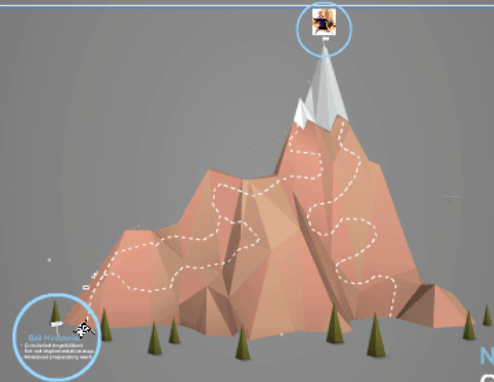


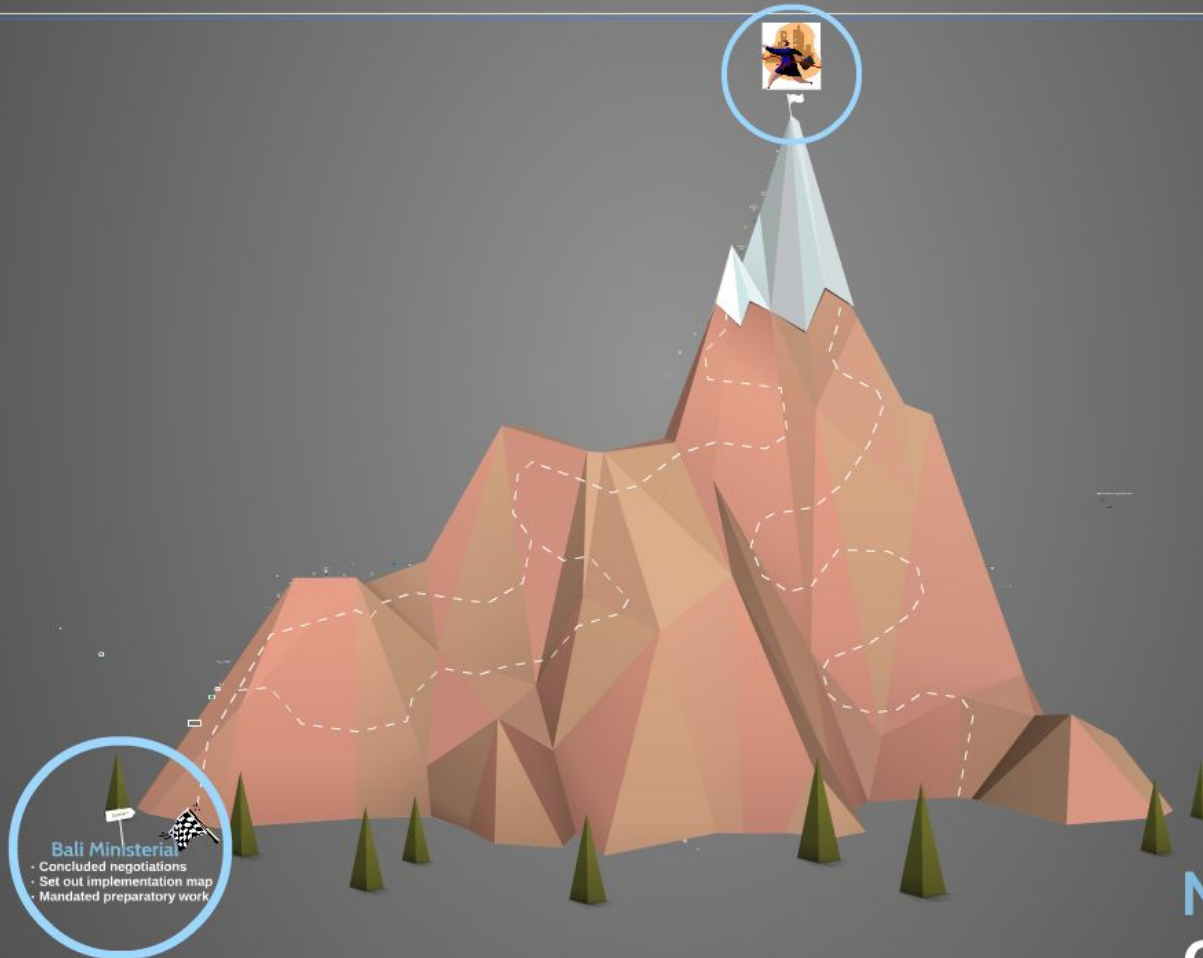
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SUMMIT

