, depending on the varying levels of the risks attached to the recipient economy by international investors and the high volatility characterising short-term capital, the aim of resource building through the use of foreign funds could work inversely, thus negatively affect the economy in the long run. In other words, the inadequate or inefficient allocation of domestic and foreign resources may lead to a loss of macroeconomic stability. This strengthens the view that capital account liberalisation should be undertaken at a final stage when the institutional background is firmly established and prerequisites for maintaining a sound macroeconomic framework are met.

In the light of the above discussions, some interesting findings are observed. The level of benefits expected from all forms of openness and integration changes in relation to the institutional framework of the economy, the existence of sustainable macroeconomic conditions as well as the microeconomic incentives and the implementation of accompanying developmental policies. Crucial among these is setting the rules to ensure the sound functioning of the market mechanism without loosening the grip on development objectives.

3. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE OIC COUNTRIES IN INTEGRATION INTO THE WORLD ECONOMY

This Section aims first to determine the current level of integration of the OIC economies into the global system and then to investigate the performance of the member countries towards this end since the year 1990. While the growing importance of trade in the world economy is an indication of integration into that economy, another is the opening up of financial markets and the increasing flow of private capital to developing countries. The initial year of 1990 was selected since the wave of opening up gained acceleration just before that year for the developing countries and since the 1990s constitute an interesting period with global crises mostly linked to the openness of the economies and contagion effects. In this context, this Section examines the

experience of the OIC countries with respect to trade and financial liberalisation.

3.1. Trade Liberalisation

The first indicator through which an insight of trade openness could be gained is the share of the member countries' merchandise exports in their GDP (Table A.1). Based on the available data, it is observed that throughout the period 1990-2002, OIC countries as a whole increased their exports compared to their domestic production. During the period under consideration, the share of merchandise exports in GDP, though fluctuating, increased by 8.4 percentage points from 25.5 to 33.9 per cent.

A similar increasing trend is also observed in the OIC-MDC (Medium- developed OIC Countries) and OIC-LDC (Least-developed OIC Countries) groups, where the share of merchandise exports in GDP increased from 18.3 in 1990 to 32.2 per cent in 2002 in the former group and from 6.7 in 1990 to 14.3 per cent in 2002 in the latter. Although these two groups remarkably increased their exports as a share of GDP, their shares were still behind the OIC-FECs (Fuel Exporting OIC Countries), which recorded 39.8 per cent in 2002. In the case of the OIC-FECs group, the said indicator remained, in general, almost the same at both the beginning and end of the period, though it reached 44.6 per cent in 2000.

Actually, as measured in terms of the share of merchandise exports in GDP, the OIC countries' averages indicate quite open economies compared to the world and developed country averages. The said indicator increased worldwide from 15 per cent in 1990 to 19.9 per cent in 2002, while that of the developed countries increased by 1.5 percentage points from 14 per cent in the former year to 15.5 per cent in the latter.

On the other hand, the developing countries also recorded a considerable rise in their share of exports in GDP, as it increased by 19.6 percentage points from 18.4 per cent in 1990 to 38 per cent in 2002, higher than that of the OIC countries. In other words, the average of the developing countries indicates a higher increase regarding the export

performance compared to the OIC countries. In 2002, 32 OIC countries realised higher percentages in their exports as a share of GDP than the world average of 19.9 per cent, where only 17 of them performed better than the developing country average of 38 per cent. The OIC-FECs generally realised high percentages in terms of the said indicator.

In addition to the merchandise exports as a share of GDP, a similar indicator that could be used for analysing trade openness is the share of foreign trade volume of merchandise exports and imports in GDP (hereafter defined as the share of FTV in GDP). This indicator shows the degree at which a country trades with the outside world, i.e. utilises trade openness in its annual output.

Regarding the share of FTV in GDP, the OIC countries, on average, realised an increasing trend during the period 1990-2002 (Table A.2). The increase amounts to 16.4 percentage points from 47.4 to 63.8 per cent respectively at the beginning and end years of the period. Although such an increase in the said indicator is considered quite a high leap for those countries, it is not actually that strong when compared to that of the developing countries. Indeed, the rise in the share of foreign trade volume in GDP reached 38.2 percentage points in the developing countries, which represents a true success when compared to the 10 percentage points' rise in the world average and the 3.4 percentage points' increase in the developed countries. As in the case of the share of exports in GDP, the developed countries again realised a creeping rise in the share of FTV in GDP. However, as will be discussed below, these figures should be considered cautiously and should not conceal the fact that those countries still dominate the world economy with more than an 80-per cent share in the world's GDP and 63.9-per cent share in its trade volume.

In 2002, while 43 OIC countries were able to realise equal or higher shares of FTV in GDP as compared to the world average of 40.5 per cent, only 19 of them had higher shares than the developing country average of 74.7 per cent. In terms of this measure of trade openness as compared to the previous ratio, the number of OIC countries performing better than the world and developed countries was much higher.

At the level of the sub-groups, the OIC-FECs (67 per cent) and OIC-MDCs (64.9 per cent) realised higher averages than the overall OIC

average of 63.8 per cent, while the OIC-LDCs' average (39.2 per cent) remained below it. On the other hand, the OIC-MDCs, on average, increased their shares of FTV in GDP by 24.2 and the OIC-LDCs by 18.8 percentage points during the period under consideration. The OIC-FEC group increased its average by only 3.9 percentage points. However, of the three OIC sub-groups, this group realised the highest figures in terms of both measures of trade openness: exports as a share of GDP (39.8 per cent) and FTV as a share of GDP (67 per cent) by the end of the period under consideration. In other words, in this group of countries, foreign trade owing to fuel exports is comparatively the most important sector compared to many other OIC countries. Overall, it can be stated that on the basis of the evaluation of the said measures of trade openness, the OIC integration into the world economy through foreign trade is on the increase.

However, though it is a fact that the growing importance of trade in the world economy serves as an indication of increasing integration into the world economy, it should be taken into consideration very cautiously while making a comparison between countries or groups of countries. Actually, the size of an economy matters; in this respect, the comparison should always be made between economies of similar sizes as measured in terms of GDP. Therefore, the increases in terms of the percentage shares of exports in the GDP will be considered as an indicator of the growing importance of foreign trade in individual economies. However, it should not be considered as a proper indicator of the degree of integration into the world economy when countries of different economic sizes are compared. This fact becomes clearer when comparison is made between developed and developing countries, including the OIC members. Even without any reference to such indicators of integration, one can easily state that the developed countries, USA, Japan, the European Union (EU) members, etc. are more integrated into the world economy than the developing countries.

Together with the above-mentioned indicators of openness, the structure and direction of trade in terms of main trading partners also reflect the level of openness of an economy. Practically, if an economy sells most of its export products to only one or two countries and, in turn, buys almost all of its imports from only one or two countries, such an economy is dependent on and becomes vulnerable to the developments likely to take place in its major trading customers and,

accordingly, growth and development aspirations will be adversely affected.

TABLE 1: TOP THREE MAIN TRADING PARTNERS OF THE OIC COUNTRIES (number of countries)

	Exports	Imports
More than 60 %	18	4
50-59.9 %	8	14
40-49.9 %	19	15
Less than 40 %	11	23
Total	56(*)	56(*)

Source: Tables A.3 and A.4 in the Annex.

Note (*): For which data is available.

An evaluation of the OIC countries' experiences in this regard indicates that in 18 out of 56 countries for which data are available, the top three main export customers buy more than 60 per cent of their exports. And in 8 of those countries, between 50 and 59.9 per cent of the exports go to three customers (Table 1). In other words, 26 OIC members sell more than 50 per cent of their exports to only three customers. In fact, such dependence of exports on only three customers may cause serious imbalances in their economies if and when their customers for any reason stop buying their export products. Its direct impact will be seriously felt, to a great extent, in diminishing export earnings and increasing worries and uncertainties about the capacity to import. Both of these factors will increase the pressures on the people's income and consumption, lessen development hopes and aspirations and weaken the struggle against poverty in such developing countries. In such a case, expectations regarding benefiting from integration into the world economy become dubious.

Imports of the OIC countries are relatively better as compared to their exports. More than 60 per cent of the imports of 4 OIC countries are provided by only three major trading partners, whereas between 50 and 59.9 per cent of the imports of 12 OIC countries are provided by only three major partners (Table 1). This means that more than 50 per cent of the imports of 18 OIC members come from only three countries.

As observed, the OIC countries, like many other developing countries, are heavily contingent upon a few customers' markets, mostly

industrialised countries, for most of their export products. However, in addition to the developing countries' growth policies on the basis of export promotion and the asymmetric liberalisation of global trade within the framework of the WTO, this phenomenon has added another vicious circle to the development needs of the developing countries. Some of them, particularly those in Sub-Saharan Africa, were trapped in the process of marginalisation and faced the resulting problems of human poverty and deprivation.

When the weighted mean tariff rates are examined on the basis of the latest data available (Table A.5), it is noticed that only the rates of a few OIC countries are close to those of the selected developed countries. For example, among 34 OIC countries for which the related data are available, those rates are less than 5 per cent in Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Uzbekistan for primary products and in Iran, Malaysia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan for manufactured goods. Furthermore, in 19 out of the said 34 OIC countries, the tariff rates imposed on primary products are higher than the ones imposed on manufactured goods.

A high degree of integration into the world economy through trade liberalisation, which would also mean abolishing tariffs, constitutes an important revenue loss for many countries, particularly the OIC-LDCs. Therefore, trade liberalisation on the part of such countries should be managed cautiously so as to compensate budget losses from other reliable sources of income. Otherwise, governments may fall into the trap of financing current spending through borrowing which would only add to their debt problem and thus face obstacles in realising their long-run developmental path.

3.1.1. Trade Liberalisation under the WTO

In addition to the indicators of trade liberalisation discussed above, some developments which took place on the international scene during the last decade are also important steps towards the liberalisation of foreign trade worldwide. In particular, the signing of the *Final Act* concluding the Uruguay Round Negotiations and establishing the World Trade Organisation (WTO), better known as the '*Marrakesh Declaration*', in Marrakesh, Morocco, on 15 April 1994, was a cornerstone towards this end.

When the WTO was established on 1 January 1995, 76 countries became member to it on the first day and 36 others in 1995 after completing various procedures. In 1996, 16 other governments followed suit which brought the total number of member countries to 128 at the end of the first two years. Since then, 19 others have become members, bringing the total number to 147. Additionally, 31 countries have observer status and are in the process of membership.

Regarding the OIC countries, 15 became WTO members on 1 January 1995 and 14 others in 1995. In 1996, 6 OIC countries followed them, bringing the total number to 35 at the end of the first two years. Today, 39 OIC countries are members of the WTO, and 11 others are in the process of membership. The remaining 7 OIC countries have not yet applied for membership (see Annex Table A.6 for the accession dates of the OIC member countries to the WTO).

The WTO has opened up new avenues for its members towards integrating their economies into the world economy through encouraging trade liberalisation worldwide.

The WTO Agreement basically includes “*Multilateral Trade Agreements*”, binding all members, and “*Plurilateral Trade Agreements*”, binding only those parties that have accepted them. Multilateral Trade Agreements are obligatory for all members and are listed under the Agreement’s Annexes 1, 2 and 3. Annex 1 comprises the agreements on trade in goods, trade in services (GATS), and trade-related aspects of the intellectual property rights (TRIPs). Annexes 2 and 3 involve Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes and Trade Policy Review Mechanism respectively.

On the other hand, Plurilateral Trade Agreements, originally negotiated at the Tokyo Round under the earlier General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT 1948), are not obligatory, although they are also part of the WTO Agreement. These agreements are as follows: Trade in Civil Aircraft, Government Procurement, Dairy Products, and Bovine Meat. The Bovine Meat and Dairy Products Agreements were terminated in 1997.

The Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft, which entered into force on 1 January 1980, now has 30 signatories. It aims to eliminate import

duties on all aircraft, other than military aircraft, as well as on all other products covered by the Agreement.

The Agreement on Government Procurement, which entered into force on 1 January 1981, now has 28 members. Its purpose is to open up government procurement to international competition through stopping political pressures to favour local firms.

The WTO provides the common institutional framework for the conduct of the contractual obligations of the parties to the Agreement. The multilateral trading system becomes more dependent on the rules and procedures already determined and/or to be determined within that framework. The essential functions of the WTO can be summarised as follows:

- “administering and implementing the multilateral and plurilateral trade agreements which together make up the WTO;
- acting as a forum for multilateral trade negotiations;
- seeking to resolve trade disputes;
- overseeing national trade policies; and
- cooperating with other international institutions involved in global economic policy-making.” (WTO, WTO: Trading into the Future, Geneva, 1995).

The Organisation’s highest decision-making body is the Ministerial Conference, which meets at least once every two years. The latter follows up the implementation of the WTO Agreements, and takes decisions on all matters under any of the multilateral trade agreements in order to enhance global trading opportunities and encourage integration into the multilateral trading system and the world economy.

