

# UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

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Trade Facilitation  
Committee

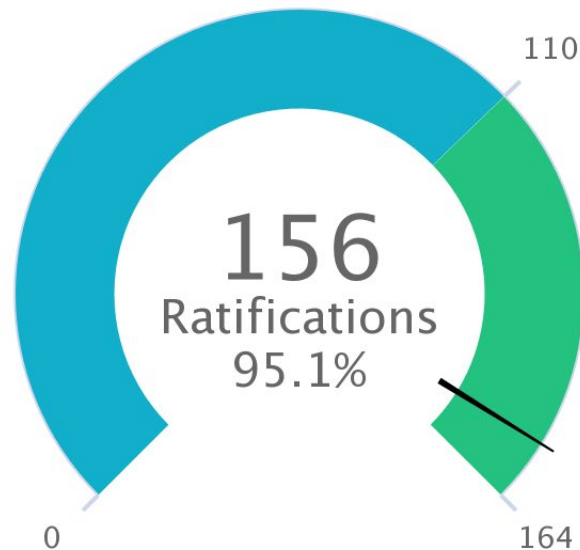
# RATIFICATION UPDATES





## Ratifications presented

The Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) entered into force on 22 February 2017 when the WTO obtained the two-thirds acceptance from its 164 Members.



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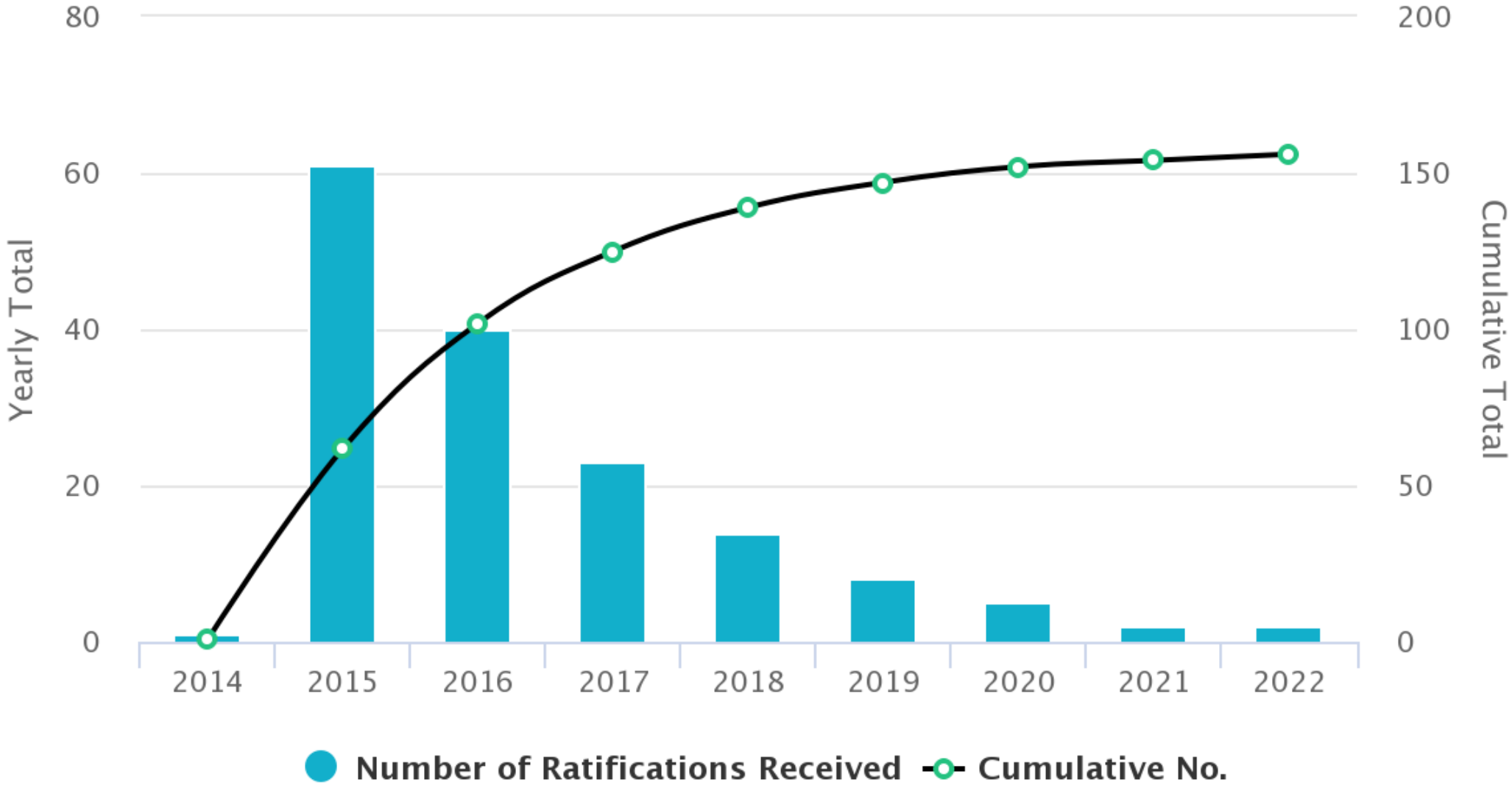
## Ratifications yet to be presented