Bali Ministerial

- Concluded negotiations
- Set out implementation map
- Mandated 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

Legal Review

✓ **Completed in Apr/Jul 2014**

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

Adoption of Amendment Protocol (Nov. 2014)



**opened door for ratification
process to commence**



Multi-step process towards entry into force





Ratification

**Notification of
acceptance**

Entry into force



Ratification

Domestic process







Art. X:3 Marrakesh requires acceptance by 2/3 of all WTO Members for TFA to enter into force



**Notification of
acceptance**

[Member]

INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE
OF THE PROTOCOL AMENDING THE MARRAKESH AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING
THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

Whereas the Protocol Amending the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (“the Protocol”) was done at Geneva on 27 November 2014 (WT/L/940);

And whereas, in accordance with its paragraph 4, the Protocol shall enter into force in accordance with Article X:3 of the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization;

Now therefore, I, [name of signatory], [*where applicable*: head of state, head of government or minister of foreign affairs] of [Member], do hereby formally declare that [Member] accepts the aforementioned Protocol and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

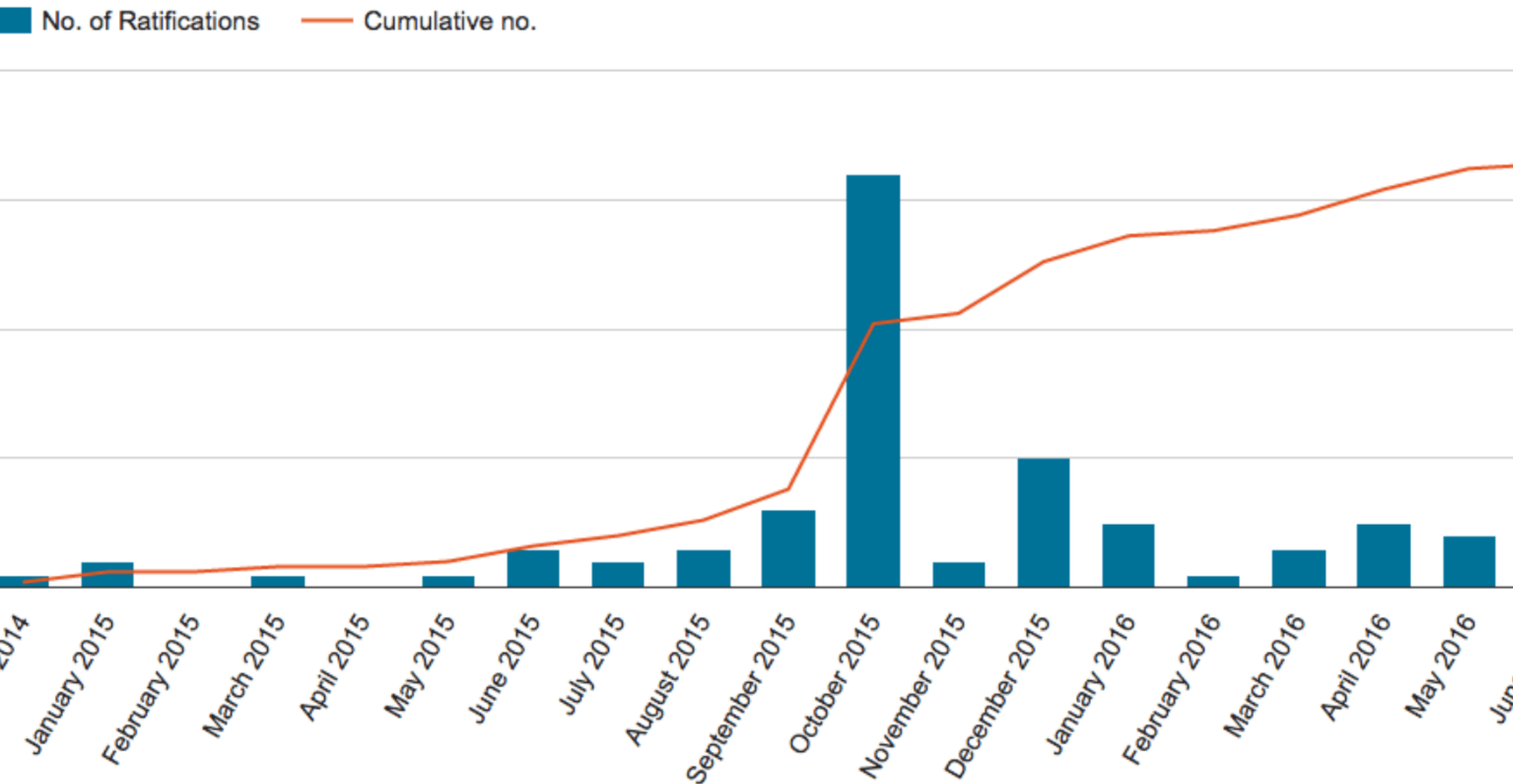
In witness whereof, I [name and title of signatory] have signed this Instrument of Acceptance, at [place] on this [day] of [month] in the year [year].