Since its inception in 1995, the WTO convened five Ministerial Conferences as follows:

1. Singapore, 9-13 December 1996,
2. Geneva, 18-20 May 1998,
3. Seattle, 30 November-3 December 1999,

4. Doha, 9-13 November 2001, and
5. Cancún, 10-14 September 2003.

The next Ministerial Conference is scheduled to be held in Hong Kong in December 2005.

During the implementation process of the WTO Agreements since 1995, developing countries experienced various difficulties due mainly to the opening of their foreign trade accounts. Their optimistic expectations relating to their development aspirations and major promising benefits to be reaped while integrating their economies into the world economy were not materialised. Developed countries were rather slow in opening their economies, particularly in the sectors of export interest to the developing countries such as agriculture, textiles, etc.

Therefore, the developing countries openly criticised the developed countries in the Seattle Conference in 1999 on the grounds that the latter, *inter alia*, heavily used trade-distorting income subsidies and similar measures, abused anti-dumping measures, substituted high technical standards instead of non-tariff barriers, and very effectively made use of sanitary and phytosanitary measures as trade barriers. The developing countries insisted on a reconsideration of the WTO Agreements so as to establish a more equitable and just multilateral trading system. However, when the developed countries did not respond positively to such concerns and demands, the Seattle Conference failed dramatically.

Later, the Doha Ministerial Conference underlined the developing countries' development concerns and agreed on launching a new round of trade negotiations with development issues at its core. This new round is known as the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) and is expected to end by 1st January 2005.

On the other hand, the Fifth WTO Cancun Conference, held in September 2003, could not be successful due to differences of opinion between the developed and developing countries mainly on the implementation of the WTO agreements, development concerns of the developing countries and the lack of response from the developed countries in properly addressing such issues within the framework of the

WTO. However, the developing countries insist on the conclusion of the trade negotiations with DDA at its core under the auspices of the WTO.

3.1.2. Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs)

Regional trade agreements (RTAs), including bilateral ones, aim to create larger economic units through integrating smaller national economies at the regional level. These agreements affect the economies' modes of production, foreign trade and, as a result, the people in all respects through regulating tariffs, removing trade barriers, changing domestic and regional prices, creating a more competitive environment, redirecting trade in favour of the participating countries and creating more trade in the region. Depending upon the level of integration, regional economic groupings may take the form of six major groups as follows: preferential trade areas, free trade areas, customs unions, common markets, monetary unions and economic unions.

Aiming to accelerate the economic growth and development of the participating countries, regional economic and commercial agreements establish closer commercial, monetary, financial and economic coordination and cooperation among the countries involved. In other words, they increase the level of integration among them by opening up their markets and economies while discriminating against third parties.

On the other hand, such a development is against the idea of *non-discrimination*, the most important principle of multilateral trade liberalisation efforts being conducted within the framework of the WTO. That principle is better known as the most favoured nation (MFN) clause and requires that any trade concession extended to a country be automatically and immediately applied to all other WTO members.

In this regard, the case of the regional trade agreements establishing any form of regional grouping is accepted as an exception to this basic principle. They are considered to be complementing the multilateral trading system, helping to build and strengthen it, since they encourage trade liberalisation and increase the integration of the national economies at the regional level.

Therefore, the GATT contracting parties and later the WTO members were required to report the regional trade agreements (RTAs)

in which they participate. Table 2 shows the increase in the number of RTAs since 1970. Their pace accelerated particularly after the establishment of the WTO in 1995. It appears that almost all of the WTO members have reported participation in one or more RTAs.

TABLE 2: NUMBER OF REGIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS (RTAs)

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002
Number of RTAs	6	15	21	27	31	80	156	167	181

Source: WTO, http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/region_e/regfac_e.htm.

The OIC countries are also quite actively involved in establishing regional economic groupings among themselves. Table A.7 in the Annex shows membership of the OIC countries in 18 major regional economic groupings. While 13 of these groupings involve neighbouring countries, 5, namely the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO), and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), consist only of OIC countries. Most of the OIC countries belong to more than one regional scheme. Since the objectives and functions of these regional groupings have been studied in detail in various SESRTCIC reports, they will not be further elaborated here.

The OIC countries have also concentrated their efforts on increasing cooperation and coordination among themselves under the auspices of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC). They are also aware of the need to take practical steps to realise economic integration among themselves with the ultimate objective of establishing an Islamic Common Market or any other form of economic integration. The establishment of such an integration scheme will be necessary to help them minimise the adverse effects of globalisation and reap the benefits to be provided by it.

In this regard, the implementation of the OIC Strategy and Plan of Action to Strengthen Economic and Commercial Cooperation will help the OIC countries pave the way to move towards forming higher and more integrated schemes of regional economic cooperation. The launching of trade negotiations under the Framework Agreement on

the Trade Preferential System of the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC) is an important step towards the realisation of this goal. In this connection, the successful completion, in April and September 2004 in Antalya, of two meetings of the Trade Negotiating Committee under TPS-OIC was a tangible development in establishing such a scheme.

3.2. Financial Liberalisation

In addition to trade liberalisation, another channel in the process of integration into the world economy is the liberalisation of the capital account. A similar analysis of the trade openness degree of the OIC economies is carried out below in the light of various indicators. The first of these is the share of gross private capital flows¹ in GDP (Table A.8). A sudden increase in the said ratio can be detected for the OIC total in 2002. While the ratio oscillated between 7.6 and 8.0 per cent, in the data appearing in the table, it showed a jump to 12.4 per cent in 2002 (Table A.8). Against such a leap in the said year, the OIC ratio remained quite below the world average of 20.8 per cent. Indeed, it has always been below the world averages throughout the observed years. This fact is a very clear sign of the unsatisfactory level of gross private capital flows in the OIC countries compared to other parts of the world. Only 3 (Azerbaijan, Bahrain and Kazakhstan) out of 25 OIC countries realised higher shares of gross private capital flows in GDP than that of the world in the same year. When the sub-groups are analysed, it becomes clear that the jump observed in 2002 is attributable to the OIC-FECs group, in which the said ratio increased from 6.8 per cent in 2001 to 19.1 per cent in 2002. The OIC-MDCs group recorded an average of 8.6 per cent whereas the OIC-LDCs group could only realise an average of 2.8 per cent. While in general decreasing in the OIC-LDCs as well as the OIC-FECs except in 2002, only in the case of the OIC-MDCs group does this indicator show an increasing trend throughout the period under consideration. Nevertheless, the ratio in the latter group remains relatively low compared to the world average of 20.8 per cent and the developed country average of 21.2 per cent in 2002.

¹ It is the sum of the absolute values of direct, portfolio and other investment inflows and outflows recorded in the balance of payments' financial account, excluding changes in the assets and liabilities of monetary authorities and general government (WDI, p. 309).

Another indicator used in the analysis of financial openness is the share of net inflows of foreign direct investment² in GDP. The role and impact of this kind of investment in an economy is important not only in financial terms as a source of foreign exchange in the country's balance of payments, but also in the context of its impact on job creation and increasing economic and commercial activity.

Regarding the share of net FDI inflows in GDP, the overall performance of the OIC total was comparatively lower than that of the world average during the period under consideration (Table A.9). However, when the situation is analysed in reference to the sub-groups, an increasing trend is observed in the OIC-LDCs group. While this group's performance witnessed a steady increase, that of other sub-groups could be regarded as comparatively modest. Of the other two sub-groups, in the OIC-MDCs, the share of net foreign direct investment in GDP seems, on average, to be systematically higher than that of the OIC average.

TABLE 3: RANKS IN THE UNCTAD INWARD FDI PERFORMANCE INDEX, 1999-2001

10	Brunei	76	Tunisia	116	Pakistan
12	Gambia	82	Benin	117	Sierra Leone
15	Kazakhstan	83	Nigeria	119	Burkina Faso
17	Guyana	84	Uzbekistan	121	Niger
24	Mozambique	86	Côte d'Ivoire	122	Cameroon
33	Azerbaijan	93	Tajikistan	125	Bangladesh
45	Togo	94	Senegal	129	Oman
46	Morocco	96	Lebanon	131	Iran
54	Jordan	98	Qatar	132	Kuwait
56	Bahrain	101	Algeria	134	Libya
57	Sudan	103	Syria	135	Saudi Arabia
58	Uganda	107	Kyrgyzstan	136	U.A.E.
67	Albania	110	Egypt	137	Yemen
68	Mali	112	Turkey	138	Indonesia
70	Malaysia	114	Guinea	139	Gabon
				140	Suriname

Source: World Investment Report, 2003.

² It is defined as the sum of equity capital, reinvestment of earnings, other long and short-term capital (WDI, p. 329).

An index produced by the UNCTAD (2003) measures the FDI performance with respect to the country's economic potential (Table 3). This index ranks countries according to the size of their economies and is calculated as the ratio of a country's share in global FDI inflows to its share in global GDP. The stated index is available for 140 countries, 46 of which are OIC members. It indicates that most of the OIC countries, for which the data are available, are still far from the level of attracting FDI flows correspondent to their economic sizes. This indicates that although a country may have promising prospects, macroeconomic and institutional prerequisites for attracting FDI flows are important as stated in the previous section.

In the light of the above analysis, the capacity to attract FDI needs to be enhanced. To this end, a range of policies on the part of the domestic authorities is advocated, among which are the improvement of human capital, adherence to sound and predictable macroeconomic policies, building strong institutional and legal frameworks and maintaining a sufficient level of trade openness which balances the recipient economy's developmental needs with the motivation of the foreign investors.

In terms of portfolio investments³, it is observed that the rise of this means of financing has been rapid in the developed markets during the period under consideration (Table A.10). When the developments in the OIC countries in this regard are analysed, it is noticed that compared to the developed country figures, their level of portfolio investments is both modest and highly volatile. As an important source of development financing, this constitutes the most risky instrument for the long-run growth prospects of individual economies.

Apart from their volatility and relatively low level, it is observed that portfolio investments have become increasingly concentrated in a very few OIC countries, particularly the OIC-MDCs. On the other hand, of the 39 OIC countries for which the data are available, 18 had a flow in portfolio investments in 1990, while in 2002, out of 23 member countries, 19 realised similar flows. At the level of the sub-groups, the

³ Portfolio investment flows include non-debt-creating portfolio equity flows (the sum of a country's funds, depository receipts and direct purchases of shares by foreign investors) and portfolio debt flows (bond issues purchased by foreign investors) (WDI, p. 329).

OIC-LDCs had the lowest share of portfolio flows. Hence, the overall picture of this indicator reveals that the OIC countries hardly manage the consumption smoothing function of such flows as proposed in various economic studies, rather facing a pro-cyclical pattern and unexpected reversals in this means of financial integration.

TABLE 4: MARKET CAPITALISATION (shares, in per cent)

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003
OIC-LDC	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5
OIC-MDC	49.8	83.7	65.4	58.7	66.3	65.6
OIC-FEC	50.1	16.0	34.4	40.8	33.1	33.9
OIC Total (bln\$)	169.7	407.9	418.3	403.1	371.9	558.8
World (bln\$)	9,399.7	17,781.7	36,030.8	32,189.2	27,561.7	23,359.5
OIC share in the world total	1.8	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.3	2.4

Despite the volatile character of portfolio flows, a portion of it, namely the portfolio equity flows, is important both for deepening the domestic financial markets and providing less costly means of financing other than leveraging for firms. Thus, market capitalisation⁴ and its development throughout the period under consideration could be a good indicator of the extent to which the OIC countries have benefited from the financial integration into the world economy (Table A.11). According to the available data, the share of the OIC market capitalisation in the world total increased from 1.8 per cent in 1990 to 2.3 per cent in 1995 and to 2.4 per cent in 2003 (Table 4). Although an increase was observed in this ratio especially during the first half of the 1990s, its adequacy in providing sufficient financing for the OIC private sector is very debatable. Hence, developments in this indicator also confirm the findings in terms of the portfolio investments, i.e. the OIC countries as a whole still have room for both furthering and benefiting from financial openness.

At the level of the OIC sub-groups, the OIC-LDCs recorded the lowest share of market capitalisation while the OIC-MDCs recorded the highest. Despite all other considerations, one important point is the

⁴ It is defined as the share price times the number of shares outstanding (WDI, p. 269).

steady increase of market capitalisation in all the sub-groups though its pace might differ from one sub-group to another.

Being important instruments in providing less costly financial resources to the firms, stock markets are also important for financial investors as they provide an opportunity for portfolio diversification. Thus, it is an important undertaking to develop the stock markets in the OIC countries by providing their firms with a less costly financing instrument. It is also vital for well utilising the opportunities of financial integration. In this context, a system could be devised that aims to contribute to the member countries' market capitalisation in the equity markets while providing profit opportunities for the OIC investors.