1. Democratic Republic of the Congo
2. Haiti
3. Mauritania
4. Suriname
5. Tonga
6. Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
7. Yemen

**European Union ratification:** For the purposes of calculation of acceptances under Article X.3 of the WTO Agreement, an instrument of acceptance by the European Union for itself and in respect of its Member States shall be counted as acceptance by a number of Members equal to the number of Member States of the European Union which are Members to the WTO.

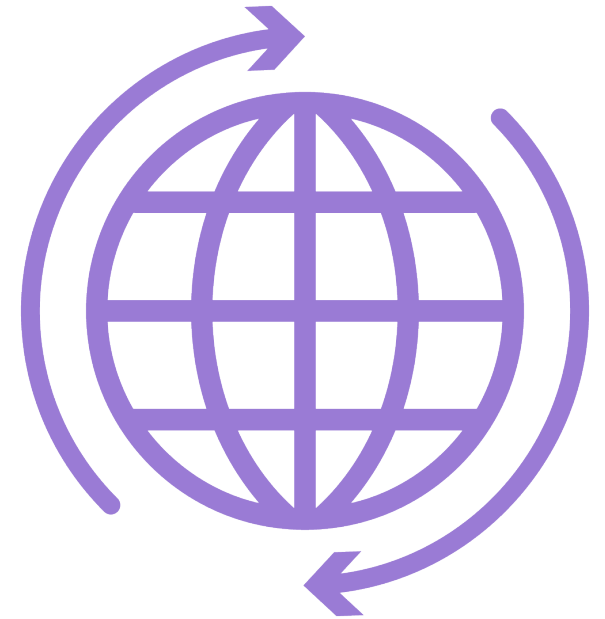
# 156 Ratifications received

Timeline of Ratifications received to date (no. of Members having presented an instrument of acceptance)



# SECTION I

## TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



# TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Article I.4

11

Cumulative

242



Article I0.4.3

9

195



Article I0.6.2

10

234



Article I2.2.2

9

219

# OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Article I.4

**27**



Article I0.4.3

**9**



Article I0.6.2

**32**



Article I2.2.2

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<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/transparency/notifications-by-member>

# BROKEN LINKS



Following the TFA Review Decision, the Secretariat has started a **digital cleaning**

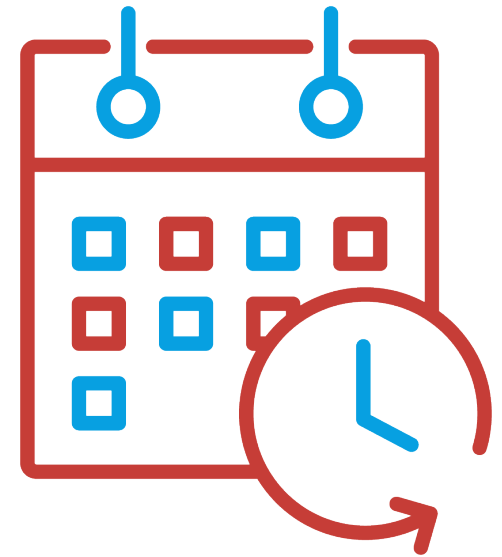
Some Members have already been contacted and revisions of notifications have been issued and **the remaining Members will be contacted soon**





# SECTION II

## NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





## 21 overdue notifications

STATUS OF  
IMPLEMENTATION  
NOTIFICATIONS  
UNDER EXPIRED  
DEADLINES  
2017 - 2022

Notification requirements and due dates	Developing Members	LDCs
<b>ABC designations</b> Developing countries by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2018	3	3
<b>Category B indicative dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2018		1
<b>Category B definitive dates</b> Developing countries by 22/02/2018 LDCs by 22/02/2020 <i>9 LDC Members received an extension</i>	1	1
<b>Category C indicative dates</b> LDCs by 22/02/2021		1
<b>Category C definitive dates</b> Developing countries by 22/08/2019 LDCs by 22/08/2022 <i>7 LDC Members received an extension until 2023</i>	3	1
<b>Category C TA requirements</b> Developing Members by 22/02/2017 LDCs by 22/02/2019	4	3



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/overdue-notifications/by-member>



