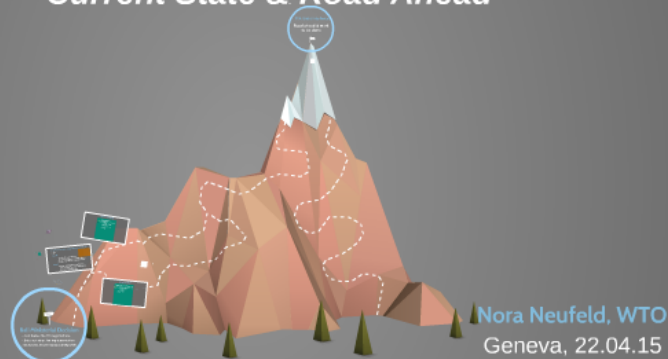




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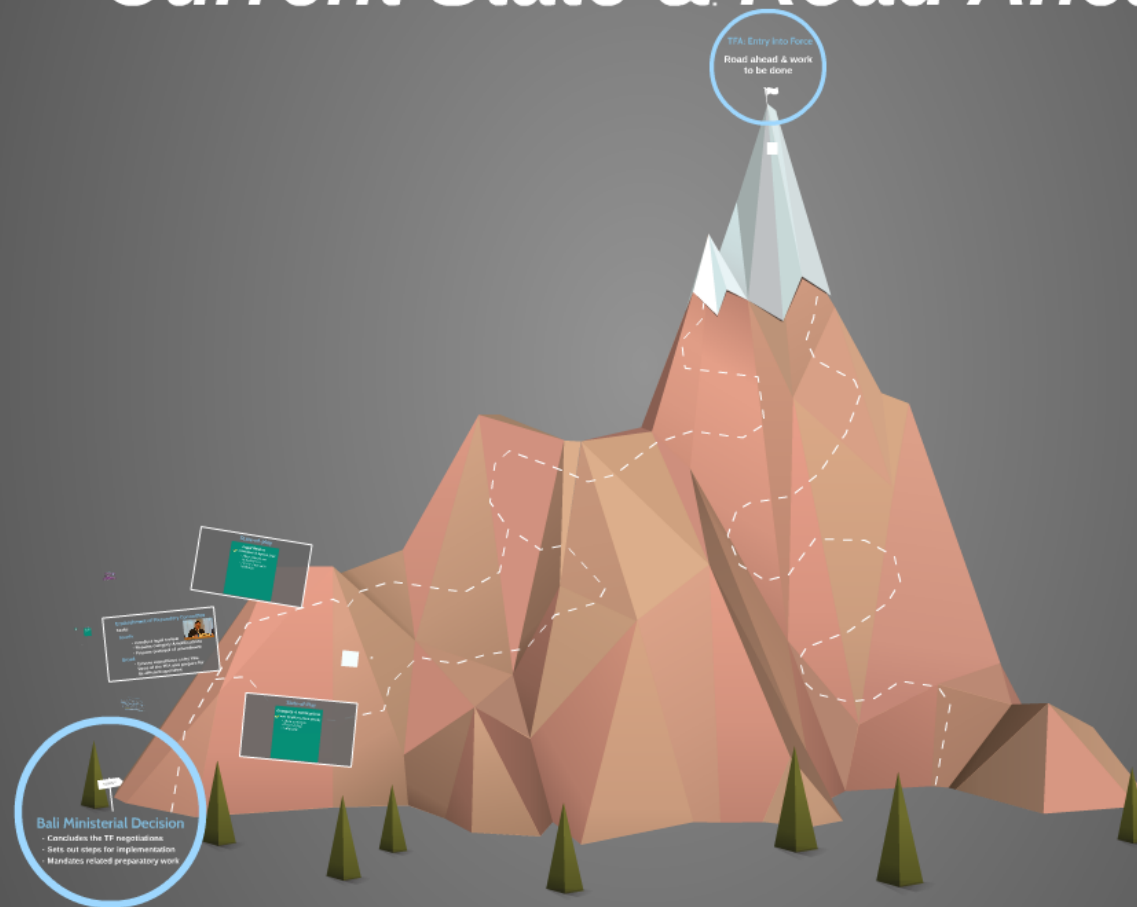
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SUMMIT