3.2.1. Liberalisation through the IMF Policies

Since integration into the world economy implies the opening up of domestic economies, i.e. production and trade of goods and services, through the partial elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers, the economies of the developing countries have become open and vulnerable to severe and intense competition from the outside world. Because of the highly competitive nature of the international economy, domestic prices of goods and services declined. As a result, firms working with less profit margins and high production costs may not survive and may leave the production scene. In short, they would be wiped out of the market.

In addition, the increased competitive conditions on the world scale necessitated the adjustment of the economies at the macro level. In this regard, the focus of countries had to shift in favour of the implementation of more cost-based economic policies against human and social programmes and policies.

Indeed, human and social services can be financed through taxation. Since tax is a cost item for the private sector, it directly affects the investment decisions of the local and international investors. Therefore, during the process of integration into the world economy, cutting government spending on some human and social services has become inevitable. Countries had to respond to competitive pressures from the outside world by cutting real wages and

expenditures on services such as education, health, etc. for the sake of increasing the competitiveness of their domestic economies in spite of the very costly effects this will have on the society in the long run. In other words, the opening up of the economies of some developing countries with the aim of integrating into the world economy has been painful for them in varying degrees.

On the other hand, the opening up of the capital account and removal of currency exchange controls led to a freer movement of private capital across countries, including the developing ones, and created more integrated money, foreign exchange and capital markets. Such a development appeared to be a positive one from the viewpoint of the developing countries since they were in need of capital, particularly foreign capital, to realise their development aspirations. Furthermore, control over the money supply, interest rates and exchange rates has become increasingly difficult for central banks, monetary authorities and governments. As a result, during the process of integration, the developing countries had to deal with severe fluctuations in the national and international currencies and financial markets, serious balance of payments difficulties and structural imbalances in their economies. This was the environment in which the 1994 Mexican, the 1997 Asian and the 1998 Russian crises erupted.

Under these circumstances, many developing countries had to resort to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) resources to revive their economies. Though the core responsibility of the IMF is to provide loans to countries experiencing balance-of-payments problems⁵, this is not simply a lending process. As explicitly mentioned in the IMF sources, through this financial assistance, the IMF aims to enable countries to rebuild their international reserves, stabilise their currencies, and continue paying for imports. Moreover, an IMF loan is designed to ease the adjustment policies and reforms that a country must implement to correct its balance of payments problem and restore conditions for strong economic growth (IMF, October 2004a). In other words, the IMF lending reinforces the stabilisation and structural adjustment of an economy with a view to furthering its liberalisation and globalisation, i.e. integration into the world economy. Of course, the IMF conditionality under these

⁵ <http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/howlend.htm>, as viewed in October 2004.

stabilisation and structural adjustment programmes foresees very tough measures, including the cutting of social and human programmes, liberalisation of domestic prices through the elimination of price subsidies, liberalisation of foreign trade through the removal of quantitative trade restrictions and lowering of tariffs, deregulation of government-controlled economic activities and privatisation of state or public enterprises, including banks.

The developing countries, including the OIC members, experienced various stabilisation and structural adjustment programmes conducted under the IMF and the World Bank (WB). Like those of the IMF, the WB credits also aim to liberalise prices and domestic markets, privatise state and/or public-sector enterprises and liberalise foreign trade. However, this section will focus on the IMF programmes.

Of these, the Standby Arrangement is an IMF decision by which a member country is allowed to make purchases (drawings) from the General Resources Account (GRA) of the IMF in accordance with the terms determined in the arrangement. It specifies the amount of funds, the time period for the arrangement, usually one to two years, and the conditions determined to access those funds. The terms of the standby arrangement are agreed upon after consultations between the Member State and the Fund. The conditions are mostly designed to improve the balance of payments position in a sustainable manner, that is, they involve measures to increase exports and decrease imports. They also include policies to open up foreign trade to international competition and the capital account so as to allow the free movement of capital. The restructuring of the domestic economy is also embodied through austere measures levied on money, banking and the government budget. The implementation of such measures is commonly criticised in terms of their adverse effects on social programmes, human development, income and income distribution, employment and, particularly, poverty.

The Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) aims to support programmes to strengthen balance of payments positions and foster economic growth, leading to higher living standards and a reduction in poverty. Under this facility, low-income countries may borrow on concessional terms. Eighty low-income countries are currently PRGF-eligible. Loans are disbursed in instalments under

three-year arrangements, subject to the observance of performance criteria and the completion of programme reviews. The arrangement includes policy actions aiming at the alleviation of poverty through the restructuring of the economy and increasing the sustainability of growth. As implied in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers, the objectives of the Programme include points of convergence to the market economy framework.

This facility was established as the **Structural Adjustment Facility (SAF)** in December 1987 to provide assistance on concessional terms to low-income member countries facing balance of payments problems. In 1994, it was enlarged and extended as the **Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (ESAF)**. In 1999, it was further strengthened to make poverty reduction a key and more explicit element and its name changed to the **Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility**.

Extended Fund Facility (EFF) is another IMF financing facility established in 1974 to support economic programmes that generally run for three years and are aimed at overcoming balance of payments difficulties resulting from macroeconomic and structural problems. Typically, the member's economic programme states the general objectives for the three-year period and the specific policies for the first year. Policies for subsequent years are also spelled out at the time of programme reviews.

Table A.13 in the Annex shows the number of IMF lending arrangements according to the kind of facility since 1990. In this regard, 24 OIC countries agreed to borrow 43.3 billion SDRs of which 30.9 billion SDRs were drawn within the framework of 46 standby arrangements. Similarly, 10 OIC countries agreed to borrow 13.1 billion SDRs (9.8 billion SDRs drawn) within the framework of 15 Extended Fund Facility (EFF) arrangements, 25 countries 8.2 billion SDRs (5.9 billion SDRs drawn) within the framework of 71 Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF) arrangements, and 12 countries only 834 million SDRs (766 million SDRs drawn) within the framework of 12 Structural Adjustment Facility (SAF) arrangements. In total, 38 OIC members agreed to borrow 65.4 billion SDRs of which 47.3 billion SDRs were drawn within the framework of 144 lending arrangements since 1990.

4. INTEGRATION AND PHYSICAL AND INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES

The whole set of expected positive outcomes from liberalising trade and capital accounts is not automatic. It is rather contingent upon fulfilling a number of prerequisites and the creation of the necessary physical and institutional frameworks. Regarding the OIC member countries' current state of integration into the world economy, it is observed that the overall opening up process has been relatively rapid since 1990, albeit with fluctuations. Despite this rapid integration process, the OIC countries in general still have more room to derive the benefits of liberalisation while reducing the related risks. In this regard, strengthening the necessary physical and institutional infrastructures to increase the benefits to be gained from integration into the world economy becomes important for those countries.

4.1. Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

The world economy has become more integrated and interdependent than ever before. Some factors, such as technological innovations, improvements and developments in transport and telecommunications infrastructure, enormously contributed to this process. Especially information and data exchange among computers through the Internet has become the leading element of this process. It provides an easy access to knowledge and services and has become the engine of global trade in goods and services. It could not be a mere coincidence that the globalisation and integration processes accelerated since the 1990s when the Internet was also brought into service.

At this point, a clarification should be made. It is true that the Internet has become an indispensable component of international trade (e-commerce), providing easy access to knowledge and services. However, when the matter comes to issues such as know-how, technological information, expertise, etc., it becomes almost futile since such technological knowledge is widely and strictly protected by national laws and international agreements, in particular the WTO TRIPs Agreement.

The IC technology has particularly facilitated the globalisation of financial markets and the internationalisation of such services: banks

and banking activities, currency, foreign exchange and capital markets became linked worldwide. On the one hand, these improved facilities in international financial markets increased the benefits of the customers utilising such services and provided more business opportunities for them. Time and transport costs have been reduced considerably compared to the earlier conventional cross-border operations and practices.

On the other hand, such a high technology, together with the liberalisation of the capital account, brought about a more competitive environment in the developing countries. Banks and financial institutions in those countries had to face severe difficulties during the process of opening up financial services to international competition. They had to learn how to deal with this sophisticated technology, restructure their operational modalities and, accordingly, improve their services so as to compete with international banks and financial institutions.

TABLE 5: BASIC INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS INDICATORS, 2002

	OIC	World	Share of OIC in world (%)
Main telephone lines (000)	78,742.1	1,091,575.7	7.2
Main telephone lines per 100 inhabitants	6.3	17.9	
Cell phone subscribers (000)	82,861.4	1,162,674.6	7.1
Cell phone subscribers per 100 inhabitants	6.6	19.1	
Personal Computers (PC) (000)	24,877	587,518	4.2
PCs per 100 inhabitants	2.1	9.9	
Internet hosts	458,432	157,581,802	0.3
Hosts per 10000 inhabitants	3.8	258.6	
Users (000)	36,266	623,023	5.8
Users per 10000 inhabitants	288.5	1022.0	

Source: SESRTCIC, *Role of Transport and Telecommunications in the Establishment of an Islamic Common Market*, November 2004, ERT/ACC20/SM1.

In such an interconnected world of information and communications, the state of information and telecommunications infrastructure is not very promising in the OIC countries compared to the developed countries, let alone the world figures. The OIC countries' share in main telephone lines amounts to only 7.2 per cent of the world total in 2002 (Table 5). In terms of the number of main telephone lines per 100 inhabitants, the OIC figure is only 6.3, almost one third of the world average of 17.9. Regarding the number of cell phone subscribers, the share of the OIC countries amounts to only 7.1 per cent of the world total in the same year. Furthermore, in terms of the number of cell phone subscribers per 100 inhabitants, the OIC figure (6.6) is again equal to almost one third of the world average.

Regarding the indicators relating to computers and the Internet, the capacity in the OIC countries is dramatically low compared to the world averages. The number of personal computers (PC) in the OIC countries accounts for only 4.2 per cent of the world total. The number of PCs per 100 inhabitants is only 2.1 against the world average of 9.9, that is almost one fifth of the world average. As for the number of Internet hosts and users, the share of the OIC countries as a whole is only 0.3 and 5.8 per cent of the world total, respectively⁶ (Table 5).

Indeed, Table 5 clearly sheds light on the unsatisfactory position of the OIC countries with respect to the infrastructure, capacity and penetration of information and communications technology products and services. Such a low level of access to new technologies and services would not help the OIC countries in their integration process as well as bridging the development gap that separates them from the developed countries.

An efficient telecommunications infrastructure, supported by reliable high technology products, would have a positive impact particularly on the trade and finance sectors. The establishment of an efficient information and communications network among the OIC countries will contribute to increasing efficiency, productivity and competitiveness in their domestic economies which will, in turn, help them specialise in high value-added sectors.

⁶ For a more detailed analysis and appraisal of the state of the telecommunications sector in the OIC countries, see SESRTCIC's report entitled *Role of Transport and Telecommunications in the Establishment of an Islamic Common Market*, November 2004, ERT/ACC20/SM1.

4.2. Transport

In addition to a country's level of information and communications capacity, its transport infrastructure is equally important for supporting its trade activities. The impact of this is easily felt through its interindustry linkages over the various sectors of an economy. In addition to goods, people, i.e. economic agents, also need to be carried from one place to another.

The introduction of modern technology to this sector has also given an impetus to its conventional role. The existence of a satisfactory level of transport infrastructure and the smooth and efficient operation of the various transport means will add to the efficiency and productivity of each and every sector in a country as well as its overall international competitiveness.

It will also create positive linkages in a country's international relations and the integration of its economy into the global economy. Of course, without the provision of sufficient levels of various modes of transport networks linking parts of a country to international markets, one cannot talk about economies' integration into the world economy. Therefore, together with the telecommunications sector, transport plays a vital and pivotal role in this connection.

Regarding the state of transport infrastructure in the OIC countries, it is observed that, though changing with respect to the modes of transport, its level as a share of the world figures is relatively better compared to the IC infrastructure. The OIC countries as a whole have a total highway network (paved and unpaved) of about 3 million kilometres which amounts to 10.4 per cent of the world total (Table 6). Regarding the railway network, their 101,304 kilometres-long network constitutes 9.1 per cent of the world total.

In terms of maritime transport, the number of major ports in the OIC countries is 277 and the number of ships 2,716. The OIC total merchant fleets, as measured in terms of gross registered tons, amount to 6.0 per cent of the world total. This share varies from 3.3 per cent in container ships to 7.2 per cent in oil tankers, 7.8 per cent in general cargo vessels and 8.0 per cent in other types.

Regarding air transport, the total number of airports in the OIC countries amounts to 4,485 of which only 1,326 are paved, about 30 per cent of the total number. On the other hand, the OIC countries' position with respect to civil aviation traffic was also not very satisfactory. As measured in terms of the kilometres flown and passengers carried, the OIC community shares only 6.2 and 6.5 per cent of the world totals, respectively.

