Advisability of arbitration clause in the Modaraba agreements

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It has been reported that in the existence of an arbitration clause in almost all the agreements, the Modaraba companies have been facing difficulties in getting the agreements enforced through a Court of Law. The other parties to the agreements, in most of the cases, have pleaded before the Tribunals that the Modaraba companies have first to refer the dispute to the arbitrator for an award, before going to the Court.

- 1. The issue has been examined and it is hereby clarified that insertion of an arbitration clause in any agreement is optional and such a clause does not constitute an integral part of the agreement.
- 2. In view of the above, modaraba companies may or may not include the arbitration clause in the relevant agreements.

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