

UPDATE ON RATIFICATIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS

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21 March 2023



Trade Facilitation
Committee

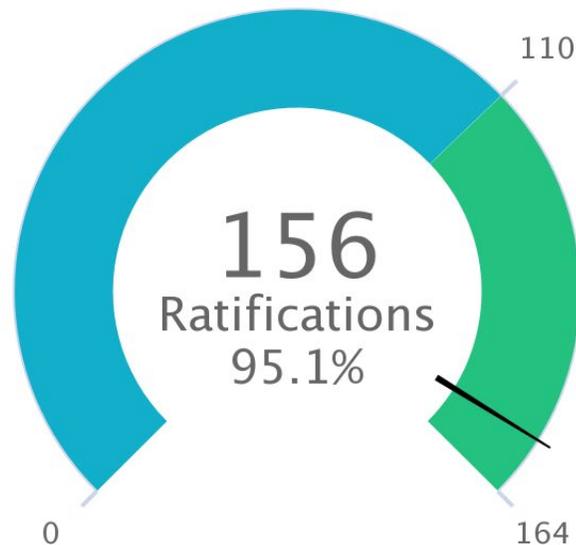
RATIFICATION UPDATES





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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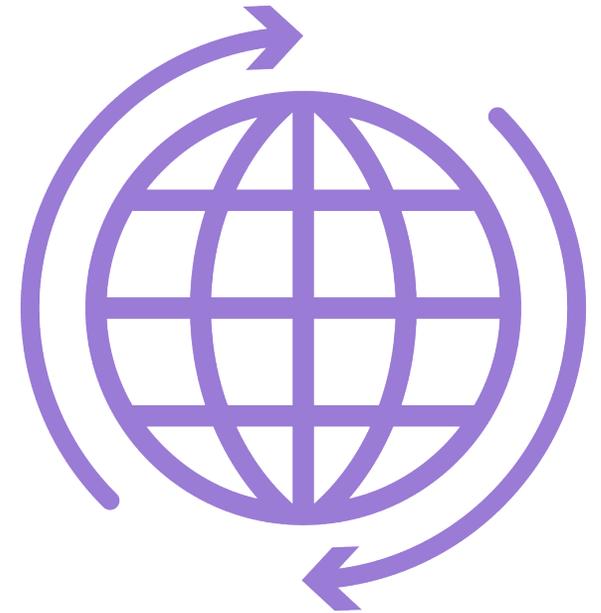
Ratifications yet to be presented

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.

SECTION I

TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATION

ARTICLES
1.4, 10.4.3, 10.6.2
AND 12.2.2

8 Members have presented transparency notifications since the last meeting:

ECUADOR
EUROPEAN UNION

G/TFA/N/ECU/2/ADD.1/REV.2
G/TFA/N/EU/1/ADD.1/REV.3 AND
G/TFA/N/EU/1/REV.8

THE GAMBIA
JAMAICA
NIGERIA
SOUTH AFRICA
UKRAINE
TUNISIA

G/TFA/N/GMB/2
G/TFA/N/JAM/3
G/TFA/N/NGA/3
G/TFA/N/ZAF/2
G/TFA/N/UKR/3/REV.2
G/TFA/N/TUN/3



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OVERDUE TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATIONS



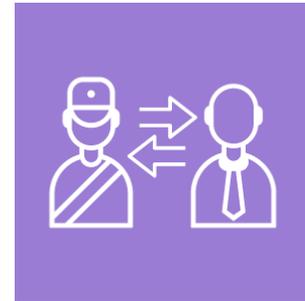
Article I.4

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Article I0.4.3

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Article I0.6.2

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Article I2.2.2

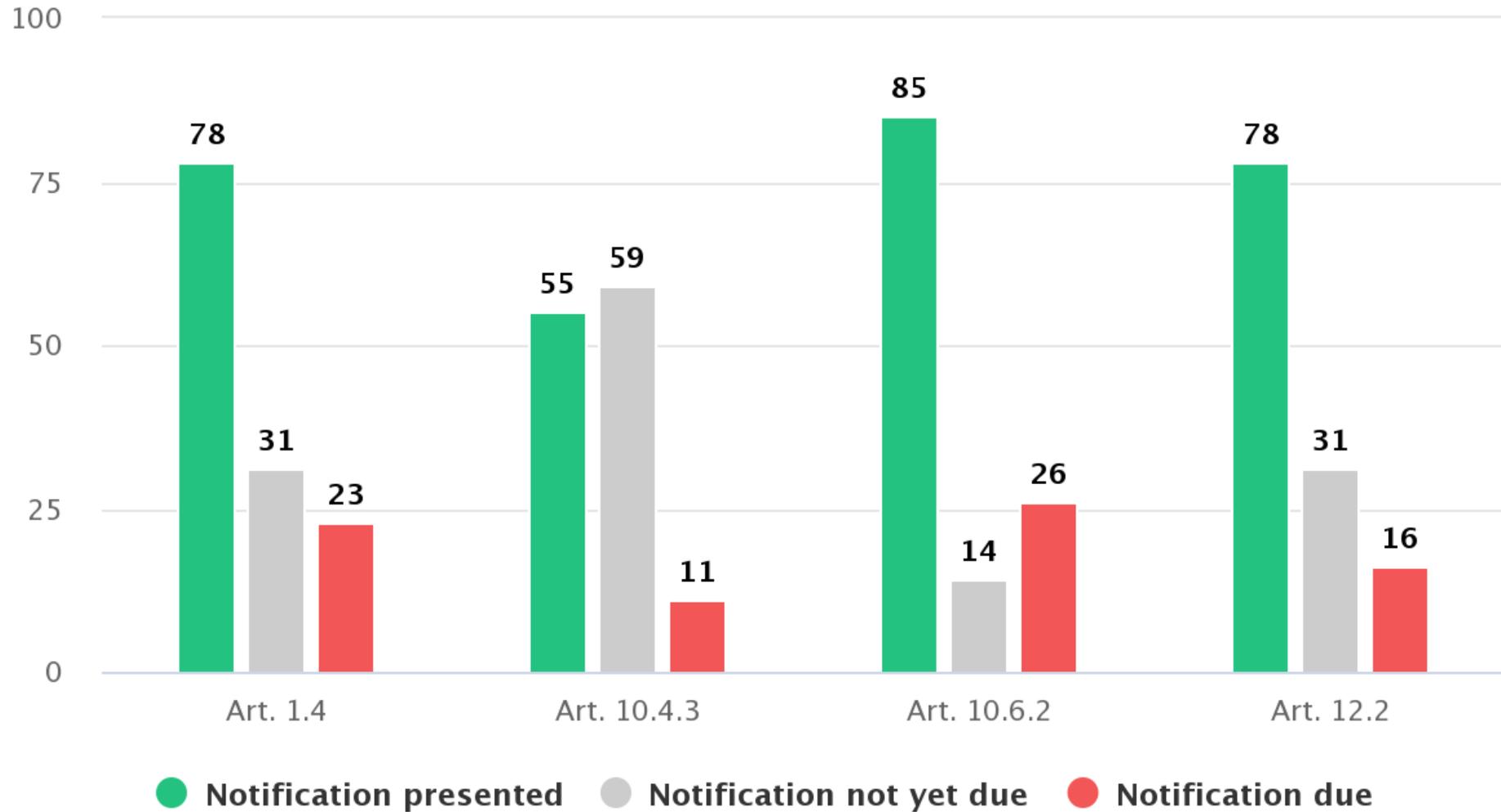
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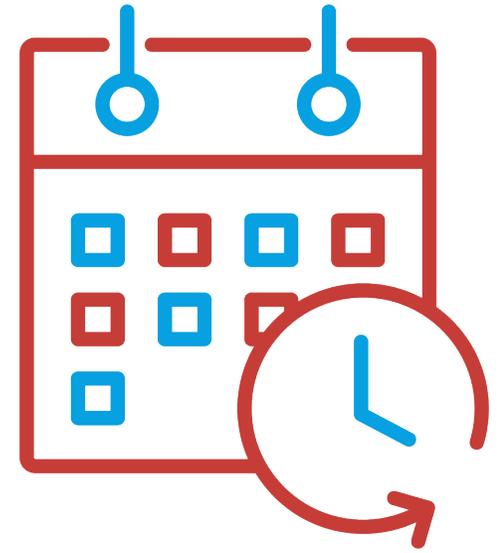
Status of transparency notifications by article

Developing & LDCs



SECTION II

NOTIFICATION DEADLINES





21 overdue notifications

STATUS OF
IMPLEMENTATION
NOTIFICATIONS
UNDER EXPIRED
DEADLINES
2017 - 2023

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



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REMINDER OF
EXTENDED
DEADLINES TO
NOTIFY
CATEGORY C
DEFINITIVE DATES



7 LDC Members received extended deadlines to notify Cat. C definitive dates:

Member	Original due date	Agreed extended deadline
Chad	22 August 2022	31 December 2023
Djibouti	22 August 2022	31 December 2023
Guinea	22 August 2022	22 June 2023
Nepal	22 August 2022	22 August 2023
Tanzania	22 August 2022	22 August 2023
Togo	22 August 2022	31 December 2023
Uganda	22 August 2022	31 December 2023



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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

26

Members have notified Donor arrangements and TA progress



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/implementation/technical-assistance>

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 16



4 notifications received since the last meeting:

BELIZE
ECUADOR
KENYA
NICARAGUA

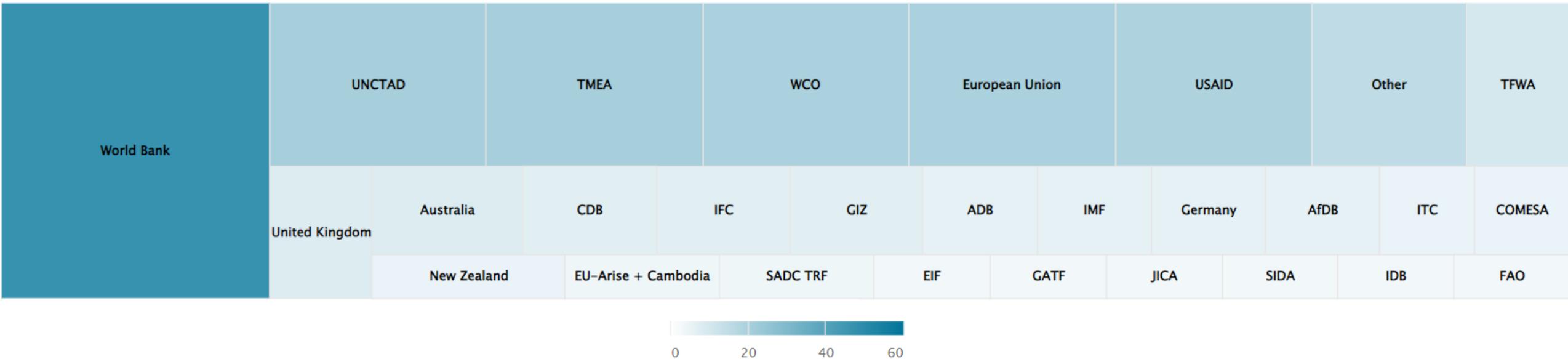
G/TFA/N/BLZ/4
G/TFA/N/ECU/5
G/TFA/N/KEN/5
G/TFA/N/NIC/4/REV.1