In sum, compared to their vast sea and land areas, dispersed over four continents and accounting for one sixth of the world land area, the OIC figures on transport infrastructure and services capacity are considerably low and insufficient to meet the needs and demands to facilitate their further integration into the world economy.

TABLE 6: BASIC TRANSPORT INDICATORS

	OIC	World	OIC as % of World
Highways (total, km.)	2,969,967	28,510,315	10.4
Railway network (km.)	101,304	1,115,205	9.1
Number of major ports	277	n.a.	
Number of ships	2,716	n.a.	
Merchant Fleets as at 31 December 2002 (gross registered tons)			
Total fleet	35,483,049	591,704,137	6.0
Oil tankers	12,928,367	179,819,924	7.2
Bulk carriers	6,924,362	171,628,160	4.0
General cargo vessels	6,972,508	89,727,245	7.8
Container ships	2,374,899	72,206,406	3.3
Other	6,282,912	78,322,402	8.0
Number of airports (unpaved)	3,159	n.a.	
Number of airports (paved)	1,326	n.a.	
Number of airports (total)	4,485	n.a.	
Civil aviation traffic, 2000			
Kilometres flown (millions)	1,553	25,155	6.2
Passengers carried (000s)	107,675	1,655,164	6.5
Passenger-km	207,136	3,014,211	6.9
Total ton-km	27,016	400,740	6.7

Source: SESRTCIC, *Role of Transport and Telecommunications in the Establishment of an Islamic Common Market*, November 2004, ERT/ACC20/SM1.

4.3. Institutional Capacity Building

Opening up through the removal of trade restrictions and barriers and liberalising capital flows leads a developing economy to deal with new economic agents having different commercial practices, jurisdictions, habits and scales. In this new setting, traditional practices, institutions and legal frameworks are likely to be challenged by the sophistication introduced by these liberalisation processes. Thus, integration into the world economy necessitates the creation of a new environment whereby all the economic agents, be they domestic or foreign, are provided equal treatment, rights and information. This would be most likely met through the establishment of the basic dynamics of the market mechanism. Hence, integration into the world economy necessitates the adoption of the basic institutional structures of the market economy.

Institutional restructuring ranges from eliminating factors distorting the price mechanism, establishing dispute settling and ownership frameworks to preventing non-technical interventions in the market dynamics, ensuring free entry to and exit from the market and adopting transparent processes for policy making and implementation. It is also important to eliminate adverse selection by bringing successful domestic firms to the forefront and helping them become the building blocks of the domestic economy.

In case of the existence of market distortions and the presence of weak institutions, financial integration may work in the opposite direction and result in capital outflows from the capital-scarce to the capital-abundant countries. Furthermore, in such an environment, imperfections and deviations from the market structure are likely to disturb resource allocation and adversely affect economic growth and development. The existence of properly functioning institutional and financial mechanisms is essential both in boosting growth rates and deriving the advantages of financial integration.

As elaborated in this section, integration into the world economy is likely to produce better results if it is complemented by the creation of the necessary physical and institutional environment. This is vital in the course of development since only with the existence and well-functioning of such an environment could firms operate efficiently and

effectively. This, in turn, results in the acceleration of economic growth and development.

5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The openness of an economy in trade and capital accounts or, in other words, its integration into the world economy has a wide set of implications. Theoretically, liberalisation of trade and capital flows is advocated on the grounds of its impetus to economic development. It is supposed, *inter alia*, to achieve the price convergence of goods produced in an economy to the international levels, increase the choice and welfare of the consumer, help the production structure gain a more competitive nature, increase the knowledge and technological base of a country and augment the domestic financial pool, thus allowing for additional means of financing for development and providing incentives to capacity/institution building. In other words, based on the belief that an open market allocates resources efficiently, global economic integration is expected to improve welfare worldwide. It is also believed that for the developing countries, it is almost a ready-made prescription to solve their growth and development problems and rapidly bridge the development gap separating them from the developed countries.

However, empirical studies and real world experiences are not in line with those expectations. They indicate the need on the part of the national authorities to approach the process of opening up and its aftermath cautiously, adeptly and with coherent policies in order to eliminate the attached risks and derive benefits. On the other hand, failure to do so could impose on individual economies certain conditions which could have diverting effects from the long-run developmental path.

As a result, except for a limited number of countries in Asia, many developing countries realised that they could hardly sustain their *good old days* and some others found themselves losing ground, marginalised and struggling with aggravated economic, social and human development problems. Distress and further concerns replaced earlier hopes.

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The OIC members, like other developing countries, have gone through the processes of trade and financial liberalisation so as to

respond to competitive pressures from the outside world. When different indicators of openness are analysed, it is noticed that in terms of foreign trade, the OIC countries, on average, are in the process of opening up. However, when financial integration is considered, it is noticed that those countries are still far from the point where the elements of this channel of integration could support more strongly their development. In addition, those elements still include factors of volatility which constitute a risk to their growth patterns.

It is also observed that their production and trade structures and markets are still far from the satisfactory and supportive levels to help them derive the expected benefits in terms of sustainable growth and development within the process of integration into the world economy.

A high degree of integration into the world economy through trade liberalisation, i.e. abolishing tariffs, constitutes an important revenue loss for many countries, particularly the OIC-LDCs. Therefore, trade liberalisation on the part of such countries should be managed cautiously so as to compensate budget losses from other reliable sources of income. Otherwise, those countries may fall into the trap of financing current spending through borrowing which would only add to their already heavy debt burden.

While the developing countries increased their pace of integration through the implementation of the WTO Agreements since 1995, they experienced various difficulties due mainly to the opening of their foreign trade accounts. Their optimistic expectations relating to their development aspirations and promising major benefits to be reaped while integrating into the world economy were not materialised.

Developing countries are of the view that developmental issues in multilateral trade negotiations should be given due consideration so as to maintain a just, free and fair trading environment within the framework of the WTO Agreements. The special and differential treatment provisions in favour of the developing countries, in particular the LDCs, should be materialised.

While integrating into the world economy, the developing countries went through structural adjustment processes in order to acquire efficiency in their economies so as to respond to competitive pressures

from the outside world. In this regard, cutting spending on some human and social services has become inevitable in many of them. However, since investing in human capital is considered an indispensable prerequisite for the realisation of the long-run development prospects of those countries, the effects of cutting spending on services such as education, health, etc. will be very costly for the society.

As pointed out in the Centre's paper entitled "Economic and Social Development in the OIC Countries", the *income gap* between developed and developing countries has widened considerably. "While an average person in a developed country earned 11.5 times more than a person in a developing country in 1990, the income gap increased to 21.5 times in 2003. In the case of the OIC countries, the gap grew from about 14 times to 23 times at the end of the period under consideration" (SESRTCIC, 2004, p. 4).

On the other hand, since globalisation and integration are facts of life, the developing countries, including the OIC members, should develop ways and means to survive and improve their conditions so as to derive the utmost benefits from this process. For the creation of such an environment in the OIC countries, the need for establishing a sufficient and efficient physical and institutional infrastructure should be strongly underlined.

In this connection, the process of integration into the world economy needs to be supported and strengthened by the institutions of a market economy on the grounds of efficiency and the reduction of the risks incurred by that process. In failing to establish strong institutions and set the background for a market mechanism, integration, in particular financial integration, could work in the opposite direction causing capital outflows from already capital-scarce economies.

Despite the institutional restructuring steps taken by the OIC countries, newly opening countries are still likely to find themselves vulnerable to external shocks as they produce and export a narrow set of commodities. Hence, their short-term risks due to opening up could increase while they may lose a portion of their budgetary revenues due to the lowering of tariffs.

Capital flows, in particular those in the form of foreign direct investment and buying the shares of companies at the secondary markets, constitute a less costly means of financing for the developing countries. The volume of such flows among the OIC countries will be increased by encouraging cooperation and coordination among the stock exchanges of the OIC members. In this way, firms in the OIC member countries could be provided with a more stable external financing. In this context, the COMCEC agenda item relating to the establishment of a mechanism for cooperation among the stock exchanges of the OIC member countries is expected to provide impetus.

Integration into the world economy is not an end in itself but should always be regarded as a means in the course of development. Therefore, integration should be so designed that it becomes a positive force for the peoples of the entire world, and especially the peoples of the developing countries should also start to benefit from this process. In other words, its currently unevenly distributed benefits should be shared more equally by everybody. International institutions should concentrate their efforts on the realisation of this ultimate goal. The international community should also adopt policies and measures at the global level to suit the needs of developing countries. In so doing, those countries should be allowed to participate effectively in the formulation and implementation of such policies and measures.

The accelerating intensity of the integration process strongly underscores the need for increasing regional economic cooperation among the developing countries, including the OIC members, as an indispensable means of survival in a world of severe competition. In this direction, various forms of regional economic cooperation schemes, such as free trade areas, customs unions or common markets, will be tried. Yet, any such cooperation scheme needs to create productive and efficient economic units so as to benefit from the economies of scale. Otherwise, they will not be sufficient to compete economically with the outside world.

In this respect, it is interesting to note that in the 1990s, regional integration efforts increased among the developed countries. It could not be a mere coincidence that the EU members intensified their economic and monetary integration and decided to enlarge the Union in those years. Other groupings such as the North American Free Trade Area

(NAFTA) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) were also formed and enlarged almost during the same period.

In line with these developments, the OIC countries need to intensify their efforts to strengthen economic and commercial cooperation among themselves so as to form a regional economic cooperation scheme, including the ultimate objective of establishing an Islamic Common Market. In this way, they may better protect their interests against the prevailing adverse effects of a severely competitive global economy and reap the benefits to be provided by integrating into it.

The establishment of such a scheme among the member countries is an extremely tedious and multi-dimensional task. Those countries have spent considerable time and energy in this direction, including the establishment of the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC). Furthermore, they adopted the OIC Strategy and Plan of Action to increase cooperation and coordination amongst themselves in ten sectors ranging from food and agriculture to trade and from industry to tourism. In fact, the implementation of the OIC Strategy and Plan of Action will help those countries move towards forming higher and more integrated schemes of regional economic integration, including the realisation of their ultimate aim of establishing an Islamic Common Market.

To this end, the launching of trade negotiations under the Framework Agreement on the Trade Preferential System of the Member States of the OIC (TPS-OIC) is an important step. The 19th Session of the COMCEC (20-23 October 2003) adopted the Objectives and Principles of the first round of the trade negotiations and the Rules of Procedure of the Trade Negotiating Committee. In this connection, the successful completion, in April and September 2004 in Antalya, Turkey, of two meetings of the Trade Negotiating Committee will promote the OIC Community's hopes of preparing a better future for its peoples through increased cooperation and strengthened ties between its members.

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TABLE A.1: MERCHANDISE EXPORTS (as percentage of GDP)