Bali Ministerial Decision

- Concludes the TF negotiations
- Sets out steps for implementation
- Mandates related preparatory work

Establishment of Preparatory Committee

Tasks

Specific

- Conduct legal review
- Receive category A notifications
- Prepare protocol of amendment

Broad

- Ensure expeditious entry into force of the TFA and prepare for its efficient operation



Organizational set up



State-of-play

Legal Review



Completed in Apr/Jul 2014

- Minor adjustments to the Bali text
- Final text issued in WT/L/931

State-of-Play

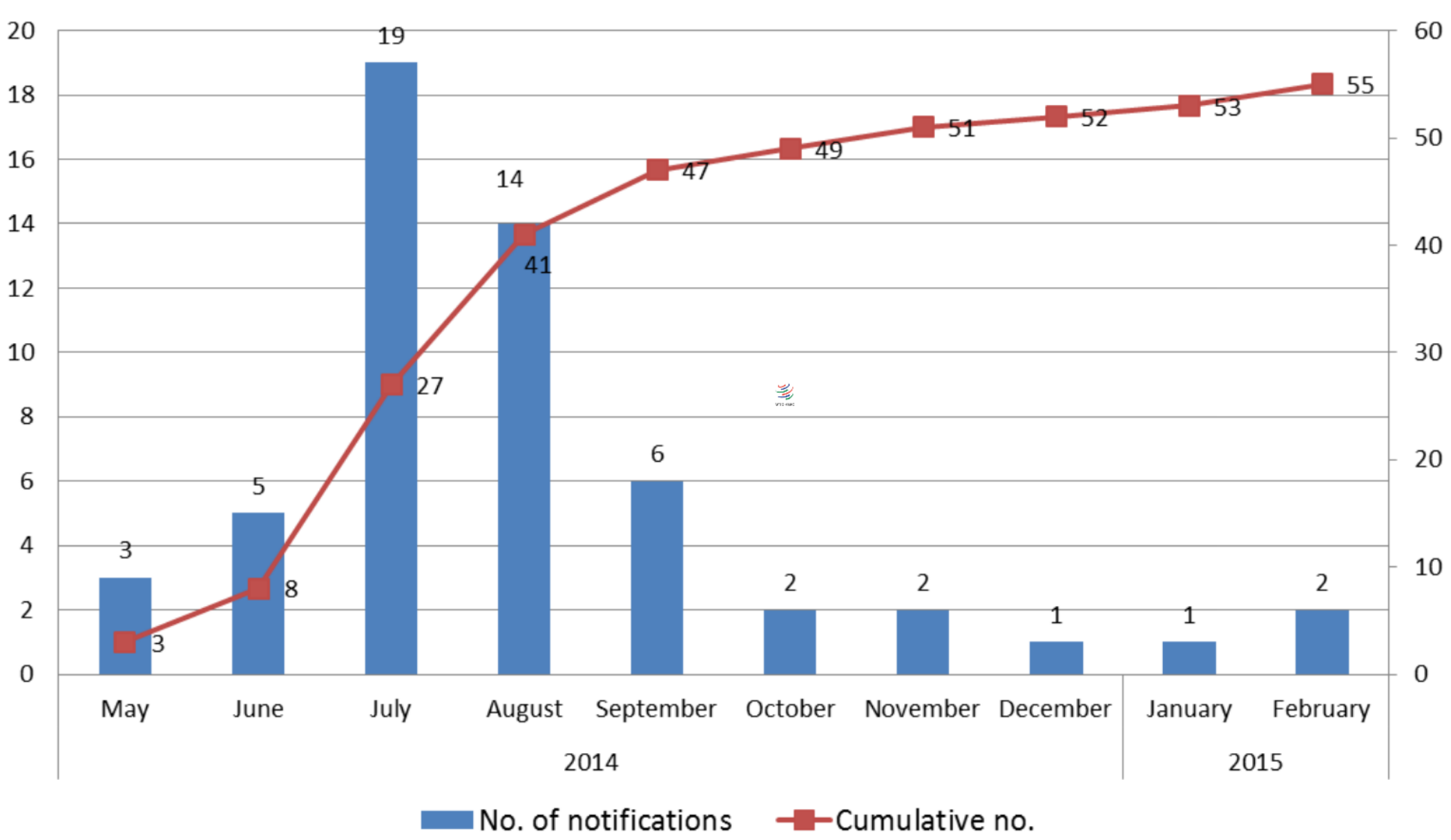
Category A notifications

✓ over 50 (55) received already

- More coming in
- Process(ing)
- Database

TRADE FACILITATION – LIST OF CATEGORY A NOTIFICATIONS

Country	Document Number	Circulation	Country	Document Number	Circulation
Hong Kong China	WT/PCTF/N/HKG/1	13 May 2014	Mongolia	WT/PCTF/N/MGA/1	29 July 2014
Mexico	WT/PCTF/N/MEX/1	14 May 2014	Morocco	WT/PCTF/N/MAR/1	4 August 2014
Costa Rica	WT/PCTF/N/CRI/1	19 May 2014	Vietnam	WT/PCTF/N/VNM /1	4 August 2014
Korea	WT/PCTF/N/KOR/1	4 June 2014	Tajikistan	WT/PCTF/N/TJK/1	4 August 2014
Colombia	WT/PCTF/N/COL/1	13 June 2014	Dominican Republic	WT/PCTF/N/DOM/1	31 July 2014
Singapore	WT/PCTF/N/SGP/1	18 June 2014	Sri Lanka	WT/PCTF/N/LKA/1	31 July 2014
Chinese Taipei	WT/PCTF/N/TPKM/1	26 June 2014	Israel	WT/PCTF/N/ISR/1	31 July 2014
Paraguay	WT/PCTF/N/PRY/1	25 June 2014	Philippines	WT/PCTF/N/PHL/1	1 August 2014
China	WT/PCTF/N/CHN/1	1 July 2014	Guatemala	WT/PCTF/N/GTM/1	12 August 2014