## Information on Technical Assistance

Donor arrangements and progress in the provision of TACB

STATUS  
REGARDING  
DONOR  
ARRANGEMENTS  
AND TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE  
PROGRESS

95

Members have notified Cat. C designations

88

Members have notified TA requirements

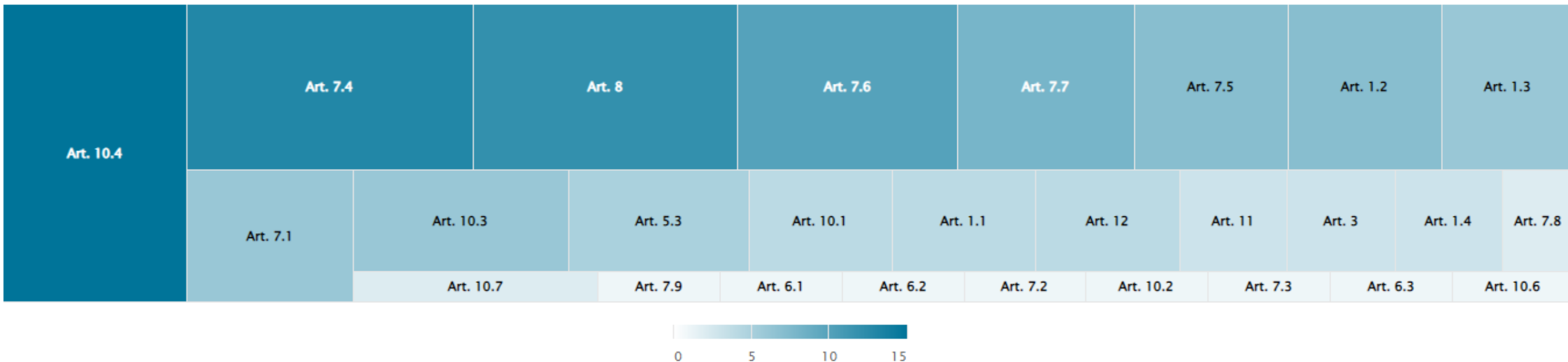
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Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress



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# MAPPING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS BY MEASURE, AS NOTIFIED BY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS

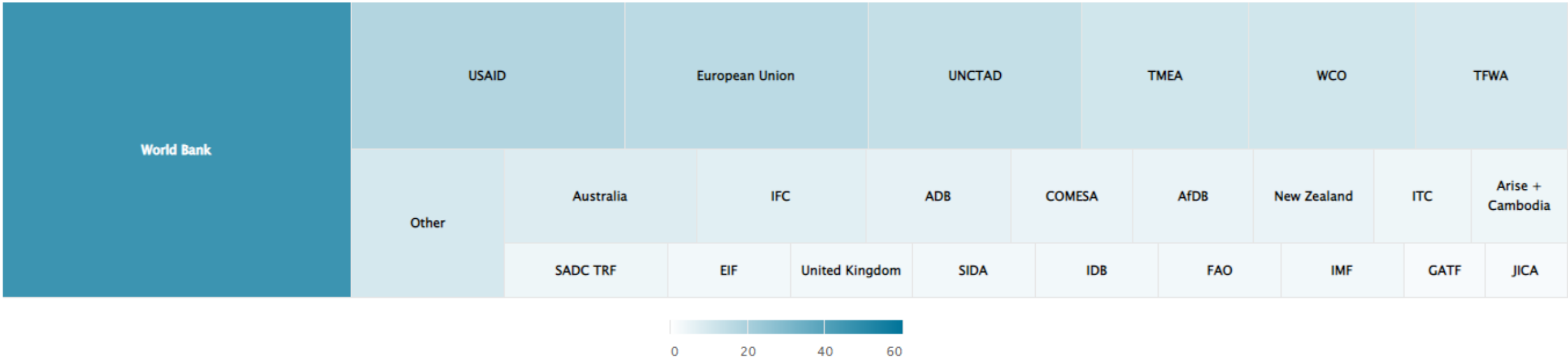


10.4 Single Window, 7.4 Risk Management, 8 Border Agency Cooperation, 7.6 Average release times, 7.7 Authorized operators, 7.5 Post clearance audit...



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# DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS\* IDENTIFIED BY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS IN THE DONOR ARRANGEMENTS NOTIFICATIONS



\* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified



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# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



## 13 notifications received since the last meeting:

BANGLADESH	G/TFA/N/BGD/1/ADD.5
BURKINA FASO	G/TFA/N/BFA/1/ADD.4
CAMBODIA	G/TFA/N/KHM/1/ADD.3
COSTA RICA	G/TFA/N/CRI/3
THE GAMBIA	G/TFA/N/GMB/1/ADD.3
KAZAKHSTAN	G/TFA/N/KAZ/2/ADD.2
LESOTHO	G/TFA/N/LSO/1/ADD.4
MADAGASCAR	G/TFA/N/MDG/1/ADD.3
NIGER	G/TFA/N/NER/2/ADD.2
	G/TFA/N/NER/2/ADD.2/CORR. 1
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	G/TFA/N/KNA/1/ADD.3
SENEGAL	G/TFA/N/SEN/1/ADD.3
SIERRA LEONE	G/TFA/N/SLE/1/ADD.3
SOLOMON ISLANDS	G/TFA/N/SLB/1/ADD.2