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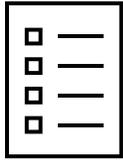
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS* IDENTIFIED BY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS IN THE DONOR ARRANGEMENTS AND PROGRESS NOTIFICATIONS



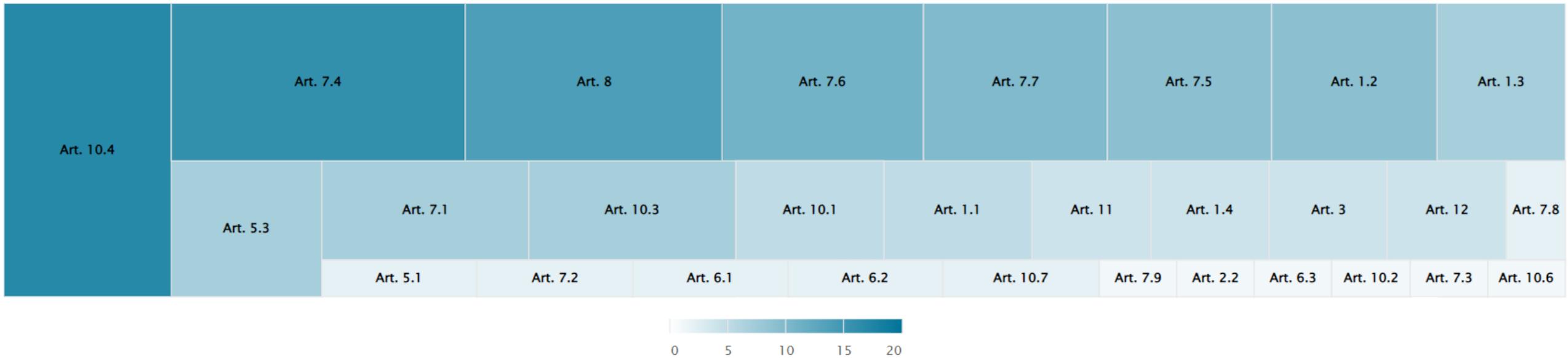
* Donors, Agencies or implementation programs as notified



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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...





Explore information on donor arrangements and technical assistance progress as notified by beneficiary Members

The screenshot displays the website interface for the Trade Facilitation Agreement Database. At the top left is the World Trade Organization logo. The main navigation bar includes 'IMPLEMENTATION', 'NOTIFICATION', 'PROFILES', 'TRADE INFO', and 'TF COMI'. A large image shows a woman smiling while holding a large basket of rice. To the right of the image, a 'TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRACKER' section provides the following data:

Metric	Value	Description
Current rate	76.1%	Current rate
Members with commitments	53 MEMBERS	Have commi
Members with requests	29 MEMBERS	Have reques
Donors or agencies providing assistance	45 DONORS OR AGENCIES	Are providin
First Review force	(Icon of a globe)	First Review force

Below the image, a blue banner contains the text: "Explore information on technical assistance projects, as reported by beneficiaries" and a button labeled "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TRACKER >".



<https://tfadatabase.org/en/implementation/technical-assistance>

Technical Assistance projects

In this page you can search for technical assistance projects as submitted by Members through their notifications on donor arrangements and progress in the provision technical assistance and capacity building support (TACB).

Search by beneficiary

Search by Donor / Agency

Search by Measure

Search for a Member



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Bangladesh

Implementation project	Donor / Agency	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported	
1.3 - Enquiry points	World Bank, United States Agency for International Development	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
7.1 - Pre-arrival processing	United States Agency for International Development	30 June 2025	Yes	Yes	Details
7.4 - Risk management	World Bank, United States Agency for International Development	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
7.5 - Post-clearance audit	United States Agency for International Development, Asian Development Bank	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
7.7 - Authorized operators	United States Agency for International Development, Asian	30 June 2024	Yes	Yes	Details



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African Development Bank

Beneficiary	Implementation project	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported	
Kenya	8 - Border Agency Cooperation	30 June 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	1.1 - Publication	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	1.2 - Information available through internet	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	7.4 - Risk management	31 December 2035	Yes	Yes	Details
Malawi	8 - Border Agency Cooperation	22 February 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Mali	10.4 - Single window	31 December 2028	Yes	Yes	Details

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1.1 - Publication [↗](#)

Beneficiary	Donor / Agency	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported	
Belize	Caribbean Development Bank	31 December 2023	Yes	Yes	Details
Burundi	International Trade Centre, Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, European Union	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Eswatini, Kingdom of	World Bank, International Finance Corporation	22 February 2022	Yes	Yes	Details
Madagascar	African Development Bank	31 December 2026	Yes	Yes	Details
Senegal	United States Agency for International Development	31 December 2028	Yes	Yes	Details

1.2 - Information available through internet [↗](#)

Beneficiary	Donor / Agency	Definitive implementation dates	TA needs notified	Progress reported
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NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

EXTENSION OF IMPLEMENTATION DATES



4 notifications received since the last meeting:

ECUADOR
NAMIBIA
NICARAGUA
SEYCHELLES

G/TFA/N/ECU/1/ADD.5
G/TFA/N/NAM/1/ADD.3
G/TFA/N/NIC/1/ADD.4
G/TFA/N/SYC/1/ADD.3



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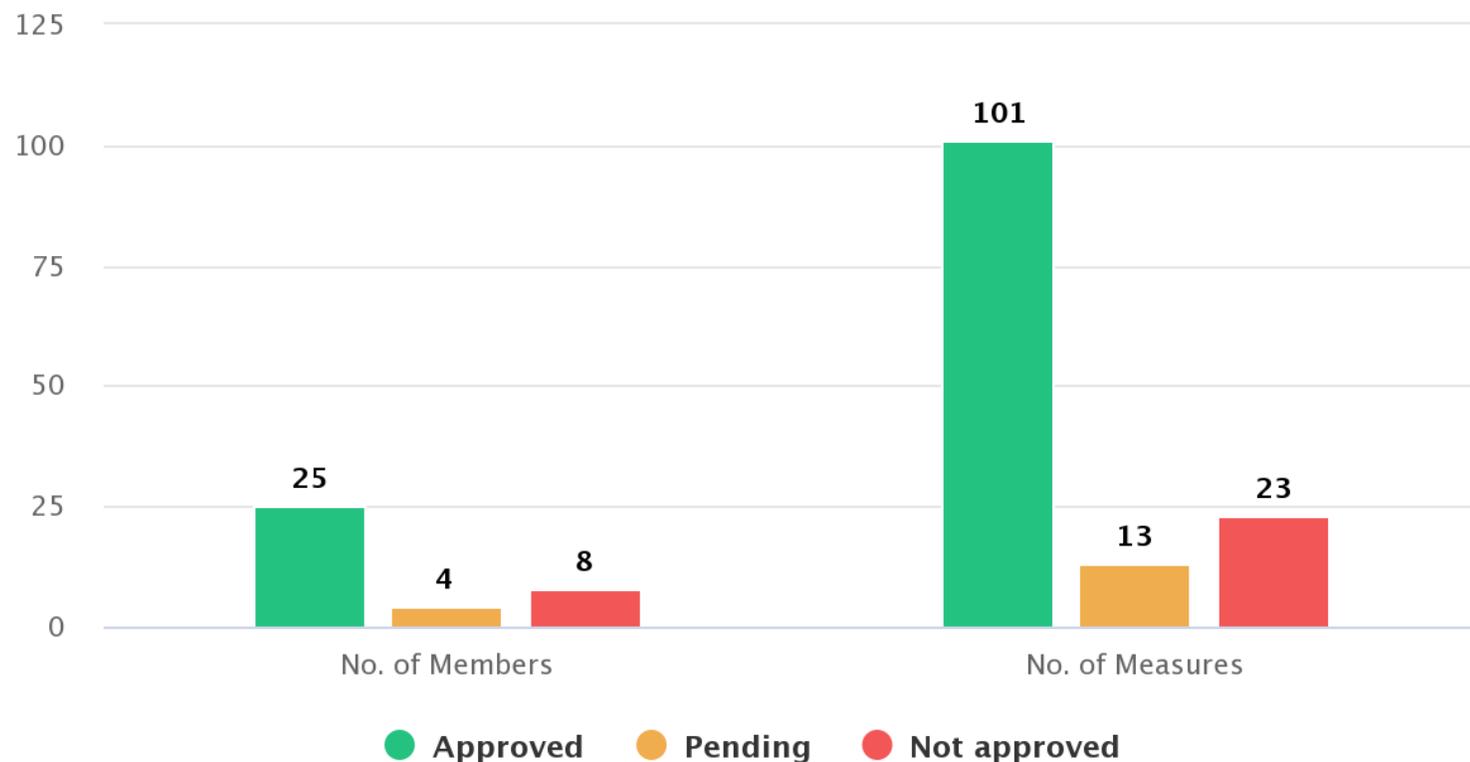
OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 17

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 20 March 2023

• **Pending** to be considered at the CTF meeting 21 March 2023

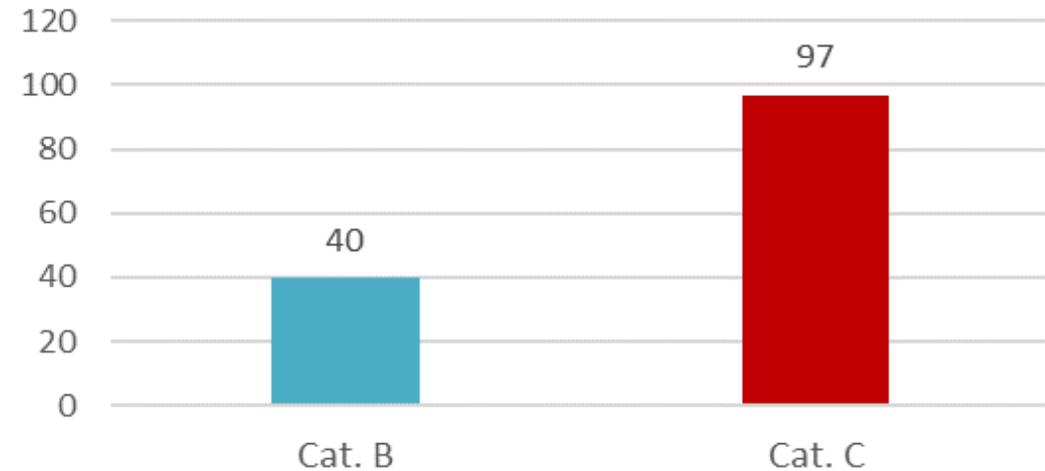


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137 EXTENSION
REQUESTS BY
29 MEMBERS