Nicaragua	WT/PCTF/N/NIC/1	3 July 2014	Ecuador	WT/PCTF/N/ECU/1	7 August 2014
Mauritius	WT/PCTF/N/MUS/1	8 July 2014	Kyrgyz Republic	WT/PCTF/N/KGZ/1	11 August 2014
Turkey	WT/PCTF/N/TUR/1	16 July 2014	Panama	WT/PCTF/N/PAN/1	6 August 2014
Honduras	WT/PCTF/N/HND/1	18 July 2014	Indonesia	WT/PCTF/N/IDN/1	4 August 2014
Saudi Arabia	WT/PCTF/N/SAU/1	22 July 2014	Republic of Congo	WT/PCTF/N/COG/1	6 August 2014
Malaysia	WT/PCTF/N/MYS/1	23 July 2014	Cote d'Ivoire	WT/PCTF/N/CIV/1	11 August 2014
Kuwait	WT/PCTF/N/KWT/1	14 August 2014	Ukraine	WT/PCTF/N/UKR/1	14 August 2014
Chile	WT/PCTF/N/CHL/1	23 July 2014	Brunei Darussalam	WT/PCTF/N/BRN/1	8 August 2014
Qatar	WT/PCTF/N/QAT/1	25 July 2014	Oman	WT/PCTF/N/OMN/1	14 August 2014
Thailand	WT/PCTF/N/THA/1	25 July 2014	Albania	WT/PCTF/N/ALB/1	10 September 2014
Peru	WT/PCTF/N/PER/1	25 July 2014	Moldova	WT/PCTF/N/MDA/1	19 September 2014
Uruguay	WT/PCTF/N/URY/1	31 July 2014	Tunisia	WT/PCTF/N/TUN/1	4 September 2014
El Salvador	WT/PCTF/N/SLV/1	29 July 2014	Jordan	WT/PCTF/N/JOR/1	18 September 2014
Brazil	WT/PCTF/N/BRA/1	29 July 2014	Montenegro	WT/PCTF/N/MNE/1	7 October 2014
Botswana	WT/PCTF/N/BWA/1	3 October 2014	Senegal	WT/PCTF/N/SEN/1	27 October 2014
Nigeria	WT/PCTF/N/NGA/1	10 November 2014	Macao, China	WT/PCTF/N/MAC/1	25 November 2014
Gabon	WT/PCTF/N/GAB/1	17 December 2014	Egypt	WT/PCTF/N/EGY/1	7 January 2015
Macedonia	WT/PCTF/N/MKD/1	13 February 2015	Jamaica	WT/PCTF/N/JAM/1	3 March 2015
Pakistan	WT/PCTF/N/PAK/1	20 March 2015			