	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan						
Bangladesh	5.5	7.9	9.7	11.9	12.2	11.0
Benin	6.6	10.7	8.7	9.2	7.9	7.4
Burkina Faso	4.9	7.6	6.0	6.3	6.1	5.3
Chad	5.5	9.7	6.4	6.3	4.7	3.3
Comoros	9.2	4.7	5.4	7.8	16.8	11.6
Djibouti	13.1	21.7	28.2	24.8	34.7	26.2
Gambia	59.1	17.7	1.9	8.8	6.0	7.8
Guinea	22.7	21.7	14.2	19.8	17.9	27.1
Guinea-Bissau	13.0	37.4	25.4	51.6	62.0	59.1
Maldives	24.3	12.5	10.9	36.7	28.0	33.2
Mali	9.2	8.7	8.6	8.8	5.1	5.1
Mauritania	44.2	55.3	53.2	50.2	50.9	54.7
Mozambique	14.5	10.4	6.6	10.0	20.5	18.9
Niger	11.0	8.6	8.9	10.9	8.3	7.2
Senegal	15.1	12.9	17.2	15.8	17.0	18.8
Sierra Leone	16.7	15.4	0.9	19.6	6.9	12.6
Somalia						
Sudan	2.1	7.1	6.5	14.0	13.7	12.4
Togo	15.5	23.3	14.8	14.3	16.6	20.5
Uganda	3.9	8.6	6.5	5.3	5.5	5.6
Yemen	0.1	0.5	32.4	42.6	35.4	32.8
OIC-LDC	6.7	9.2	11.8	15.6	15.0	14.3
Albania	5.9	7.6	8.0	7.1	7.2	6.8
Cameroon	18.2	26.8	17.4	20.7	20.6	19.3
Côte d'Ivoire	26.1	41.3	33.5	35.7	33.9	42.2
Egypt	2.8	8.9	3.9	6.4	4.3	8.2
Guyana	66.5	75.6	87.9	83.7	80.7	77.3
Indonesia	22.4	21.4	34.8	41.3	39.3	33.0
Jordan	22.9	21.9	15.2	15.2	25.7	28.5
Kazakhstan		23.4	33.0	54.0	41.0	39.6
Kyrgyzstan	0.0	32.3	36.4	36.7	31.2	30.1
Lebanon	16.0	6.3	4.1	4.4	5.9	5.6
Malaysia	66.8	83.3	106.8	108.9	100.3	98.4
Morocco	17.7	12.3	23.2	24.4	21.0	22.9
Pakistan	13.6	12.6	14.2	15.0	16.1	15.5
Palestine						
Suriname	116.4	73.8	66.3	56.4	68.1	51.6
Syria	34.3	20.6	20.6	25.1	30.9	31.7
Tajikistan		69.8	63.4	77.7	62.6	61.1
Tunisia	28.9	32.1	35.0	31.0	33.1	32.3
Turkey	8.9	12.5	13.3	13.6	20.4	19.0
Uzbekistan		20.5	11.5	15.5	17.4	17.8
OIC-MDC	18.3	25.2	28.6	32.1	33.1	32.2
Algeria	24.2	26.3	26.1	37.7	33.3	33.1
Azerbaijan		22.5	20.3	33.1	40.5	25.7
Bahrain	84.7	201.7	99.0	96.3	102.8	100.6
Brunei	61.6	40.8	60.5	73.2	80.3	79.8
Gabon	41.7	48.3	72.0	74.4	73.4	60.0
Iran	23.3	20.5	18.9	25.4	19.5	19.8
Iraq						
Kuwait	44.5	40.3	42.3	51.0	47.6	44.6
Libya	48.0	28.2	26.1	36.6	39.8	50.8
Nigeria	32.1	42.0	35.4	44.3	42.1	36.7
Oman	39.2	38.1	45.2	47.7	46.1	43.1
Qatar	44.5	44.7	56.8	64.1	62.3	66.3
Saudi Arabia	42.4	40.0	30.0	39.1	37.2	35.8
Turkmenistan	0.0	43.8	30.8	50.8	42.8	41.6
U.A.E.	65.3	56.8	50.9	57.2	57.0	54.1
OIC-FEC	39.7	37.9	34.7	44.6	41.1	39.8
OIC Total	25.5	28.4	29.7	36.1	35.2	33.9
World	15.0	17.0	18.5	20.2	19.7	19.9
Developed Countries	14.0	13.9	15.1	15.9	15.7	15.5
Developing Countries	18.4	31.4	33.4	37.8	35.6	38.0

Source: IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics, 1996 and 2003.

TABLE A.2: VOLUME OF TRADE (as percentage of GDP)

	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan						
Bangladesh	17.5	19.5	27.7	31.0	31.2	26.8
Benin	21.0	49.6	43.9	71.6	73.4	64.1
Burkina Faso	22.2	37.4	26.2	25.5	25.1	25.3
Chad	15.9	22.6	15.4	17.5	27.5	25.8
Comoros	43.6	70.7	36.8	38.7	54.1	48.5
Djibouti	60.6	108.0	143.3	136.3	146.5	139.2
Gambia	138.5	103.5	46.8	87.2	100.0	118.4
Guinea	44.6	45.6	30.3	37.0	34.3	54.5
Guinea-Bissau	60.3	93.7	65.6	100.5	116.5	114.3
Maldives	88.8	102.0	79.1	110.9	93.6	93.7
Mali	35.1	48.0	51.6	56.2	50.7	48.5
Mauritania	80.7	115.0	114.5	116.9	123.0	141.5
Mozambique	48.9	62.7	36.0	38.9	51.4	54.2
Niger	27.5	37.3	24.4	26.5	25.0	25.3
Senegal	39.4	42.9	51.0	49.3	54.4	57.5
Sierra Leone	38.6	47.1	30.9	71.5	64.2	75.2
Somalia						
Sudan	7.4	25.7	21.2	26.1	27.5	26.6
Togo	49.1	87.8	36.5	38.6	43.3	84.1
Uganda	16.6	21.2	20.2	20.2	21.8	22.7
Yemen	0.9	1.6	59.1	66.9	61.2	60.6
OIC-LDC	20.4	28.4	34.3	39.4	39.8	39.2
Albania	17.0	32.6	34.2	36.5	38.3	37.8
Cameroon	32.1	41.2	31.8	37.5	42.3	41.4
Côte d'Ivoire	45.5	70.5	57.7	62.5	57.6	68.1
Egypt	12.9	37.7	21.7	28.6	17.7	31.1
Guyana	146.4	160.9	179.6	174.6	177.5	156.6
Indonesia	41.7	40.9	51.9	65.0	60.9	51.0
Jordan	87.8	76.7	60.3	69.6	80.5	84.5
Kazakhstan		50.6	54.8	81.6	70.3	66.6
Kyrgyzstan	0.0	58.6	85.4	77.2	61.6	66.6
Lebanon	104.7	64.0	41.6	42.3	44.1	42.0
Malaysia	133.1	170.7	189.6	200.0	183.6	182.2
Morocco	48.3	35.7	57.1	61.9	53.4	59.9
Pakistan	31.6	30.7	31.4	33.1	33.9	33.2
Palestine						
Suriname	236.7	144.8	122.9	110.3	152.7	115.0
Syria	53.8	56.9	43.4	53.8	63.2	66.4
Tajikistan		139.8	124.5	154.3	128.7	120.8
Tunisia	78.6	78.2	84.1	75.2	81.0	77.7
Turkey	24.4	33.1	33.8	40.1	47.4	46.5
Uzbekistan		45.1	26.1	30.6	37.2	40.5
OIC-MDC	40.7	56.5	56.9	66.0	65.2	64.9
Algeria	45.5	51.6	44.9	54.3	51.1	54.3
Azerbaijan		50.1	42.9	55.3	65.6	55.1
Bahrain	166.6	220.4	150.8	140.8	149.1	148.4
Brunei	89.4	108.9	92.1	106.2	111.9	118.0
Gabon	55.9	69.2	105.5	101.8	104.5	82.9
Iran	42.4	34.1	30.4	42.0	33.3	37.7
Iraq						
Kuwait	66.7	64.6	67.5	70.9	70.2	69.3
Libya	67.6	44.0	40.1	48.3	55.3	78.7
Nigeria	45.6	62.2	56.0	63.1	66.5	63.9
Oman	62.6	73.0	74.9	74.5	75.1	71.2
Qatar	67.6	80.5	77.0	82.4	84.2	89.4
Saudi Arabia	65.4	61.4	47.3	55.2	60.3	61.0
Turkmenistan	0.0	67.5	69.1	87.0	79.9	69.5
U.A.E.	99.4	119.8	115.7	93.5	99.6	96.4
OIC-FEC	63.1	63.3	58.1	65.2	65.6	67.0
OIC Total	47.4	56.8	55.7	63.8	63.5	63.8
World	30.5	34.6	37.5	41.2	40.2	40.5
Developed Countries	28.7	28.0	31.0	33.3	32.7	32.1
Developing Countries	36.5	64.8	66.2	73.7	70.1	74.7

Source: IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics, 1996 and 2003.

TABLE A.3: TOP THREE MAIN EXPORT CUSTOMERS OF THE OIC COUNTRIES (in percentage, 2002)

Countries	Top Three Export Customers	Per cent
Afghanistan	Pakistan 28.1%, India 27.8%, US 5.8%	61.7
Albania	Italy 71.8%, Greece 12.8%, Germany 5.8%	90.4
Algeria	Italy 20.0%, US 14.2%, France 13.5%	47.7
Azerbaijan	Italy 29.5%, Czech Republic 9.5%, Germany 18.5%	57.5
Bahrain	US 4.5%, India 3.2%, Saudi Arabia 2.1%	9.8
Bangladesh	US 27.6%, Germany 10.4%, UK 9.7%	47.7
Benin	Italy 12.1%, India 27.1%, Indonesia 8%	40.0
Brunei	Japan 40%, South Korea 12.2%, Thailand 12.1%	64.3
Burkina Faso	Italy 11.6%, Singapore 15%, France 7.8%	34.4
Cameroon	Italy 17.5%, Spain 16.8%, France 13.3%	47.6
Chad	Portugal 30.3%, Germany 15.2%, US 8%	53.5
Comoros	France 32.1%, Germany 19.3%, US 17.8%	69.2
Côte d'Ivoire	Netherlands 12.4%, France 13.9%, US 7.3%	33.6
Djibouti	Somalia 62.3%, Yemen 21.9%, Pakistan 5%	89.2
Egypt	US 18.5%, Italy 13.7%, UK 8.5%	40.7
Gabon	US 51%, France 12.7%, China 7%	70.7
Gambia	France 21.7%, UK 19.2%, Italy 11.1%	52.0
Guinea	South Korea 17.0%, Spain 9.6%, Cameroon 9.2%	35.8
Guinea-Bissau	India 50.4%, Thailand 19.1%, Uruguay 19.2%	88.7
Guyana	Canada 26.1%, US 22.1%, UK 12.9%	61.1
Indonesia	Japan 21.1%, US 13.4%, Singapore 9.4%	43.9
Iran	Japan 19.0%, China 9.4%, Italy 7.2%	35.6
Iraq	US 37.5%, Taiwan 7.7%, Canada 7.5%	52.7
Jordan	US 14.8%, Iraq 20.6%, India 8.3%	43.7
Kazakhstan	Bahamas 20.8%, Russia 15.5%, China 10.6%	46.9
Kuwait	Japan 24.3%, South Korea 12.9%, US 11.8%	49.0
Kyrgyzstan	Switzerland 19.8%, Russia 16.5%, UAE 14.2%	50.5
Lebanon	UAE 11.0%, Switzerland 9.1%, Saudi Arabia 8.2%	28.3
Libya	Italy 42.8%, Germany 14.2%, Spain 13.6%	70.6
Malaysia	US 20.2%, Singapore 17.1%, Japan 11.3%	48.6
Maldives	US 52.1%, Sri Lanka 13.2%, Thailand 9.5%	74.8
Mali	Thailand 14.4%, Italy 10.2%, India 7.9%	32.5
Mauritania	Italy 14.2%, France 13.8%, Spain 11.6%	39.6
Morocco	France 25.9%, Spain 13.9%, UK 7.8%	47.6
Mozambique	Belgium 42.3%, South Africa 17.6%, Spain 5.4%	65.3
Niger	France 39.1%, Nigeria 33.3%, Japan 17.3%	89.7
Nigeria	US 33.4%, Spain 7.4%, Brazil 6.4%	47.2
Oman	Japan 22.1%, South Korea 19.9%, China 15.2%	57.2
Pakistan	US 24.5%, UAE 8.5%, UK 7.2%	40.2
Qatar	Japan 41.2%, South Korea 17.1%, Singapore 8.4%	66.7
Saudi Arabia	US 18.7%, Japan 15.7%, South Korea 10.2%	44.6
Senegal	India 20.8%, France 12.9%, Mali 8.9%	42.6
Sierra Leone	Belgium 42.1%, Germany 28.2%, UK 3.6%	73.9
Somalia	UAE 39.2%, Yemen 27.1%, Oman 10.6%	76.9
Sudan	China 56%, Japan 14.1%, Saudi Arabia 4.9%	75.0
Suriname	US 25.9%, Norway 20.6%, France 8.4%	54.9
Syria	Germany 17.4%, Italy 15.9%, Turkey 7.1%	40.4
Tajikistan	Netherlands 29.4%, Turkey 16.1%, Russia 11.8%	57.3
Togo	Ghana 17.8%, Netherlands 13%, Burkina Faso 8.2%	39.0
Tunisia	France 31.3%, Italy 21.6%, Germany 11.5%	64.4
Turkey	Germany 16.6%, US 9.2%, UK 8.5%	34.3
Turkmenistan	Ukraine 49.7%, Italy 17.9%, Iran 13.1%	80.7
Uganda	Netherlands 18%, Belgium 16.7%, France 7.8%	42.5
U.A. Emirates	Japan 27.2%, South Korea 9.9%, Singapore 3.7%	40.8
Uzbekistan	Russia 18.1%, Ukraine 11.3%, Italy 7.8%	37.2
Yemen	Thailand 18.9%, China 15.4%, Korea 12.4%	46.7

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Source: IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook, 2003.