Count of extension requests received,
by measure and by category

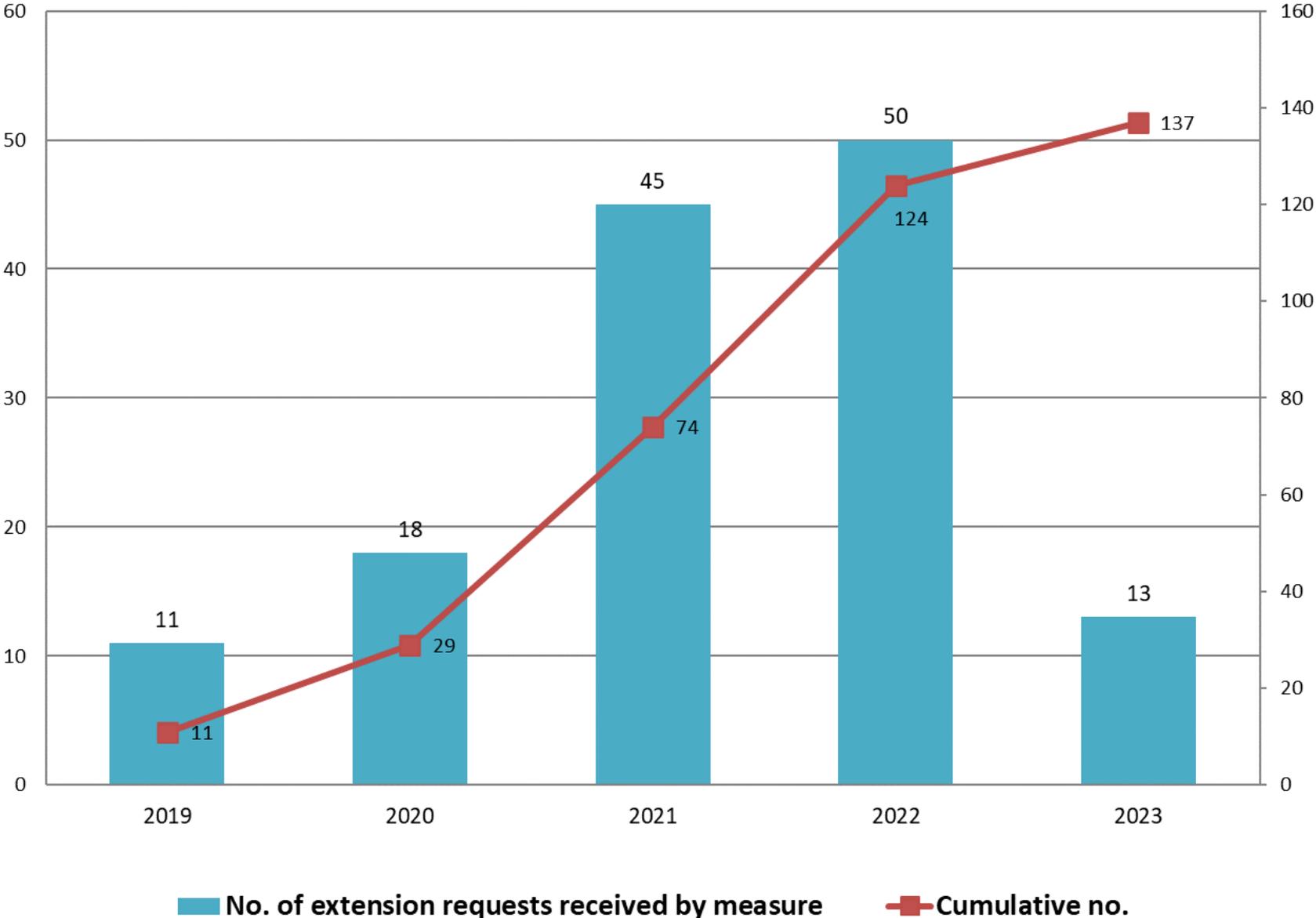


*Out of 29 Members that have requested extensions of implementation dates, 5 have requested a second extension for the same measure



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Timeline of extension requests received, by measure



NOTIFICATIONS
UNDER
ARTICLE 19

SHIFTING OF
CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

I Member has presented a notifications of category shifting:

NAMIBIA

G/TFA/N/NAM/I/ADD.3



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NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19

