



TF Agreement and its Implications

Use of Readiness Report

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“Readiness of Ukraine to implement WTO TFA ”

Immediate next step: ratification process

- ⌚ General Council has adopted Protocol 27 Nov. 2014.
- ⌚ Members to go through their internal treaty ratification process and notify acceptance of protocol to WTO
- ⌚ The Protocol will be open open-ended.
- ⌚ The Agreement will enter into force once **2/3 of the WTO Members** ratify it

Review of TFA articles 1 to 10

Transparency Articles (1-5)

- 1 - Publication and availability of information
- 2 - Prior publication and consultation
- 3 - Advance Rulings
- 4 - Appeal or Review Procedures
- 5 - Other measures to enhance impartiality, non-discrimination and transparency

Fees & Formalities (6-10)

- 6 - Disciplines on fees and charges imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation
- 7 - Release and clearance of goods
- 8 - Border agency co-operation
- 9 - Movement of goods under customs control intended for export
- 10 - Formalities connected with importation and exportation and transit

Review of TFA other articles

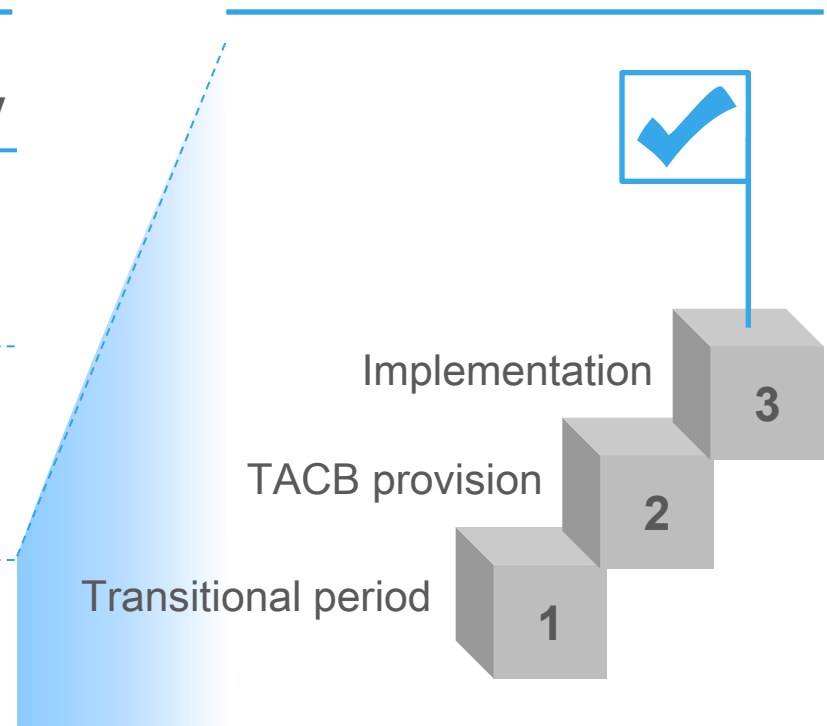
-  **Article 11: Freedom of transit**
-  **Article 12: Customs Cooperation**
-  **Section II Special and Differential Treatment**
 - Dedicated workshop session (Session 3)
-  **Section III: Institutional Arrangements & final provision**
 - Article 23.1: Trade Facilitation Committee
 - Article 23.2: National TF Committee