TABLE A.4: TOP THREE MAIN IMPORT PARTNERS OF THE OIC COUNTRIES (in percentage, 2002)

Countries	Top Three Import Partners	Per cent
Afghanistan	Pakistan 24.5%, South Korea 14.1%, Japan 9.2%	47.8
Albania	Italy 34.6%, Greece 21.7%, Turkey 6.1%	62.4
Algeria	France 22.7%, US 9.8%, Italy 9.6%	42.1
Azerbaijan	Russia 16.3%, Turkey 13.1%, Germany 6.4%	35.8
Bahrain	Saudi Arabia 29.5%, US 11.5%, Japan 6.9%	47.9
Bangladesh	India 14.6%, China 11.6%, Singapore 11.5%	37.7
Benin	China 30.2%, France 15.4%, UK 4.7%	50.3
Brunei	Singapore 27.4%, Malaysia 18.5%, UK 12.5%	69.5
Burkina Faso	France 27.6%, Côte d'Ivoire 22.8%, Togo 4.2%	54.6
Cameroon	France 27.8%, Nigeria 12.6%, US 7.8%	48.2
Chad	France 31.3%, US 31%, Nigeria 4.7%	67.0
Comoros	France 33.7%, South Africa 12.4%, Japan 5.9%	52.0
Côte d'Ivoire	France 22.9%, Nigeria 16.7%, China 7.9%	47.5
Djibouti	Saudi Arabia 18.1%, Ethiopia 10.5%, US 9.3%	37.9
Egypt	US 16.1%, Germany 7.5%, France 6.5%	30.1
Gabon	France 51.2%, US 6.3%, Netherlands 3.6%	61.1
Gambia	China 22.0%, Brazil 5.9%, UK 6.6%	34.5
Guinea	France 17.9%, Côte d'Ivoire 10.7%, Italy 8.5%	37.1
Guinea-Bissau	Senegal 19.6%, Portugal 19.1%, India 15.2%	53.9
Guyana	US 25.1%, Trinidad & Tobago 16.0%, Netherlands 13.7%	54.8
Indonesia	Japan 14.1%, Singapore 13.1%, China 7.8%	35.0
Iran	Germany 17.1%, Switzerland 9.3%, UAE 9.1%	35.5
Iraq	Jordan 10.4%, France 8.4%, China 7.9%	26.7
Jordan	Iraq 13.3%, Germany 8.7%, US 7.9%	29.9
Kazakhstan	Russia 38.7%, Germany 8.9%, US 7.0%	54.6
Kuwait	US 12.8%, Japan 10.9%, Germany 9.5%	33.2
Kyrgyzstan	Russia 19.9%, Kazakhstan 21.1%, US 8.0%	49.0
Lebanon	Italy 11.3%, Germany 10.7%, France 8.31%	30.3
Libya	Italy 25.5%, Germany 9.7%, Korea 6.5%	41.7
Malaysia	Japan 17.8%, US 16.5%, Singapore 12.0%	46.3
Maldives	Singapore 26.6%, UAE 14.9%, Sri Lanka 13.2%	54.7
Mali	S.Africa 27.5%, Cote d'Ivoire 17.0%, France 13.4%	57.9
Mauritania	France 17.5%, Belgium 7.5%, Spain 5.7%	30.7
Morocco	France 21.1%, Spain 12.7%, US 4.6%	38.4
Mozambique	South Africa 30.3%, Portugal 6.1%, US 5.2%	41.6
Niger	France 16.8%, Côte d'Ivoire 14.9%, China 9.9%	41.6
Nigeria	China 9.2%, US 9.2%, France 8.6%	27.0
Oman	UAE 27.6%, Japan 16.7%, UK 7.4%	51.7
Pakistan	Saudi Arabia 11.7%, UAE 11.6%, US 6.4%	29.7
Qatar	France 17.9%, Japan 10.1%, UK 8.3%	36.3
Saudi Arabia	US 11.1%, Japan 8.7%, Germany 7.5%	27.3
Senegal	France 25.6%, Nigeria 8.7%, Thailand 6.2%	40.5
Sierra Leone	Germany 24.9%, UK 11.0%, Netherlands 7.6%	43.5
Somalia	Djibouti 29.6%, Kenya 13.7%, Brazil 10.5%	53.8
Sudan	China 19.8%, Germany 5.5%, India 5.5%	30.8
Suriname	US 22.7%, Netherlands 16.1%, China 12.1%	50.9
Syria	Italy 8.1%, Germany 7.2%, China 5.6%	20.9
Tajikistan	Russia 22.7%, Uzbekistan 18.3%, Kazakhstan 9.9%	50.9
Togo	France 20.3%, China 16.1%, Netherlands 6.2%	42.6
Tunisia	France 25.6%, Italy 19.5%, Germany 8.9%	54.0
Turkey	Germany 13.7%, Italy 8.1%, Russia 7.6%	29.4
Turkmenistan	Russia 19.8%, Turkey 12.8%, Ukraine 11.7%	44.3
Uganda	Kenya 46.3%, South Africa 6.7%, India 5.7%	58.7
U.A. Emirates	Japan 8.7%, China 8.2%, US 7.7%	24.6
Uzbekistan	Russia 22.7%, Germany 9.8%, South Korea 9.4%	41.9
Yemen	UAE 15.9%, Saudi Arabia 12.7%, China 6.2%	34.8

Source: IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics Yearbook, 2003.

TABLE A.5: TARIFF BARRIERS (weighted mean tariff, %)

	Primary Products 2002	Manufactured Products 2002
Afghanistan		
Bangladesh (2000)	20.1	21.2
Benin	12.9	12.4
Burkina Faso	15.2	9.2
Chad	24	13.3
Comoros		
Djibouti		
Gambia		
Guinea		
Guinea-Bissau	15.2	10.4
Maldives		
Mali	12.1	9.9
Mauritania (2001)	6.8	10.5
Mozambique	11	8.7
Niger	12.9	12.7
Senegal	8.2	9.9
Sierra Leone		
Somalia		
Sudan		
Togo	10.5	11.2
Uganda	8.8	6.1
Yemen		
OIC-LDC		
Albania (2001)	10.6	11.6
Cameroon	18.1	13.9
Côte d'Ivoire	10.7	10.3
Egypt	6.6	16.4
Guyana (2001)	14.5	9.8
Indonesia (2001)	2.4	5.2
Jordan	11.7	13.1
Kazakhstan		
Kyrgyzstan	6.3	7.1
Lebanon	10.2	6.6
Malaysia (2001)	2.4	4.7
Morocco	27.7	26.2
Pakistan	11.2	19.1
Palestine		
Suriname		
Syria		
Tajikistan		
Tunisia	26.7	25.5
Turkey		
Uzbekistan (2001)	4.6	4.3
OIC-FEC		
Algeria	12.8	13.1
Azerbaijan		
Bahrain		
Brunei		
Gabon	20.2	13.5
Iran (2000)	0.9	3.8
Iraq		
Kuwait		
Libya	15.7	29
Nigeria	20.6	15.5
Oman	31.6	6.5
Qatar		
Saudi Arabia (2000)	7.9	11.4
Turkmenistan	13.2	1.1
U.A.E.		
USA	1.1	2
EU	1.5	2.9
Japan	2.5	1.7

Source: World Development Indicators, various issues.

**TABLE A.6: OIC MEMBERS IN THE WTO IN ORDER OF ACCESSION
(as of September 2004)**

Bahrain	1 January 1995
Bangladesh	1 January 1995
Brunei Darussalam	1 January 1995
Côte d'Ivoire	1 January 1995
Gabon	1 January 1995
Guyana	1 January 1995
Indonesia	1 January 1995
Kuwait	1 January 1995
Malaysia	1 January 1995
Morocco	1 January 1995
Nigeria	1 January 1995
Pakistan	1 January 1995
Senegal	1 January 1995
Suriname	1 January 1995
Uganda	1 January 1995
Turkey	26 March 1995
Tunisia	29 March 1995
Djibouti	31 May 1995
Guinea Bissau	31 May 1995
Maldives	31 May 1995
Mali	31 May 1995
Mauritania	31 May 1995
Togo	31 May 1995
Burkina Faso	3 June 1995
Egypt	30 June 1995
Sierra Leone	23 July 1995
Mozambique	26 August 1995
Guinea	25 October 1995
Cameroon	13 December 1995
Qatar	13 January 1996
Benin	22 February 1996
United Arab Emirates	10 April 1996
Chad	19 October 1996
The Gambia	23 October 1996
Niger	13 December 1996
Kyrgyzstan	20 December 1998
Jordan	11 April 2000
Albania	8 September 2000
Oman	9 November 2000

Source: http://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/org6_e.htm.

TABLE A.7: REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROUPINGS OF THE OIC COUNTRIES (continued)

	A E C	U D E A C	C O M E S A	C B I	E C C A S	E C O W A S	I O C	M R U	W A E M U	C A E U	G C C	A S E A N	B S E C	C I S	E A E C	E C O	S A A R C
Asia and Europe																	
Albania													*				
Afghanistan																	*
Azerbaijan													*	*		*	
Bangladesh																	*
Brunei											*				*		
Indonesia											*				*		
Iran																	*
Kazakhstan														*		*	
Kyrgyzstan														*		*	
Malaysia												*			*		
Maldives																	*
Pakistan																*	*
Tajikistan														*		*	
Turkey													*			*	
Turkmenistan														*		*	
Uzbekistan														*		*	

Source: SESRTCIC, "Regional Economic Groupings of the OIC Countries", *JEC*, vol. 21, no. 2, April 2000, pp. 72-73.

Notes:

AEC: African Economic Community

UDEAC: Central African Customs and Economic Union

COMESA: Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

CBI: Cross-Border Initiative

ECCAS: Economic Community of Central African States

ECOWAS: Economic Community of West African States

IOC: Indian Ocean Commission

MRU: Mano River Union

WAEMU: West African Economic and Monetary Union

AMU: Arab Maghreb Union

CAEU: Council of Arab Economic Unity

GCC: Gulf Cooperation Council

ASEAN: Association of South East Asian Nations

BSEC: Black Sea Economic Co-operation

CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States

EAEC: East Asian Economic Caucus

ECO: Economic Cooperation Organisation

SAARC: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

TABLE A.8: GROSS PRIVATE CAPITAL FLOWS (as percentage of GDP)

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan					
Bangladesh	0.9	0.9	3.6	2.2	2.6
Benin	10.7	10.1	14.6	11.4	
Burkina Faso	1.0		3.9	4.3	
Chad	5.6				
Comoros	2.7	4.4			
Djibouti		1.5			
Gambia	0.9	3.5			
Guinea	3.9	5.1	3.1	3.2	2.1
Guinea-Bissau	23.0	127.4			
Maldives	4.5	12.6	8.1	7.2	8.5
Mali	2.0	8.1	21.4	22.9	
Mauritania	48.8	42.1			
Mozambique	0.4	1.9	15.9	10.0	
Niger	2.8	3.3			
Senegal	4.8	4.3			
Sierra Leone	11.0	3.9			
Somalia					
Sudan	0.2	3.0	4.7	5.4	7.5
Togo	9.6	5.8	17.4	14.4	
Uganda	1.1	3.0	5.0	4.2	4.5
Yemen	16.2	13.9	2.3	2.7	3.6
OIC-LDC	3.9	4.8	4.7	3.9	2.8
Albania	18.0	8.4	6.6	11.1	6.3
Cameroon	15.5	15.3			
Côte d'Ivoire	3.5	7.4	7.5	11.1	9.8
Egypt	6.8	4.3	6.6	6.7	6.6
Guyana		15.7	11.5	9.7	9.7
Indonesia	4.1	6.4	8.6	7.4	5.4
Jordan	6.3	7.2	18.7	8.0	7.8
Kazakhstan		16.4	13.3	25.9	34.2
Kyrgyzstan		14.4	11.6	11.2	11.6
Lebanon					
Malaysia	10.3	9.8	9.3	6.7	19.9
Morocco	5.5	2.2	3.4	10.4	3.3
Pakistan	4.2	3.3	2.5	2.8	5.3
Palestine					
Suriname		8.9	20.0	14.0	14.8
Syria	18.0	23.7	16.8		
Tajikistan					10.6
Tunisia	9.5	8.2	9.3	6.0	10.6
Turkey	4.3	5.9	9.2	15.6	7.7
Uzbekistan					
OIC-MDC	5.9	6.7	7.8	8.8	8.6
Algeria	2.6				
Azerbaijan		14.6	3.0	31.4	54.3
Bahrain	522.9	350.5	112.6	170.5	930.7
Brunei					
Gabon	18.0	21.8			
Iran	2.6	3.1	2.4		
Iraq					
Kuwait	19.3	20.1	45.7	36.8	18.9
Libya	7.3	1.4			
Nigeria	5.9	25.7			
Oman	3.8	1.2	2.0	5.0	
Oatar					
Saudi Arabia	8.8	7.2	9.9	6.7	13.9
Turkmenistan					
U. A. E.					
OIC-FEC	11.6	10.9	8.0	6.8	19.1
OIC	7.9	8.0	7.7	7.6	12.4
World	10.1	12.5	28.4	21.5	20.8
Developed Countries*			29.7	22.4	21.2

Source: World Development Indicators, various issues.