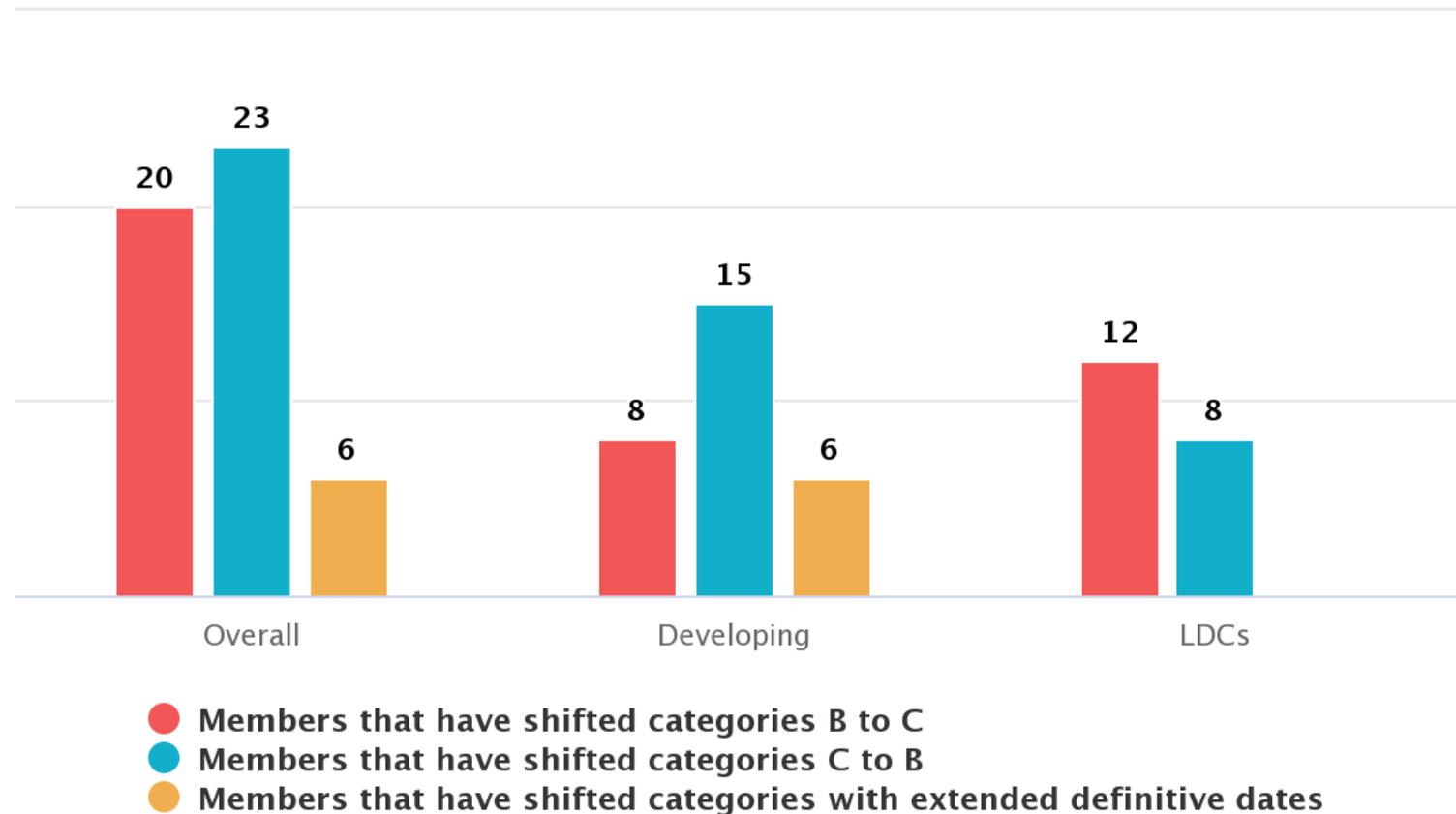
SHIFTING OF CATEGORIES

B → C

C → B

Status of category shifting by Member

No. of Members that have shifted measures

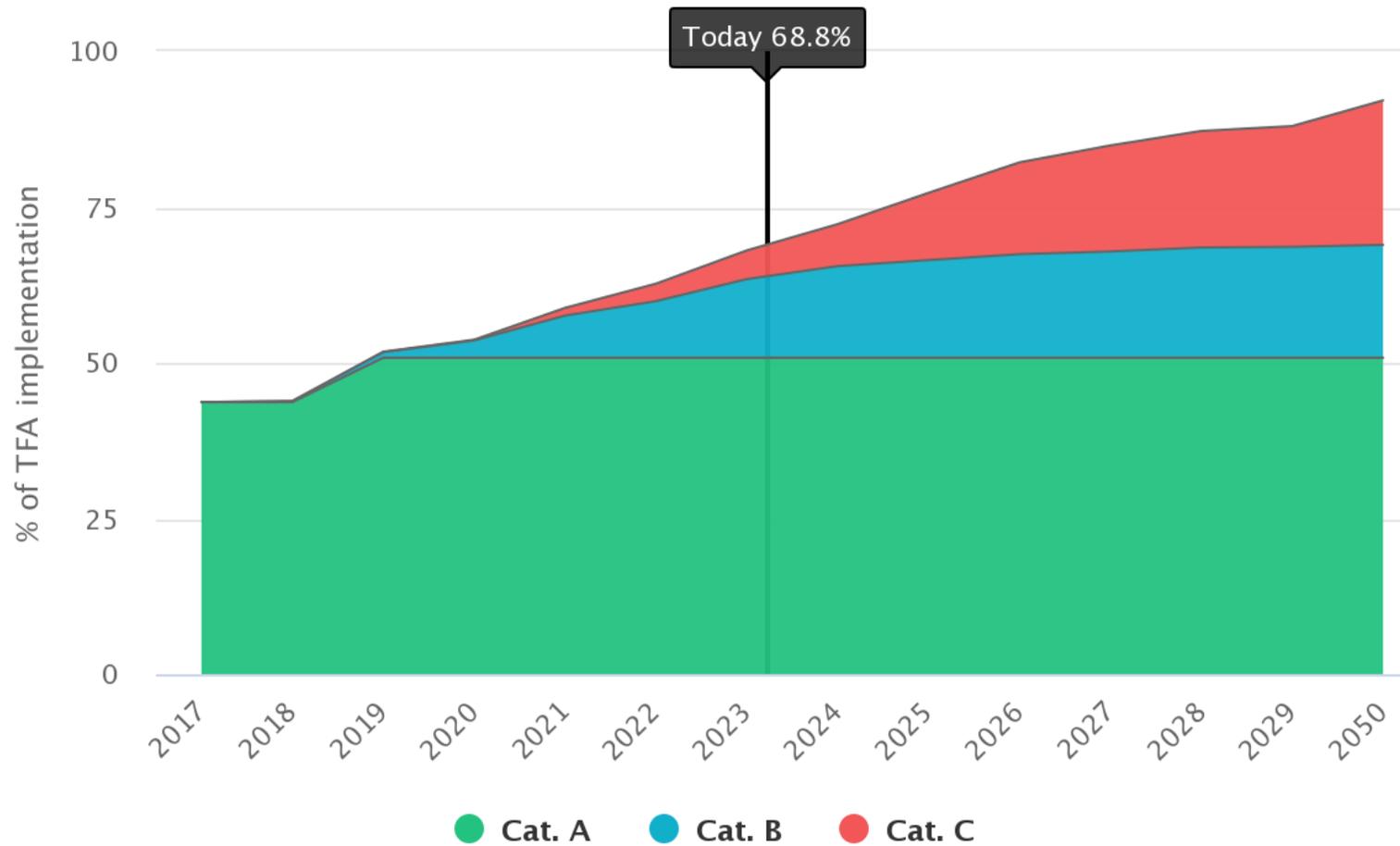


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OVERVIEW OF TFA IMPLEMENTATION NOTIFICATIONS UNDER SECTION II

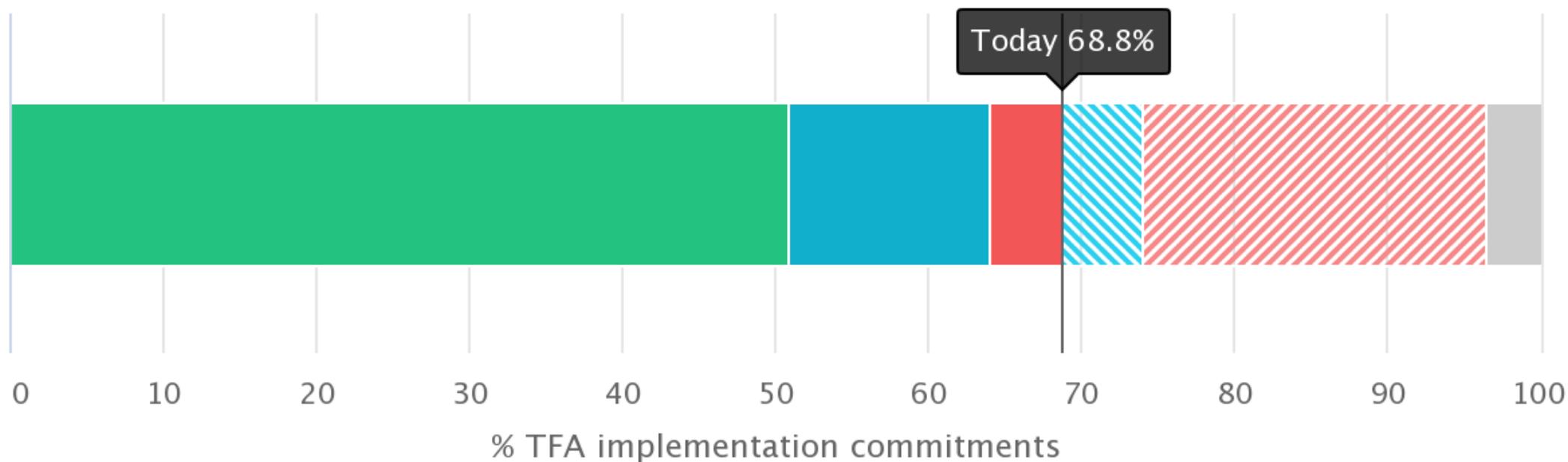
Timeline of implementation commitments

Based on implementation commitments by all WTO Members over time