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NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY A COMMITMENTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The following communication dated 18 September 2014 to the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation is being circulated at the request of the Republic of Moldova for Members' information.]

Pursuant to the Ministerial Decision of 7 December 2013 (WT/MIN(13)/36, WT/L/911), the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation established under the General Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Preparatory Committee") shall, *inter alia*, receive Members' notifications of category A commitments under the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

With reference to the above, the Government of the Republic of Moldova has the honour to notify the Preparatory Committee that the Republic of Moldova designates the following provisions contained in Section I of the Agreement (annexed to the above-mentioned Ministerial Decision) as Category A commitments, which will be implemented upon entry into force of the Agreement:

Article 1	Paragraphs 1 and 4 (Publication, Notification)
Article 3	(ADVANCE RULINGS)
Article 4	(PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL OR REVIEW)
Article 5	Paragraph 2 (Detention)
Article 6	Paragraph 2 (Specific disciplines on Fees and Charges for Customs Processing Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation)
Article 7	Paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 (Electronic Payment, Risk Management, Post-clearance Audit)
Article 8	(BORDER AGENCY COOPERATION)
Article 9	(MOVEMENT OF GOODS INTENDED FOR IMPORT UNDER CUSTOMS CONTROL)



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**NOTIFICATION OF CATEGORY A COMMITMENTS UNDER
THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE FACILITATION**

COMMUNICATION FROM BRAZIL

The following communication dated 25 July 2014 to the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation is being circulated on behalf of Brazil for Members' information.

Pursuant to the Ministerial Decision of 7 December 2013 (WT/MIN(13)/36, WT/L/911), the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation established under the General Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Preparatory Committee") shall, *inter alia*, receive Members' notifications of Category A commitments under the Agreement on Trade Facilitation (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

With reference to the above, the Mission of Brazil has the honour to notify the Preparatory Committee on Trade Facilitation that it designates all the provisions in Section I of the Agreement as Category A commitments, except for the following:

- Article 3.6.b;
- Article 3.9.a.ii;
- Article 7.1;
- Article 7.7.3; and
- Article 11.9.

State-of-Play

Amendment protocol



Adopted on 27 Nov. '14

(WT/L/940)

- Legal background
- Challenges
- Implications



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**PROTOCOL AMENDING THE MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION**

Members of the World Trade Organization;

Referring to the Agreement on Trade Facilitation;

Having regard to the Decision of the General Council in document WT/L/940, adopted pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article X of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization ("the WTO Agreement");

Hereby agree as follows:

1. Annex 1A to the WTO Agreement shall, upon entry into force of this Protocol pursuant to paragraph 4, be amended by the insertion of the Agreement on Trade Facilitation, as set out in the Annex to this Protocol, to be placed after the Agreement on Safeguards.
2. Reservations may not be entered in respect of any of the provisions of this Protocol without the consent of the other Members.
3. This Protocol is hereby open for acceptance by Members.
4. This Protocol shall enter into force in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article X of the WTO Agreement.¹
5. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General of the World Trade Organization who shall promptly furnish to each Member a certified copy thereof and a notification of each acceptance thereof pursuant to paragraph 3.
6. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