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/documents/search>

# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



**12** notifications received since the last meeting:

ARGENTINA	G/TFA/N/ARG/I/ADD.2
BOTSWANA	G/TFA/N/BWA/I/ADD.3
ECUADOR	G/TFA/N/ECU/I/ADD.4
GRENADA	G/TFA/N/GRD/I/REV.2
MONGOLIA	G/TFA/N/MNG/I/ADD.2
NICARAGUA	G/TFA/N/NIC/I/ADD.3
PERU	G/TFA/N/PER/I/ADD.2
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	G/TFA/N/KNA/I/ADD.2
SAINT LUCIA	G/TFA/N/LCA/I/ADD.3
SIERRA LEONE	G/TFA/N/SLE/I/ADD.4
SRI LANKA	G/TFA/N/LKA/I/ADD.3
ZAMBIA	G/TFA/N/ZMB/I/ADD.2



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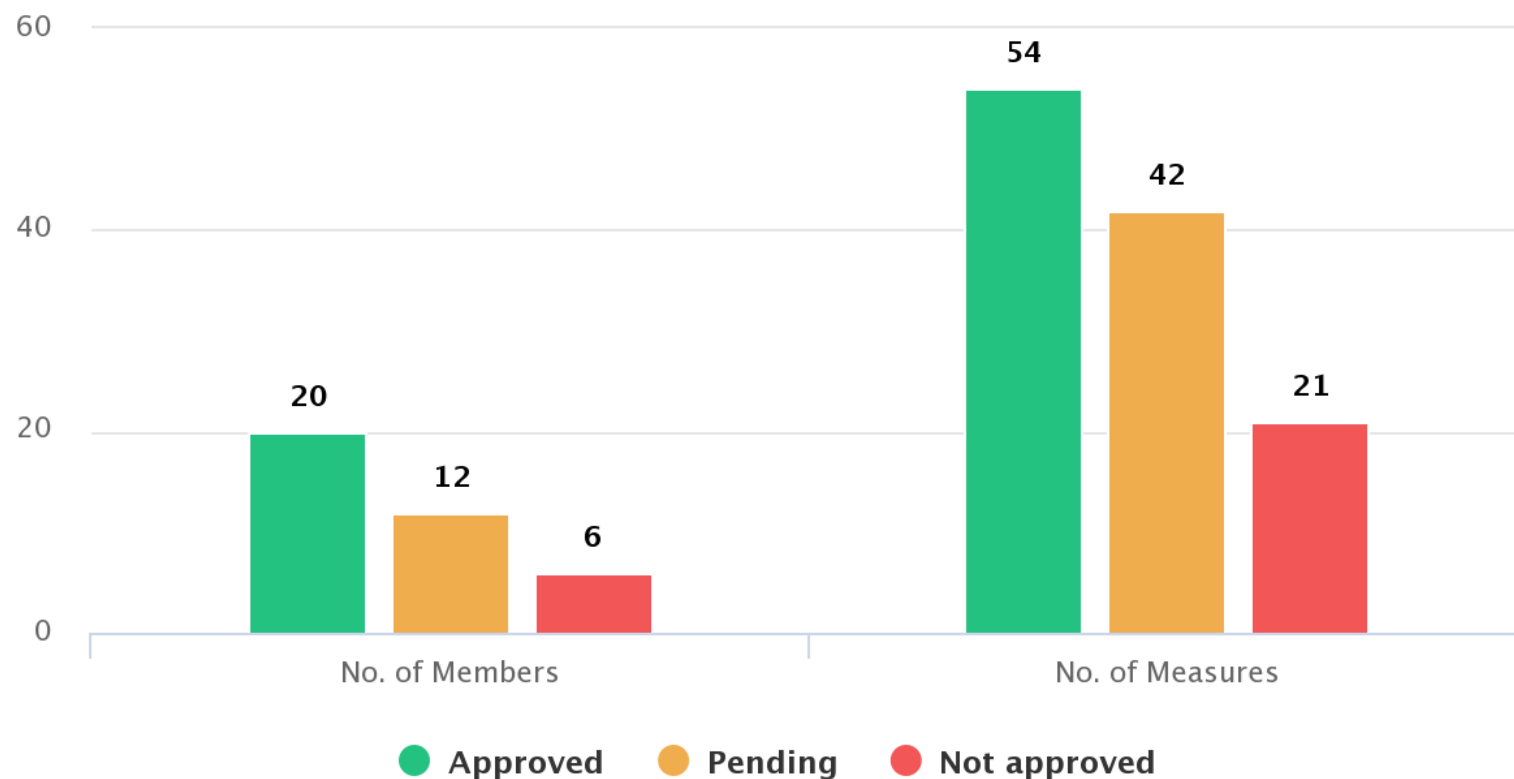
# OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

## EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



### Status of requests for extension of implementation dates

Requests approved, not approved or pending consideration by the Trade Facilitation Committee, by Member and by Measure