Implementation commitments of LDCs and Developing members

Implementation commitments according to notification data

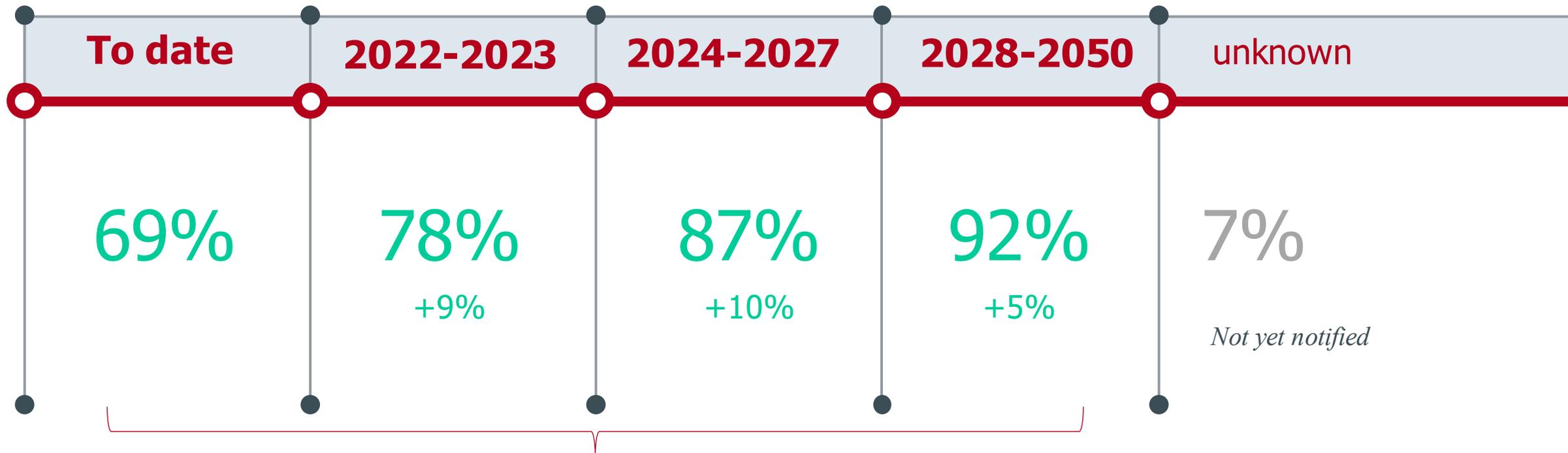


- **Cat. A commitments for implementation to date:50.8%**
- **Cat. B commitments for implementation to date:13.2%**
- **Cat. C commitments for implementation to date:4.8%**
- **Cat. B commitments for future implementation:5.2%**
- **Cat. C commitments for future implementation:22.4%**
- **Unknown:3.6%**