Note: * stands for Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

TABLE A.9: FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT, NET INFLOWS
(as percentage of GDP)

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan					
Bangladesh	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.1
Benin	3.4	0.4	2.9	1.9	1.5
Burkina Faso	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.3
Chad	0.5	2.3	8.3	0.0	45.0
Comoros	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.6
Djibouti	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Gambia	0.0	2.0	10.3	9.1	12.0
Guinea	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0
Guinea-Bissau	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.5
Maldives	2.6	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.9
Mali	0.2	4.5	4.1	4.8	3.0
Mauritania	0.7	0.7	1.0	-0.7	1.2
Mozambique	0.4	1.9	3.8	7.4	11.3
Niger	1.6	0.4	0.5	1.2	0.4
Senegal	1.0	0.7	1.4	0.7	1.9
Sierra Leone	5.0	-0.2	0.8	0.4	0.6
Somalia	0.6				
Sudan	0.0	0.0	3.5	4.7	4.7
Togo	1.1	2.0	3.4	5.1	5.4
Uganda	0.0	2.1	2.7	2.6	2.6
Yemen	-2.7	-5.1	0.1	1.6	1.1
OIC-LDC	0.0	-0.2	1.5	1.6	2.5
Albania		2.9	3.9	4.9	2.8
Cameroon	-1.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	1.0
Côte d'Ivoire	0.4	1.9	2.2	2.5	2.0
Egypt	1.7	1.0	1.2	0.5	0.7
Guyana	2.0	12.0	9.4	7.9	6.1
Indonesia	1.0	2.2	-3.0	-2.3	-0.9
Jordan	0.9	0.2	9.3	1.1	0.6
Kazakhstan		4.7	7.0	12.8	10.5
Kyrgyzstan		5.8	-0.2	0.3	0.3
Lebanon					
Malaysia	5.3	4.7	4.2	0.6	3.4
Morocco	0.6	1.0	1.3	8.3	1.2
Pakistan	0.6	1.2	0.5	0.7	1.4
Palestine					
Suriname					
Syria	0.6	0.9	1.5	1.1	1.1
Tajikistan		0.8	2.2	0.9	0.7
Tunisia	0.6	1.5	3.9	2.3	3.8
Turkey	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.2	0.6
Uzbekistan		-0.2	0.9	7.5	0.8
OIC-MDC	1.2	1.8	0.8	1.4	1.2
Algeria	0.0	0.0	0.8	2.2	1.9
Azerbaijan		10.8	2.5	4.0	22.9
Bahrain					
Brunei					
Gabon	1.2	-6.3	-0.9	3.9	2.5
Iran	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Iraq					
Kuwait	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0
Libya	0.2	0.3	1.8	1.5	1.5
Nigeria	2.1	3.8	2.2	2.6	2.9
Oman	1.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2
Oatar					
Saudi Arabia					
Turkmenistan		9.4	3.0	2.5	1.3
U.A.E.					
OIC-FEC	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
OIC	0.7	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.1
World	1.0	1.1	4.9	2.6	2.0
Developed Countries*	1.0	0.9	4.2	2.0	

Source: World Development Indicators, various issues.

Note: * stands for Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

TABLE A.10: PORTFOLIO INVESTMENT (million US\$)

	1990	1995	1999	2000	2001	2002
Afghanistan						
Bangladesh	0.3	-15.2	-1.3	1.3	-3.4	-3.3
Benin	-4.6	-63.9	13.8	3.2	-1.3	
Burkina Faso	0.0			6.4	12.1	
Chad	0.0					
Comoros	0.0	0.0				
Djibouti		0.0				
Gambia	0.0	0.0				
Guinea			-20.0	8.7	4.6	5.1
Guinea-Bissau	0.0					
Maldives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mali	0.0	0.0	0.8	16.5	11.6	
Mauritania	0.0	-0.5				
Mozambique	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Niger						
Senegal	0.6	3.7	-31.3			
Sierra Leone	0.0	0.0				
Somalia						
Sudan	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	
Togo	2.7	5.0	7.3	6.9	11.1	
Uganda	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Yemen			4.1	0.1	-1.4	-5.8
OIC-LDC	-1.1	-70.9	-26.6	43.1	34.0	-4.0
Albania	0.0	0.0	0.0	-25.0	-23.5	-36.8
Cameroon	55.6	-26.2				
Côte d'Ivoire	4.4	1.6	-15.3	-8.0	-6.1	-16.8
Egypt	15.0	20.0	595.3	266.0	1461.3	-677.5
Guyana			7.4	-4.9	6.5	26.2
Indonesia	-93.0	4100.0	-1792.0	-1909.0	-243.0	1221.8
Jordan	0.0	0.0	4.1	-140.9	-171.7	-52.2
Kazakhstan		7.2	-45.5	-54.8	-1317.5	-1260.5
Kyrgyzstan		1.7	0.2	-1.3	1.2	-12.0
Lebanon	0.0	0.0	130.0	-54.0	888.0	248.0
Malaysia	-254.7	-435.6	-1024.5	-2532.1	-411.8	-1398.9
Morocco	0.0	20.4	6.0	17.8	-7.0	-7.6
Pakistan	87.4	3.7				
Palestine						
Suriname	0.9	0.0				0.0
Syria	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Tajikistan		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tunisia	2.3	25.4	10.1	-20.4	-14.6	6.3
Turkey	547.0	237.0	3429.0	1022.0	-4515.0	-590.0
Uzbekistan		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OIC-MDC	364.9	3955.1	1304.8	-3444.7	-4353.2	-2550.0
Algeria	0.0					
Azerbaijan		-1.7				
Bahrain	697.6	-113.3	-1993.1	194.1	-1478.7	-4697.5
Brunei						
Gabon	0.0	50.4	21.8			
Iran	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Iraq						
Kuwait	-381.3	-2064.0	-2559.0	-12668.2	-7444.2	-3264.1
Libya	-114.8					
Nigeria	-197.1	-82.2	11.0			
Oman	0.0	0.0	26.0	-36.4	13.0	
Oatar						
Saudi Arabia	-3341.8	4056.6	11711.8	-9394.3	-2798.5	7558.4
Turkmenistan		0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	
U.A.E.						
OIC-FEC	-3337.4	1845.8	7218.7	-21904.8	-11708.4	-403.2
OIC	-5947.3	11460.1	16994.0	-50612.6	-32055.0	-5914.4
Developed Countries*	65314.1	166620.3	139441.5	218333.3	196168.8	440035.9

Source: World Development Indicators, various issues.

Note: * stands for Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxemburg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

TABLE A.11: MARKET CAPITALISATION (million US\$)

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003
Afghanistan						
Bangladesh	321	1323	1186	1145	1193	1622
Benin						
Burkina Faso						
Chad						
Comoros						
Djibouti						
Gambia						
Guinea						
Guinea-Bissau						
Maldives						
Mali						
Mauritania				1091	1091	1090
Mozambique						
Niger						
Senegal						
Sierra Leone						
Somalia						
Sudan						
Togo						
Uganda						
Yemen						
OIC-LDC	321	1323	1186	2236	2284	2712
Albania						
Cameroon						
Côte d'Ivoire	549	867	1185	1165	1328	1650
Egypt	1760	8088	28741	24335	26094	27073
Guyana						
Indonesia	8080	66585	26834	23006	29991	54659
Jordan	2000	4670	4943		7087	10963
Kazakhstan			2260	2260	1204	1200
Kyrgyzstan						
Lebanon			1583	1243	1401	1497
Malaysia	48600	222729	116935	120007	123872	168376
Morocco	966	4376	10899	9087	8591	13152
Pakistan	2850	9286	6581	4944	10200	16579
Palestine			848	848	723	723
Suriname						
Syria						
Tajikistan						
Tunisia	533	4006	2828	2303	2131	2464
Turkey	19100	20772	69659	47150	33958	68379
Uzbekistan			119	119	50	
OIC-MDC	84438	341379	273415	236467	246630	366715
Algeria						
Azerbaijan			4	4		
Bahrain						
Brunei						
Gabon						
Iran	34300	6561	21830	32830	9704	9700
Iraq				6316		
Kuwait		13623	18814	20772	20772	
Libya						
Nigeria	1370	2033	4237	5404	5740	9494
Oman	1060	1980	3463	2606	3997	5014
Qatar						
Saudi Arabia	48200	40961	67171	73199	74855	157302
Turkmenistan						
U.A.E.			28211	23262	7881	7881
OIC-FEC	84930	65158	143730	164393	122949	189391
OIC Total	169689	407860	418331	403096	371863	558818
World	9399659	17781749	36030812	32189220	27561743	23359484

Source: World Development Indicators, various issues.

TABLE A.12: IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS SINCE 1990^a
As at 31 August 2004 (in thousands of SDRs)

	Date of Arrangement	Date of Expiration or Cancellation	Amount Agreed	Amount Drawn	Amount Outstanding
Extended Fund Facility^b					
Algeria	May 22, 1995	May 21, 1998	1,169,280	1,169,280	490,321
Azerbaijan	Dec 20, 1996	Mar 19, 2000	58,500	53,240	33,741
Egypt	Sep 20, 1993	Sep 19, 1996	400,000	-	-
Gabon	Nov 08, 1995	Mar 07, 1999	110,300	60,670	21,144
Indonesia	Feb 04, 2000 Aug 25, 1998	Dec 31, 2003 Feb 04, 2000	3,638,000 5,383,100	3,638,000 3,797,700	3,616,334 2,871,376
Jordan	Apr 15, 1999 Feb 09, 1996 May 25, 1994	May 31, 2002 Feb 08, 1999 Feb 09, 1996	127,880 238,040 189,300	127,880 202,520 130,320	125,216 83,775 14,527
Kazakhstan	Dec 13, 1999 Jul 17, 1996	Mar 19, 2002 Jul 16, 1999	329,100 309,400	- 154,700	- -
Pakistan	Oct 20, 1997 Feb 22, 1994	Oct 19, 2000 Dec 13, 1995	454,920 379,100	113,740 123,200	80,567 3,555
Tunisia	Jul 25, 1988	Jul 24, 1992	207,300	207,300	-
Yemen	Oct 29, 1997	Oct 28, 2001	72,900	46,500	36,084
Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility Commitments^c					
Albania	Jun 21, 2002 May 13, 1998 Jul 14, 1993	Jun 20, 2005 Jul 31, 2001 Jul 13, 1996	28,000 45,040 42,360	20,000 45,040 31,060	20,000 43,275 2,118
Azerbaijan	Jul 06, 2001 Dec 20, 1996	Mar 31, 2005 Mar 19, 2000	80,450 93,600	41,840 81,900	41,840 55,573
Bangladesh	Jun 20, 2003 Aug 10, 1990	Jun 19, 2006 Sep 13, 1993	400,330 345,000	148,500 330,000	148,500 -
Benin	Jul 17, 2000 Aug 28, 1996 Jan 25, 1993	Mar 31, 2004 Jul 16, 2000 May 21, 1996	27,000 27,180 51,890	27,000 16,308 51,890	27,000 11,869 5,436
Burkina Faso	Jun 11, 2003 Sep 10, 1999 Jun 14, 1996 Mar 31, 1993	Jun 10, 2006 Dec 09, 2002 Sep 09, 1999 May 30, 1996	24,080 39,120 39,780 53,040	6,880 39,120 39,780 44,200	6,880 39,120 28,509 5,304
Cameroon	Dec 21, 2000 Aug 20, 1997	Dec 20, 2004 Dec 20, 2000	111,420 162,120	79,590 162,120	79,590 143,206
Chad	Jan 07, 2000 Sep 01, 1995	Jan 06, 2004 Apr 30, 1999	47,600 49,560	42,400 49,560	37,000 29,736

TABLE A.12: IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS SINCE 1990^a
As at 31 August 2004 (in thousands of SDRs) (continued)

