

## Albania's relations with the Organization of Islamic Cooperation The process and advantages of this cooperation

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### Abstract

Based on the need for a broader and deep analysis of Albania's relations with international organizations, as a integration and development process, this study will examine the relations between Albania and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). This analysis will consist in a geo-historical aspect, starting from the fall of the communist regime until today. This research will focus on the commercial, political and the economic field, and will also analyze the reasons of its membership, the advantages and problems during its transition period. This analytical study is based on documents of high state institutions and articles of scientific assessments.

The organized structure and content of this research explains the intents and purposes of Albania's relations in accordance to internal and external development plan. The main aims were to take advantage of the international forum, economic and political support and seeking potential political and economic allies is one of the main causes of Albania's membership in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. The efforts and priorities of the foreign policy of Albania were to restore the stability in the country, facing with the challenges that arise since the isolation of the country. This article presents the concept of Albania's foreign policy following the collapse of the communist regime and relations with the Islamic countries, with the main goal of increasing political-economic co-operation, which became the main agenda of Albania's foreign policy makers.

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