Status as 22 November 2022

• **Pending** to be considered at the CTF meeting 28 November 2022



<https://tfadatabase.org/notifications/extension-of-implementation-dates>



# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

## SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

6 Members have presented notifications of category shifting:

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
LIBERIA  
MAURITANIA  
MYANMAR  
RWANDA

G/TFA/N/CAF/I/ADD.3  
G/TFA/N/LAO/I/ADD.5  
G/TFA/N/LBR/I/ADD.1  
G/TFA/N/MRT/I/ADD.2  
G/TFA/N/MMR/I/ADD.2  
G/TFA/N/RWA/I/ADD.4



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# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

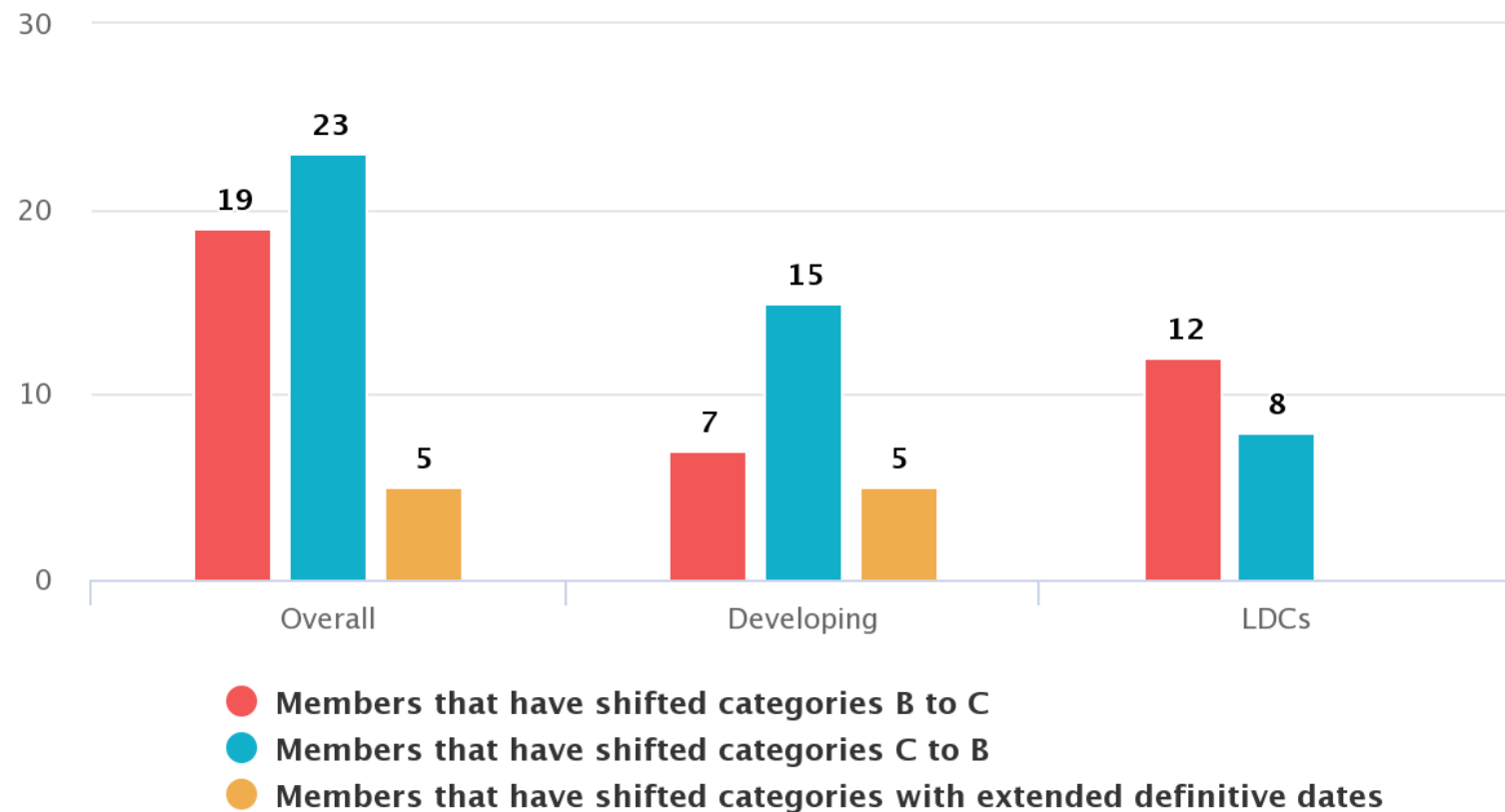
## SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

**B → C**

**C → B**

### Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures



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OVERVIEW OF  
NOTIFICATIONS  
UNDER  
ARTICLE 17