	Date of Arrangement	Date of Expiration or Cancellation	Amount Agreed	Amount Drawn	Amount Outstanding
Côte d'Ivoire	Mar 29, 2002	Mar 28, 2005	292,680	58,540	58,540
	Mar 17, 1998	Mar 16, 2001	285,840	123,864	103,141
	Mar 11, 1994	Jun 13, 1997	333,480	333,480	78,606
Djibouti	Oct 18, 1999	Jan 17, 2003	19,082	13,630	13,630
Gambia	Jul 18, 2002	Jul 17, 2005	20,220	2,890	2,890
	Jun 29, 1998	Dec 31, 2001	20,610	20,610	16,488
	Nov 23, 1988	Nov 25, 1991	20,520	18,020	-
Guinea	May 02, 2001	May 01, 2004	64,260	25,704	25,704
	Jan 13, 1997	Jan 12, 2001	70,800	62,940	49,945
	Nov 06, 1991	Dec 19, 1996	57,900	46,320	6,080
Guinea-Bissau	Dec 15, 2000	Dec 14, 2003	14,200	5,080	5,080
	Jan 18, 1995	Jul 24, 1998	10,500	10,500	5,565
Guyana	Sep 20, 2002	Mar 19, 2006	54,550	17,490	17,490
	Jul 15, 1998	Dec 31, 2001	53,760	24,880	23,088
	Jul 20, 1994	Apr 17, 1998	53,760	53,760	21,504
	Jul 13, 1990	Dec 20, 1993	81,525	81,525	-
Kyrgyzstan	Dec 06, 2001	Dec 05, 2004	73,400	63,840	63,840
	Jun 26, 1998	Jul 25, 2001	73,380	44,690	42,540
	Jul 20, 1994	Mar 31, 1998	88,150	88,150	35,088
Mali	Jun 23, 2004	Jun 22, 2007	9,330	1,330	1,330
	Aug 06, 1999	Aug 05, 2003	51,315	51,315	51,315
	Apr 10, 1996	Aug 05, 1999	62,010	62,010	40,307
	Aug 28, 1992	Apr 09, 1996	79,235	79,235	8,838
Mauritania	Jul 18, 2003	Jul 17, 2006	6,440	920	920
	Jul 21, 1999	Dec 20, 2002	42,490	42,490	42,490
	Jan 25, 1995	Jul 13, 1998	42,750	42,750	17,813
	Dec 09, 1992	Jan 24, 1995	33,900	33,900	-
	May 24, 1989	May 23, 1992	50,850	16,950	-
Mozambique	Jul 06, 2004	Jul 05, 2007	11,360	1,620	1,620
	Jun 28, 1999	Jun 28, 2003	87,200	78,800	78,800
	Jun 21, 1996	Jun 27, 1999	75,600	75,600	51,660
	Jun 01, 1990	Dec 31, 1995	130,050	115,350	-
Niger	Dec 22, 2000	Jun 30, 2004	59,200	59,200	59,200
	Jun 12, 1996	Aug 27, 1999	57,960	48,300	30,912
	Dec 12, 1988	Dec 11, 1991	47,180	23,590	-
Pakistan	Dec 06, 2001	Dec 05, 2004	1,033,700	861,420	861,420
	Oct 20, 1997	Oct 19, 2000	682,380	265,370	204,714
	Feb 22, 1994	Dec 13, 1995	606,600	172,200	7,110

TABLE A.12: IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS SINCE 1990^a
As at 31 August 2004 (in thousands of SDRs) (continued)

	Date of Arrangement	Date of Expiration or Cancellation	Amount Agreed	Amount Drawn	Amount Outstanding
Senegal	Apr 28, 2003	Apr 27, 2006	24,270	6,940	6,940
	Apr 20, 1998	Apr 19, 2002	107,010	96,474	91,124
	Aug 29, 1994	Jan 12, 1998	130,790	130,790	44,112
	Nov 21, 1988	Jun 02, 1992	144,670	144,670	-
Sierra Leone	Sep 26, 2001	Mar 25, 2005	130,840	102,837	102,837
	Mar 28, 1994	May 04, 1998	101,904	96,848	12,546
Tajikistan	Dec 11, 2002	Dec 10, 2005	65,000	35,600	35,600
	Jun 24, 1998	Dec 24, 2001	100,300	78,280	47,130
Togo	Sep 16, 1994	Jun 29, 1998	65,160	54,300	20,634
	May 31, 1989	May 19, 1993	46,080	38,400	-
Uganda	Sep 13, 2002	Sep 12, 2005	13,500	7,500	7,500
	Nov 10, 1997	Mar 31, 2001	100,425	100,425	88,709
	Sep 06, 1994	Nov 09, 1997	120,510	120,510	44,857
	Apr 17, 1989	Jun 30, 1994	219,120	219,120	-
Yemen	Oct 29, 1997	Oct 28, 2001	264,750	238,750	221,150
Standby Arrangements^d					
Albania	Aug 26, 1992	Jul 14, 1993	20,000	13,125	-
Algeria	May 27, 1994	May 22, 1995	457,200	385,200	-
	Jun 03, 1991	Mar 31, 1992	300,000	225,000	-
	May 31, 1989	May 30, 1990	155,700	155,700	-
Azerbaijan	Nov 17, 1995	Nov 16, 1996	58,500	58,500	-
Cameroon	Sep 27, 1995	Sep 26, 1996	67,600	28,200	-
	Mar 14, 1994	Sep 13, 1995	81,060	21,910	-
	Dec 20, 1991	Sep 19, 1992	28,000	8,000	-
	Sep 19, 1988	Jun 30, 1990	61,800	38,625	-
Chad	Mar 23, 1994	Mar 22, 1995	16,520	10,325	-
Côte d'Ivoire	Sep 20, 1991	Sep 19, 1992	82,750	33,100	-
	Nov 20, 1989	Apr 19, 1991	146,500	117,200	-
Djibouti	Apr 15, 1996	Mar 31, 1999	8,250	7,272	-
Egypt	Oct 11, 1996	Sep 30, 1998	271,400	-	-
	May 17, 1991	May 31, 1993	234,400	147,200	-
Gabon	May 28, 2004	Jun 30, 2005	69,440	13,888	13,888
	Oct 23, 2000	Apr 22, 2002	92,580	13,220	8,263
	Mar 30, 1994	Mar 29, 1995	38,600	38,600	-
	Sep 30, 1991	Mar 29, 1993	28,000	4,000	-
	Sep 15, 1989	Mar 14, 1991	43,000	10,500	-

TABLE A.12: IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS SINCE 1990^a
As at 31 August 2004 (in thousands of SDRs) (continued)

	Date of Arrangement	Date of Expiration or Cancellation	Amount Agreed	Amount Drawn	Amount Outstanding
Guyana	Jul 13, 1990	Dec 31, 1991	49,500	49,500	-
Indonesia	Nov 05, 1997	Aug 25, 1998	8,338,240	3,669,120	-
Jordan	Jul 03, 2002 Feb 26, 1992 Jul 14, 1989	Jul 02, 2004 Feb 25, 1994 Jan 13, 1991	85,280 44,400 60,000	10,660 44,400 26,800	10,660 - -
Kazakhstan	Jun 05, 1995 Jan 26, 1994 May 12, 1993	Jun 04, 1996 May 31, 1995 Apr 11, 1994	185,600 123,750 27,090	185,600 74,250 11,610	- - -
Mali	Aug 05, 1988	Jun 04, 1990	12,700	12,700	-
Morocco	Jan 31, 1992 Jul 20, 1990	Mar 31, 1993 Mar 31, 1991	91,980 100,000	18,396 48,000	- -
Niger	Mar 04, 1994	Mar 03, 1995	18,596	11,109	-
Nigeria	Aug 04, 2000 Jan 09, 1991 Feb 03, 1989	Oct 31, 2001 Apr 08, 1992 Apr 30, 1990	788,940 319,000 475,000	- - -	- - -
Pakistan	Nov 29, 2000 Dec 13, 1995 Sep 16, 1993 Dec 28, 1988	Sep 30, 2001 Sep 30, 1997 Feb 22, 1994 Nov 30, 1990	465,000 562,590 265,400 273,150	465,000 294,690 88,000 194,480	176,250 - - -
Senegal	Mar 02, 1994	Aug 29, 1994	47,560	30,914	-
Tajikistan	May 08, 1996	Dec 07, 1996	15,000	15,000	-
Turkey	Feb 04, 2002 Dec 22, 1999 Jul 08, 1994	Feb 03, 2005 Feb 04, 2002 Mar 07, 1996	12,821,200 15,038,400 610,500	11,914,000 11,738,960 460,500	11,914,000 2,989,928 -
Uzbekistan	Dec 18, 1995	Mar 17, 1997	124,700	65,450	-
Yemen	Mar 20, 1996	Jun 19, 1997	132,375	132,375	-
Structural Adjustment Facility Commitment^e					
Bangladesh	Feb 06, 1987	Feb 05, 1990	201,250	201,250	-
Benin	Jun 16, 1989	Jun 15, 1992	21,910	15,650	-
Burkina Faso	Mar 13, 1991	Mar 12, 1994	22,120	6,320	-
Chad	Oct 30, 1987	Oct 29, 1990	21,420	21,420	-

TABLE A.12: IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS SINCE 1990^a
As at 31 August 2004 (in thousands of SDRs) (continued)

	Date of Arrangement	Date of Expiration or Cancellation	Amount Agreed	Amount Drawn	Amount Outstanding
Comoros	Jun 21, 1991	Jun 20, 1994	3,150	2,250	-
Guinea	Jul 29, 1987	Jul 28, 1990	40,530	28,950	-
Guinea-Bissau	Oct 14, 1987	Oct 13, 1990	5,250	3,750	-
Mali	Aug 05, 1988	Aug 04, 1991	35,560	25,400	-
Mozambique	Jun 08, 1987	Jun 07, 1990	42,700	42,700	-
Pakistan	Dec 28, 1988	Dec 27, 1991	382,410	382,410	-
Sierra Leone	Mar 28, 1994	Mar 27, 1995	27,020	27,020	-
Somalia	Jun 29, 1987	Jun 28, 1990	30,940	8,840	8,840

Source: IMF Web site, <http://www.imf.org/external/np/tre/tad/extarr1.cfm>.

Notes:

a. According to the date of expiration or cancellation of the arrangement.

b. **Extended Fund Facility (EFF):** A financing facility (window) under which the IMF supports economic programmes that generally run for three years and are aimed at overcoming balance of payments difficulties resulting from macroeconomic and structural problems. Typically, the member's economic programme states the general objectives for the three-year period and the specific policies for the first year; policies for subsequent years are spelled out at the time of programme reviews.

c. **Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF):** Established as the Enhanced Structural Adjustment Facility (ESAF) in 1987, enlarged and extended in 1994, and further strengthened in 1999 to make poverty reduction a key and more explicit element. The purpose of the Facility is to support programmes to strengthen substantially and in a sustainable manner balance of payments positions, and to foster durable growth, leading to higher living standards and a reduction in poverty. Eighty low-income countries are currently PRGF-eligible. Loans are disbursed under three-year arrangements, subject to the observance of performance criteria and completion of programme reviews. Loans carry an annual interest rate of 0.5 per cent, with a 5-1/2 year grace period and a 10-year maturity.

d. **Standby Arrangement:** A decision of the IMF by which a member country is assured that it will be able to make purchases (drawings) from the General Resources Account (GRA) up to a specified amount and during a specified period of time, usually one to two years, provided that it observes the terms set out in the supporting arrangement.

e. **Structural Adjustment Facility (SAF):** A facility established in December 1987 to provide assistance on concessional terms to low-income member countries facing protracted balance of payments problems. (Changed to the Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility in 1999).

TABLE A.13: NUMBER OF IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDING TO THE KIND OF FACILITY SINCE 1990 as at 31 August 2004

	PRGF ^a	EFF ^b	Standby ^c	SAF ^d
Afghanistan				
Albania	3		1	
Algeria		1	3	
Azerbaijan	2	1	1	
Bahrain				
Bangladesh	2			1
Benin	3			1
Brunei				
Burkina Faso	4			1
Cameroon	2		4	
Chad	2		1	1
Comoros				1
Côte d'Ivoire	3		2	
Djibouti	1		1	
Egypt		1	2	
Gabon		1	5	
Gambia	3			
Guinea	3			1
Guinea-Bissau	2			1
Guyana	4		1	
Indonesia		2	1	
Iran				
Iraq				
Jordan		3	3	
Kazakhstan		2	2	
Kuwait				
Kyrgyzstan	3		1	
Lebanon				
Libya				
Malaysia				
Maldives				
Mali	4		1	1
Mauritania	5			
Morocco			2	
Mozambique	4			1
Niger	3		1	
Nigeria			3	
Oman				
Pakistan	3	2	4	1
Palestine				

**TABLE A.13: NUMBER OF IMF LENDING ARRANGEMENTS
ACCORDING TO THE KIND OF FACILITY SINCE 1990
as at 31 August 2004 (continued)**

	PRGF ^a	EFF ^b	Standby ^c	SAF ^d
Qatar				
Saudi Arabia				
Senegal	4		1	
Sierra Leone	2			1
Somalia				1
Sudan				
Suriname				
Syria				
Tajikistan	2		1	
Togo	2			
Tunisia		1		
Turkey			3	
Turkmenistan				
U. Arab Emirates				
Uganda	4			
Uzbekistan			1	
Yemen	1	1	1	
Total	71	15	46	12
Amount agreed (In thousands SDR)	8,160,066	13,067,120	43,337,251	834,260
Amount drawn (In thousands SDR)	5,856,895	9,825,050	30,891,079	765,960
Amount outstanding (In thousands SDR)	3,475,763	7,376,640	15,112,989	8,840

Source: Table A.12 in the Annex.

Notes: See Table A.12 in the Annex for details.

a. Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility (PRGF).

b. Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

c. Standby Arrangement.

d. Structural Adjustment Facility (SAF).