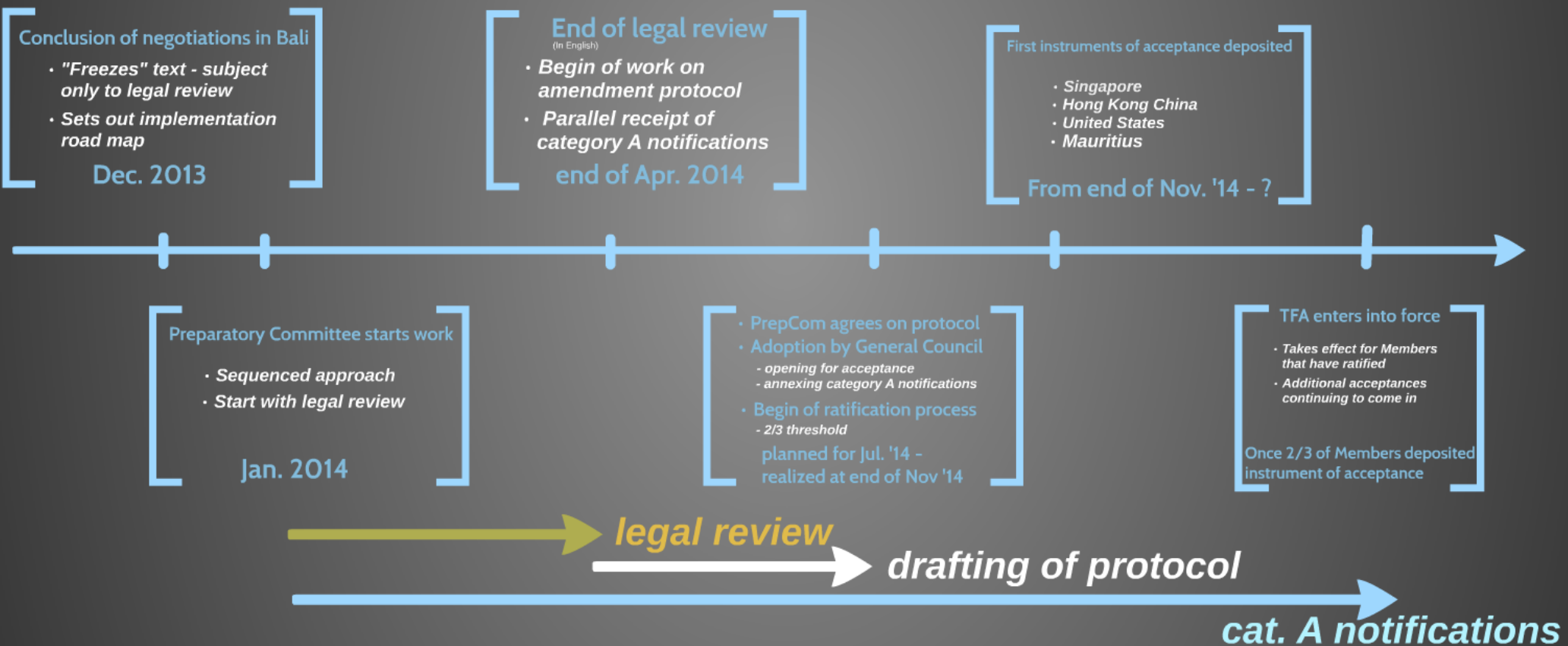
~~Done at Geneva this twenty-seventh day of November two thousand and fourteen, in a single copy, in the English, French and Spanish languages, each text being authentic.~~

IV. Protocol of Amendment [back to top](#)

WTO members adopted on 27 November 2014 a [Protocol of Amendment](#) to insert the new Agreement into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement. The Trade Facilitation Agreement will enter into force once two-thirds of members have completed their domestic ratification process.

- [How to accept the Protocol of Amendment to insert the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement into Annex 1A of the WTO Agreement](#)
Background information for Members on procedures.