NOTIFICATION OF  
EARLIER  
IMPLEMENTATION  
DATES



1 Member notified earlier implementation dates for a total number of 3 measures:

**KAZAHKSTAN**

Measure	Category	Original definitive date notified	New earlier date notified
3 – Advance rulings	<b>B</b>	22 February 2023	31 March 2022
7.7 – Authorized operators	<b>B</b>	22 February 2023	31 October 2022
10.4 – Single Window	<b>B</b>	22 February 2023	31 October 2022

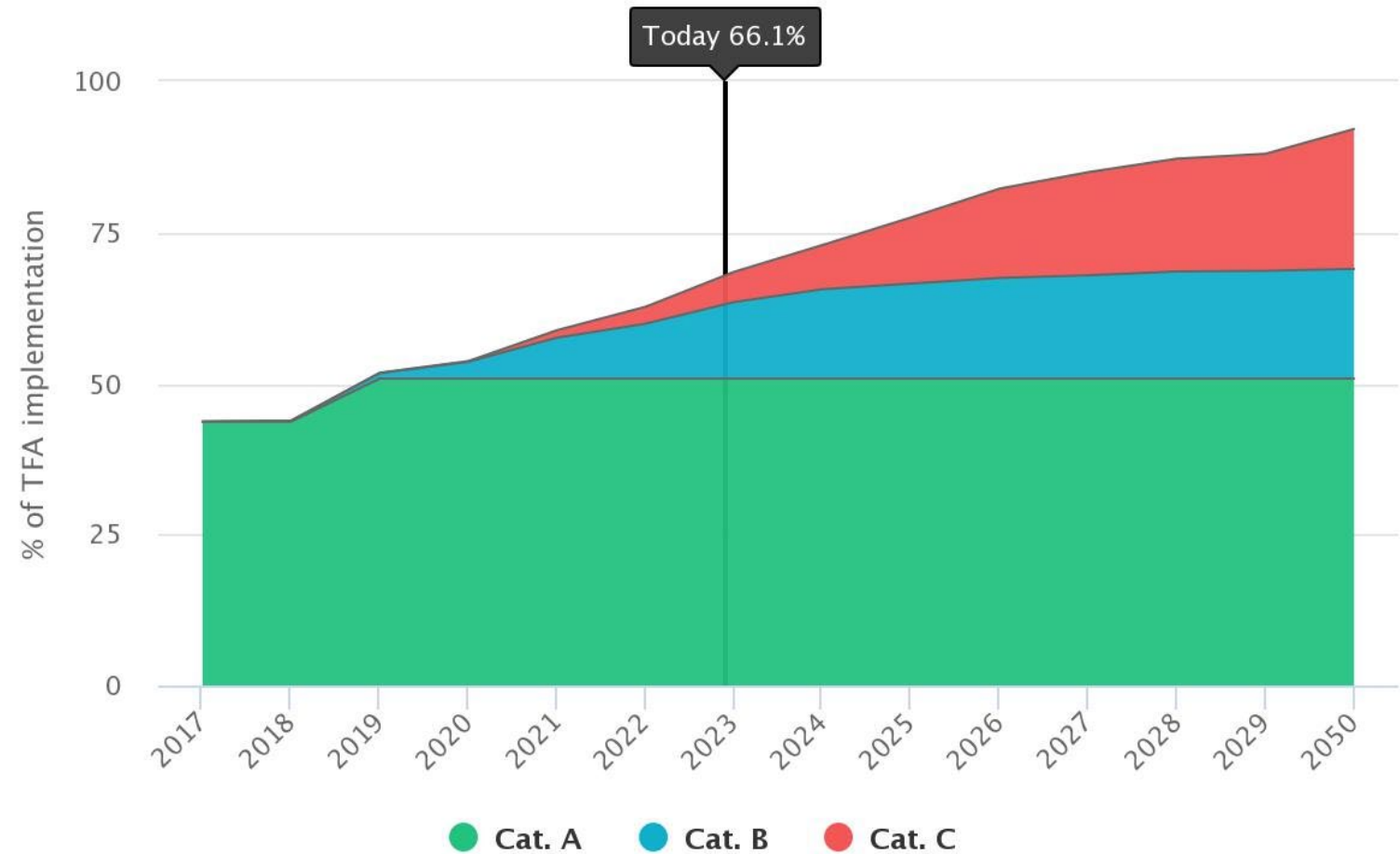


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# OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