Timing and extent of commitments

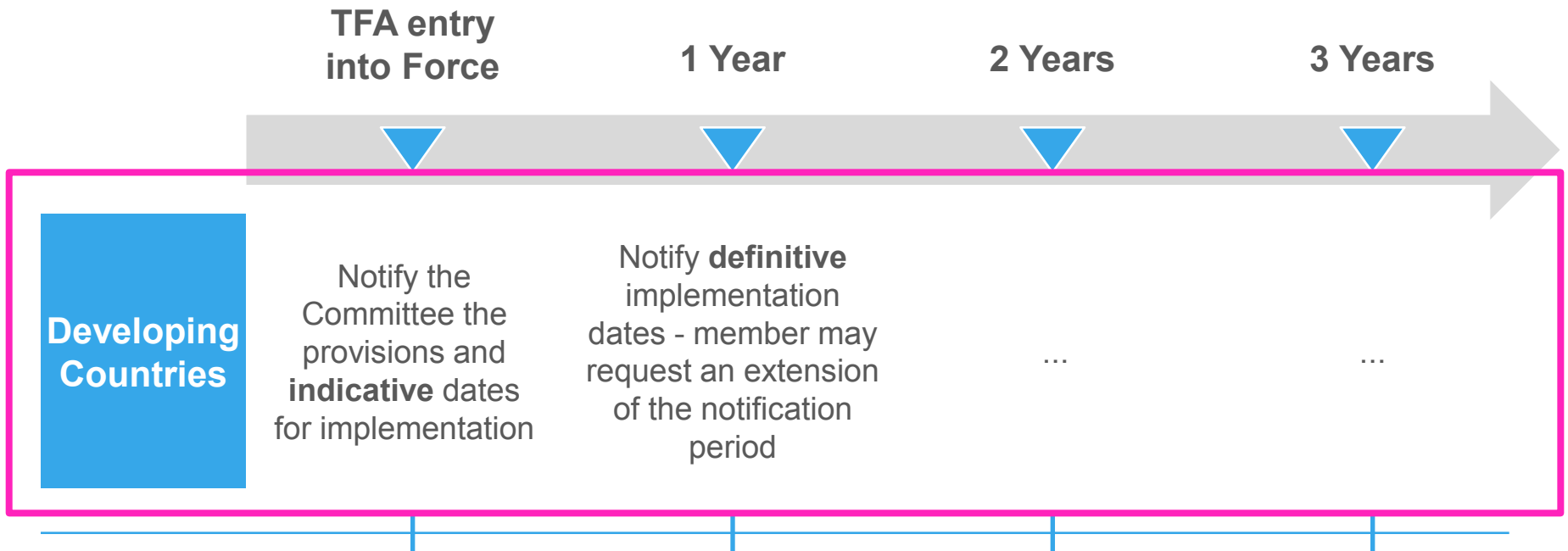
3 different categories of commitments: A, B & C

Categories	Timing	Conditionality
Category A	Time of entry into force of the TFA	∅
Category B	(x) years after entry into force	∅
Category C	(x) years after entry into force	TACB

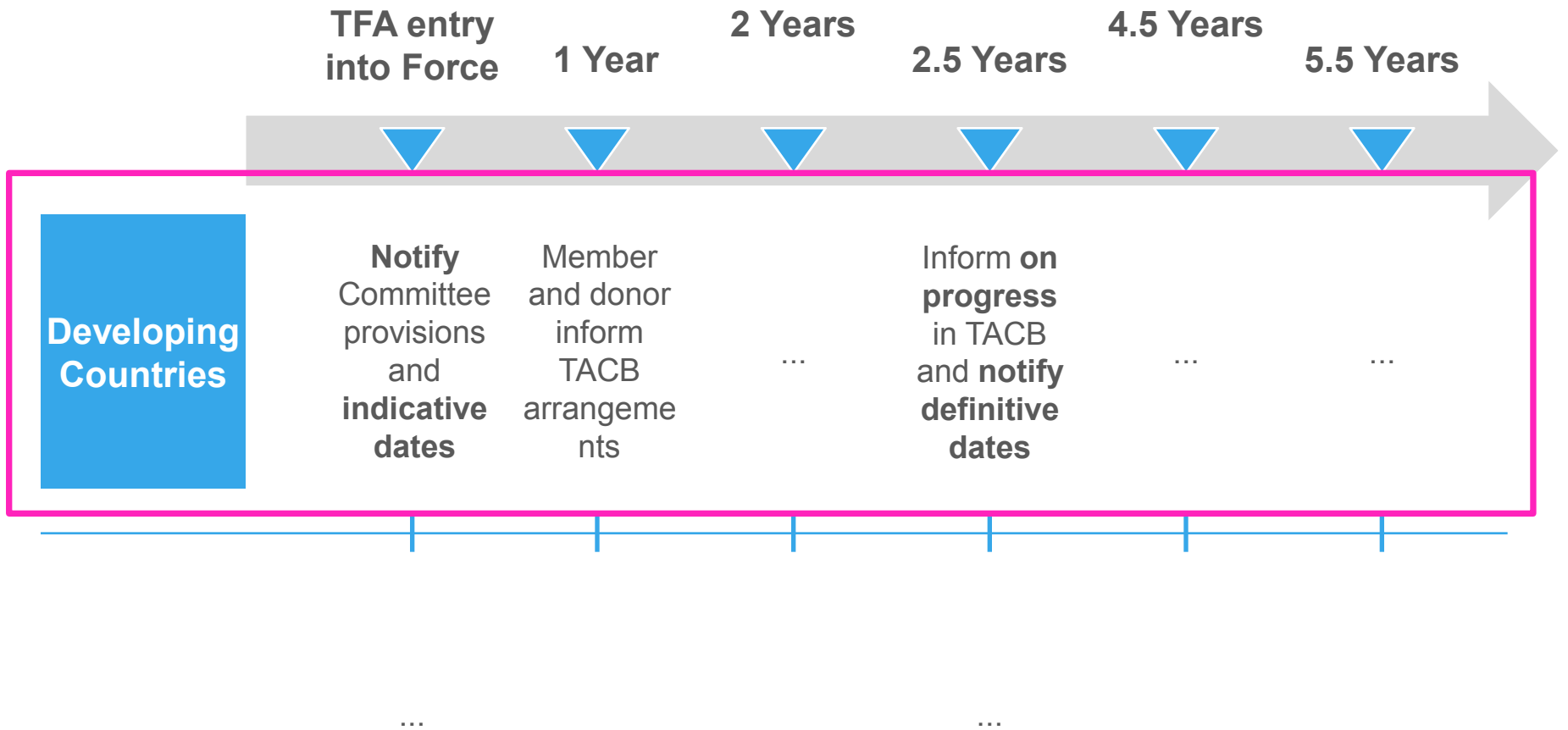
Cat. C provisions implementation process