Rate of TFA implementation commitments

Timeline

Developing and LDCs



Based on notification data

TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE AND
CAPACITY BUILDING
UNDER ARTICLE 22



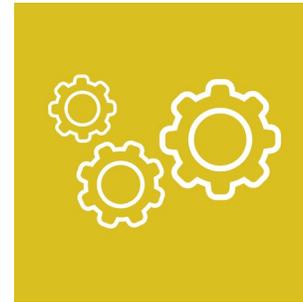
NOTIFICATIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING



Articles 22.1 & 22.2

3

54



Article 22.3

6

74

Cumulative

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 22



9 notifications received since the last meeting:

Article 22.3 – contact points for coordinating technical assistance support

CANADA	G/TFA/N/CAN/5
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO	G/TFA/N/COD/2/REV.1
EUROPEAN UNION	G/TFA/N/EU/2/ADD.4
MYANMAR	G/TFA/N/MMR/4
NICARAGUA	G/TFA/N/NIC/2/REV.1
NIGERIA	G/TFA/N/NGA/2
PARAGUAY	G/TFA/N/PRY/2/REV.2
SENEGAL	G/TFA/N/SEN/2/REV.1
UNITED KINGDOM	G/TFA/N/GBR/4

UPCOMING IMPLEMENTATION DATES

2023-2024



01 Jan 2023 to
31 Dec 2024

no. of Members with due implementation dates	70
no. of measures	415
of which in Cat. B	145
of which in Cat. C	268
of which in Cat. B and Cat. C	2

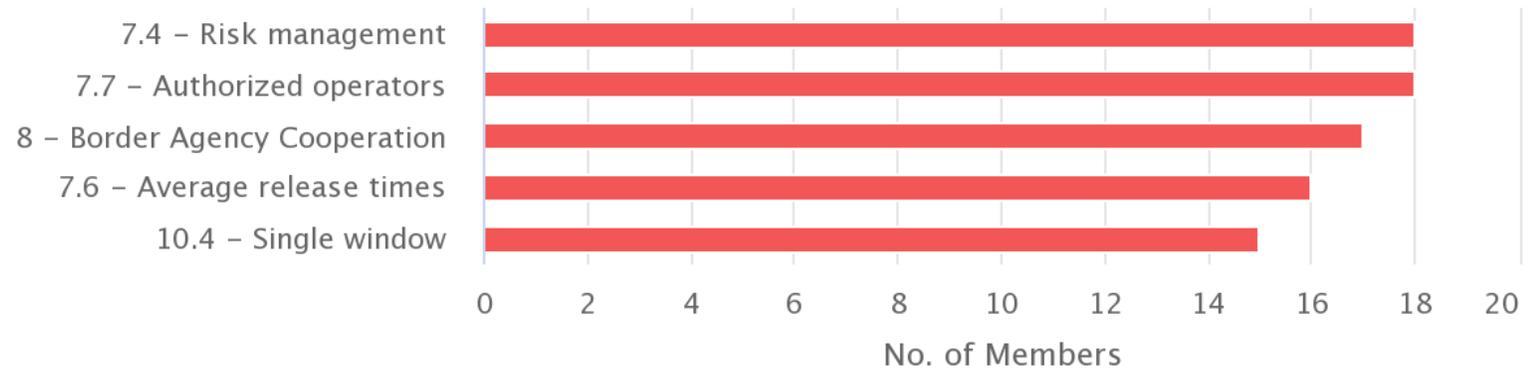


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY C**
MEASURES DUE
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
IN
2023-2024

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023-2024

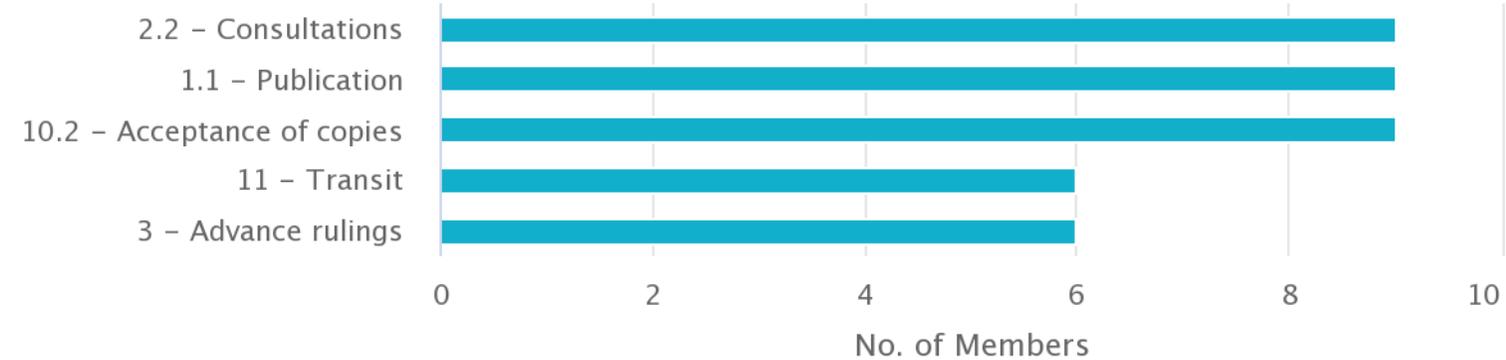


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TOP 5 **CATEGORY B**
MEASURES DUE
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION
IN
2023-2024

Top 5 measures due for implementation

2023-2024



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THANK YOU

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