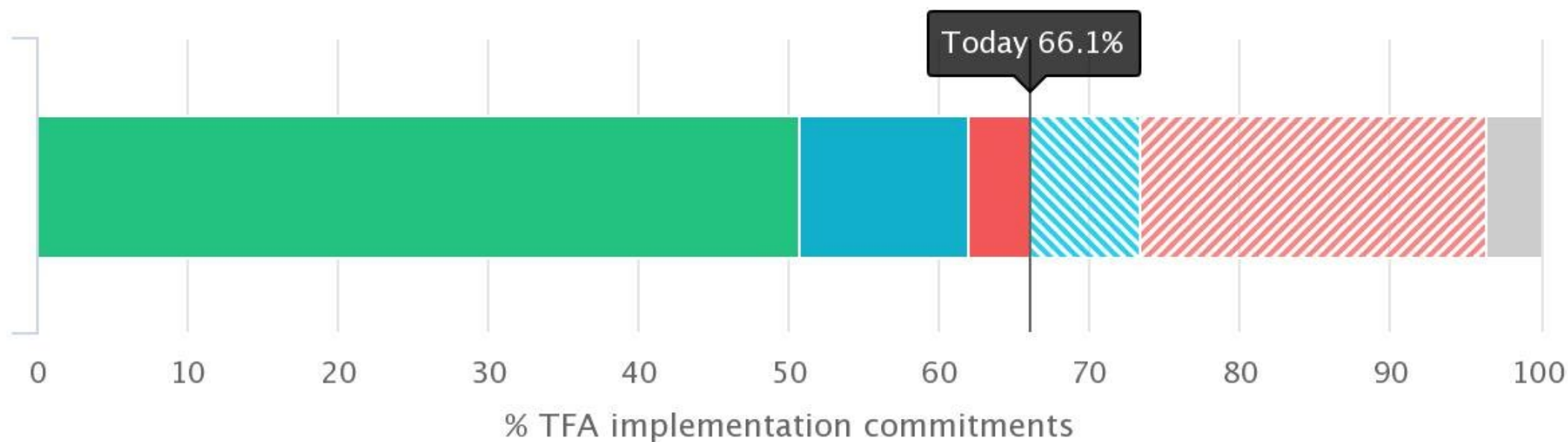
## Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



# Implementation commitments of LDCs and Developing members

Implementation commitments according to notification data

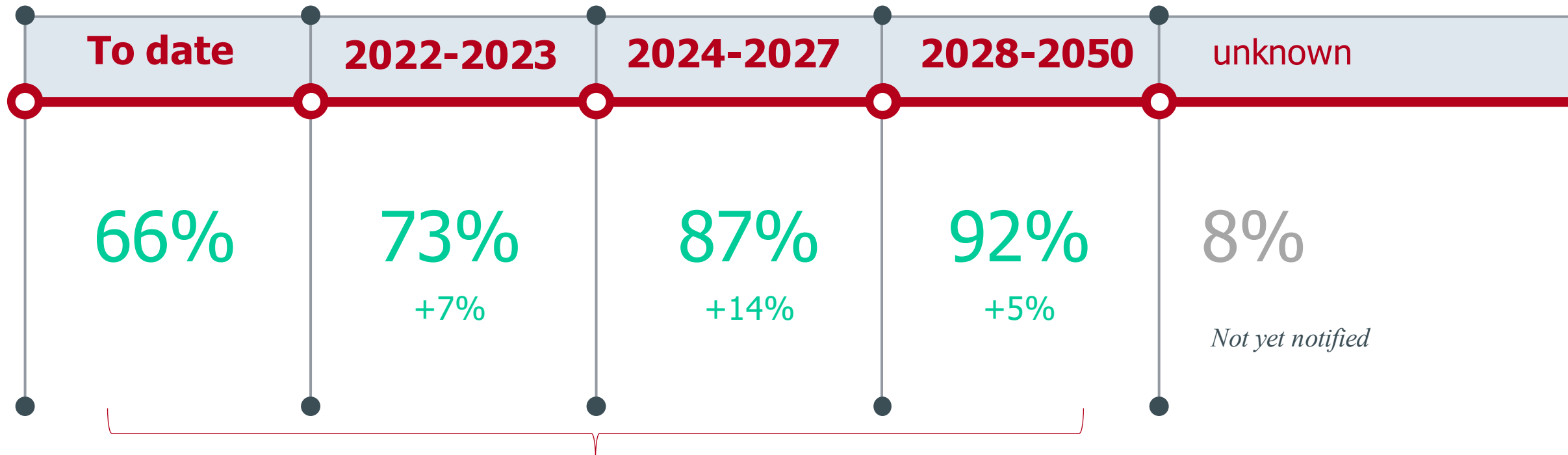


- **Cat. A commitments for implementation to date:50.8%**
- **Cat. B commitments for implementation to date:11.2%**
- **Cat. C commitments for implementation to date:4.1%**
- **Cat. B commitments for future implementation:7.3%**
- **Cat. C commitments for future implementation:23.0%**
- **Unknown:3.6%**

# Rate of TFA implementation commitments

*Timeline*

*Developing and LDCs*



Based on notification data

TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE AND  
CAPACITY BUILDING  
UNDER ARTICLE 22



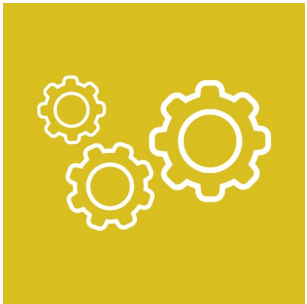
# NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2