Category B notification and implementation



Category C Notification and implementation



Timeline for Developing Countries

By the date of the Protocol's adoption: Notify Category A provisions

ASAP: Deposit acceptance of the Protocol to the WTO (implied)

Upon entry into force

- Implement Category A provisions
- Notify Category B and C provisions along with **indicative dates**
- Inform the CTF on **arrangements required** for implementation of Category C provisions

Within one year of entry into force

- Notify **definitive dates** for implementation of Category B provisions.
- Inform the CTF on **arrangement made** or entered into for implementation of Category C provisions

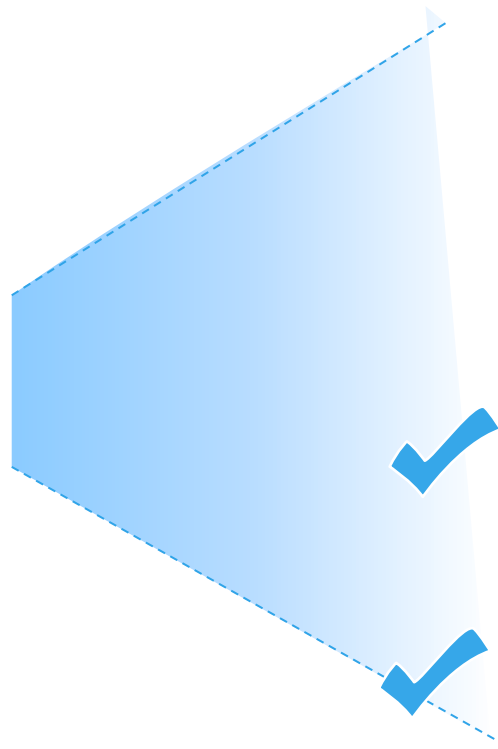
Within two and a half years after entry into force

- Notify the **definitive dates** for implementation of Category C provisions
- Provide information to the CTF on the **progress made on provision of assistance** and support

Ukraine Notification of Cat. A

Remaining provisions to be revised as B or C

**36 provisions
are listed in the
WTO TFA**



**3 different categories of
commitments: A, B & C**

Cat.	Timing	Condition
A	Time of entry into force of the TFA	∅
B	(x) years after entry into force	∅
C	(x) years after entry into force	Financial and technical assistance

Project on the TF implementation Plans

The project activities

- Update, complete and expand, as required, the national WTO needs assessment
- Prepare a national action plan for the implementation of necessary actions to ensure compliance with WTO TF rules

The project approach

- Relying on the local knowledge and employing national consultants supervised by UNCTAD and/or other Annex D organizations' staff.
- In-country events, one to initiate the diagnostics and another one at the end to validate the results

Key questions to be discussed for each measure

- 1 Is your administration already implementing this measure?
- 2 What could be the appropriate category for this measure?
- 3 Do you need external assistance to implement this measure?
- 4 How much time would be required to implement the measure?
- 5 What would be the main activities and resources required to implement this measure?
- 6 Which Ministry / department is best suited to lead and ensure implementation of the measure?
- 7 How important is the implementation of this measure for the overall national development strategy?

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•Table 1: Detailed description measure per measure: the current situation

	Measure	Article	Is this measure implemented?	Details on the current situation
	Publication	Article 1, para.1	NO. YES. PARTLY. Source: Primary questions (question B)	<p>1- Details on the current situation</p> <p>2- National law and/or administrative instructions that correspond to this measure</p> <p>3. Main reasons behind the partial or complete non-compliance</p> <p>4. Proposed category</p> <p>Source : Primary questions (from Question B to the second to the last question)</p>

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Measure N° X : TITLE					
Category					
Priority	LOW		HIGH		
	1	2	3	4	5
Implementation	Actions required		Already planned (Y/N)		Resources Required
Details on technical assistance	Needs for assistance (yes, no)	Type of Assistance		Potential donors	Agency which could deliver technical assistance
Time required for implementation					
Leading implementation agency					

Outcomes

National TF implementation plan

EU-TBAY-PLAN NATIONAL-REPUBLICA DOMINICANA-2012

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