Implementation Roadmap



Conclusion of negotiations in Bali

- *"Freezes" text - subject only to legal review*
- *Sets out implementation road map*

Dec. 2013

Preparatory Committee starts work

- *Sequenced approach*
- *Start with legal review*

Jan. 2014

End of legal review

(In English)

- *Begin of work on amendment protocol*
- *Parallel receipt of category A notifications*

end of Apr. 2014

- PrepCom agrees on protocol
- Adoption by General Council
 - *opening for acceptance*
 - *annexing category A notifications*
- Begin of ratification process
 - *2/3 threshold*

planned for Jul. '14 -

realized at end of Nov '14

TFA enters into force

- *Takes effect for Members that have ratified*
- *Additional acceptances continuing to come in*

Once $2/3$ of Members deposited instrument of acceptance

First instruments of acceptance deposited

- *Singapore*
- *Hong Kong China*
- *United States*
- *Mauritius*

From end of Nov. '14 - ?

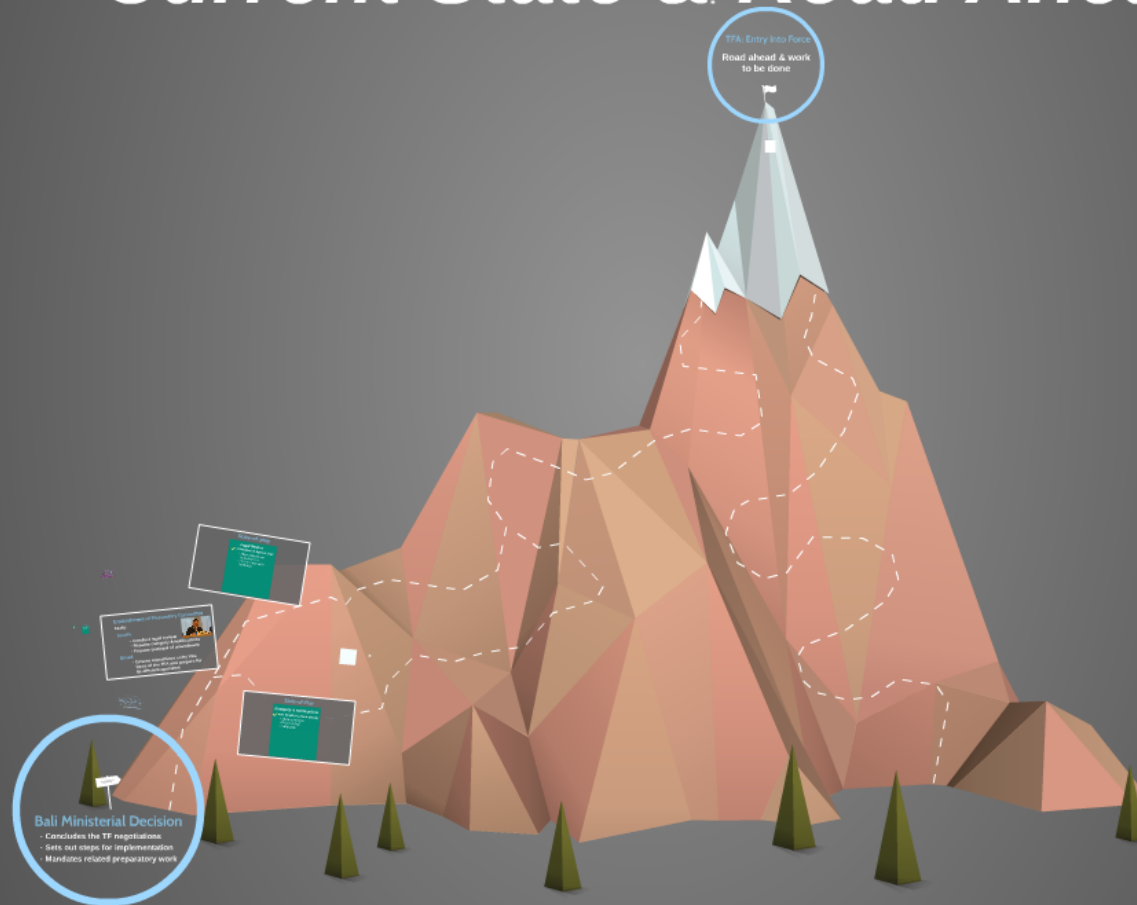
TFA: Entry into Force

**Road ahead & work
to be done**



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