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Article 22.3

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Cumulative



# NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



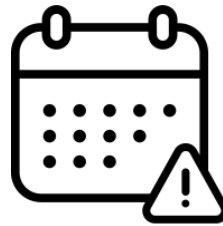
5 notifications received since the last meeting:

**Article 22.3** – contact points for coordinating technical assistance support

GHANA	G/TFA/N/GHA/3
HONDURAS	G/TFA/N/HND/2/REV.2
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC	G/TFA/N/LAO/4/REV.1
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	G/TFA/N/CAF/3
BOTSWANA	G/TFA/N/BWA/3

# UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

## 2023-2024



01 Jan 2023 to  
31 Dec 2024

no. of Members with due implementation dates	70
no. of measures	404
of which in <b>Cat. B</b>	<b>145</b>
of which in <b>Cat. C</b>	<b>259</b>

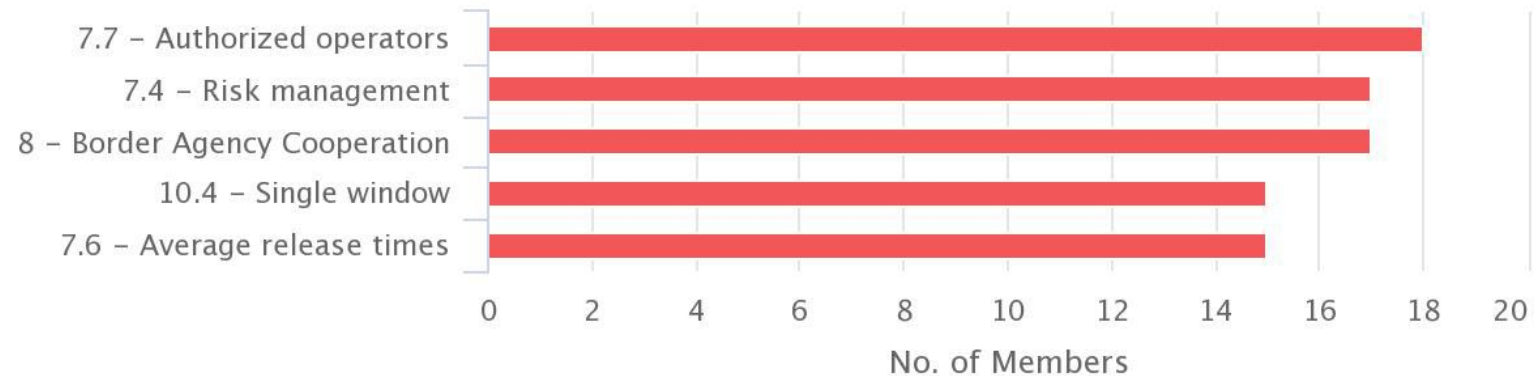


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
2023-2024

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023-2024



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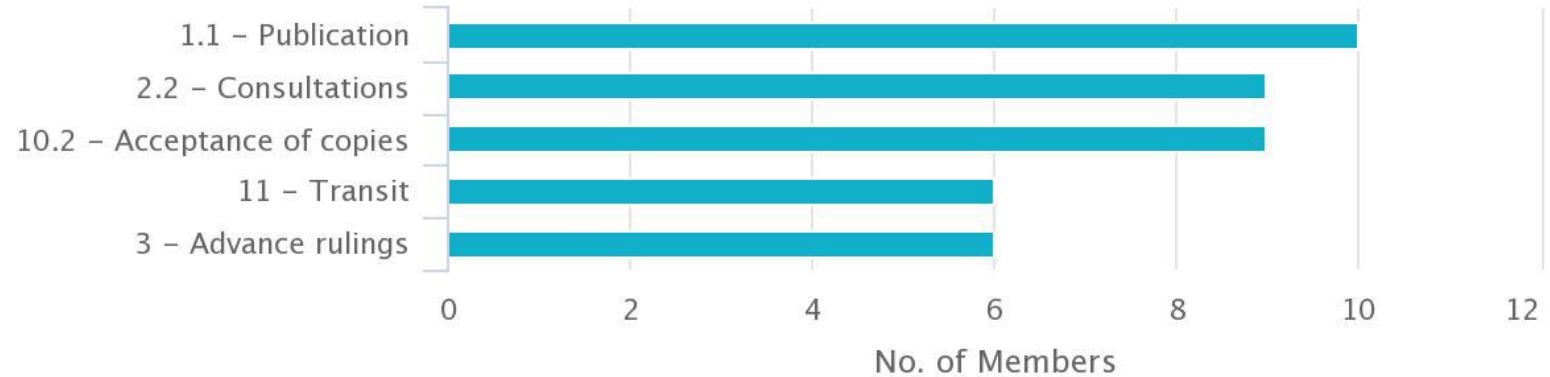


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY B**  
MEASURES DUE  
FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION  
IN  
**2023-2024**

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023-2024



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