[Signature, title and seal]

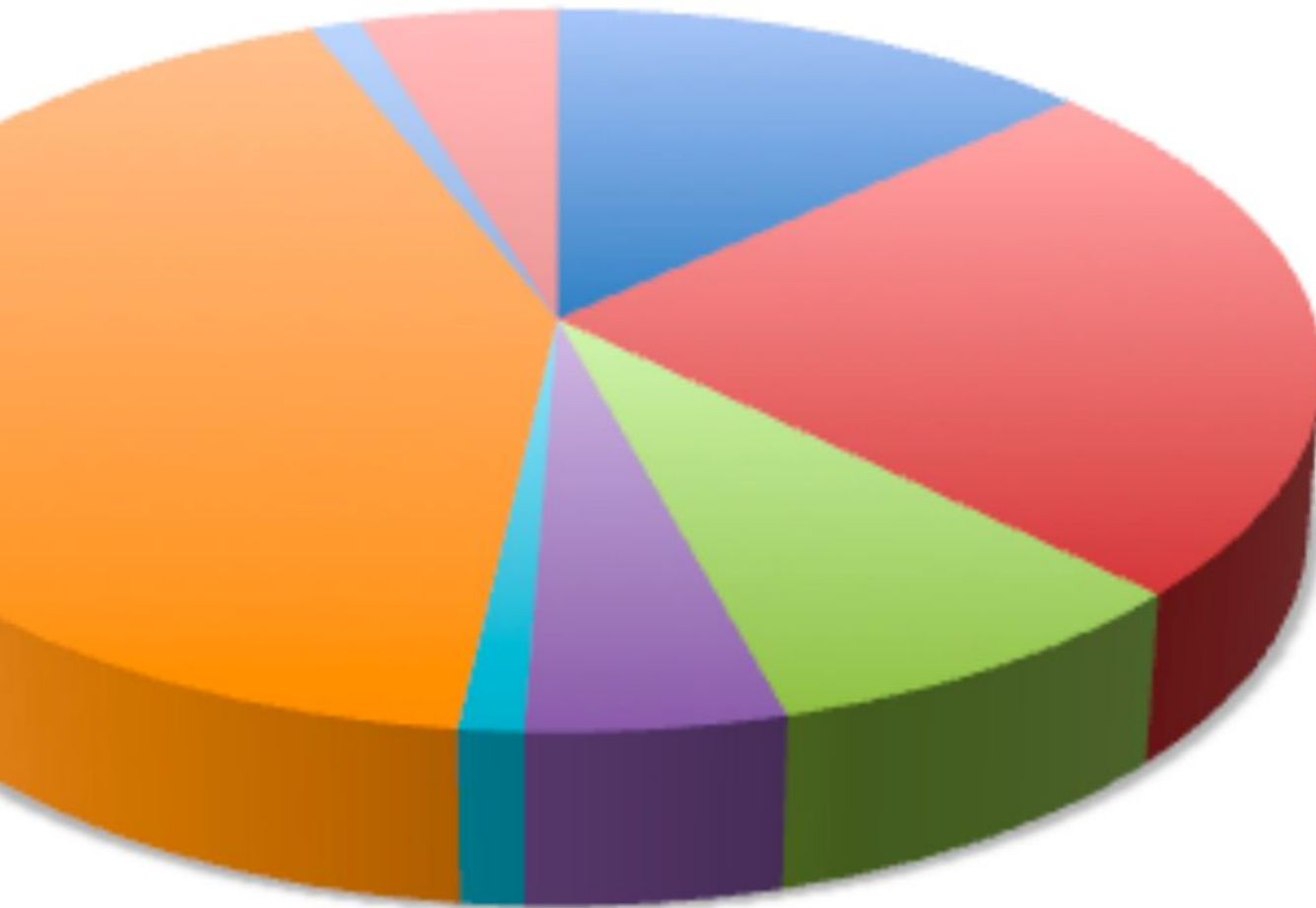




Acceptances: Timeline

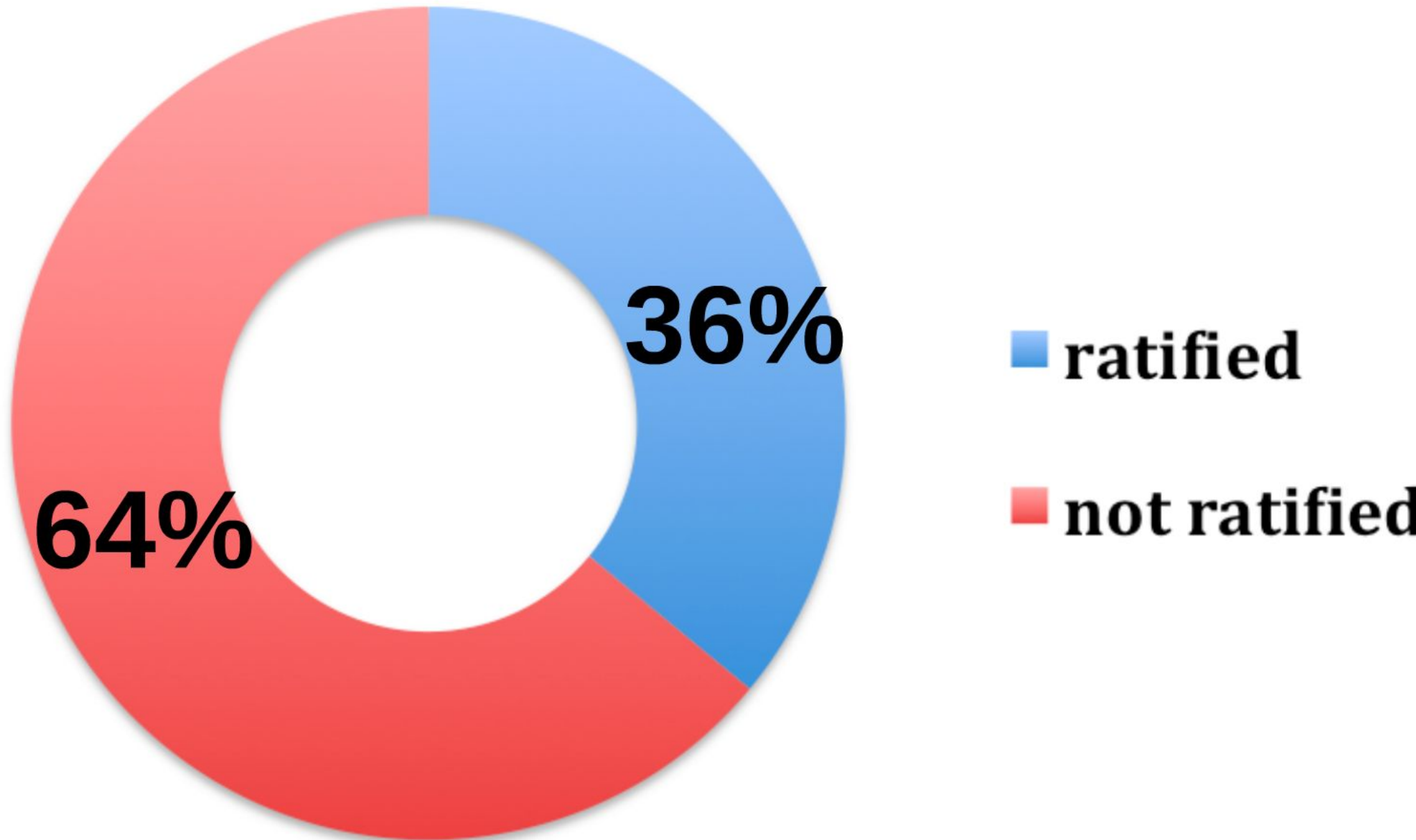


ifications: Regional distribut



- Africa**
- Asia & Pac**
- Caribbean**
- Latin Ame**
- North Ame**
- Europe**
- Middle East**

Ratification by LLDCs



Ratifications by LLDCs

- Botswana



- Kazakhstan



- Lao PDR



- Lesotho



- FYR Macedonia



- Mali



- Niger



- Paraguay



- Zambia



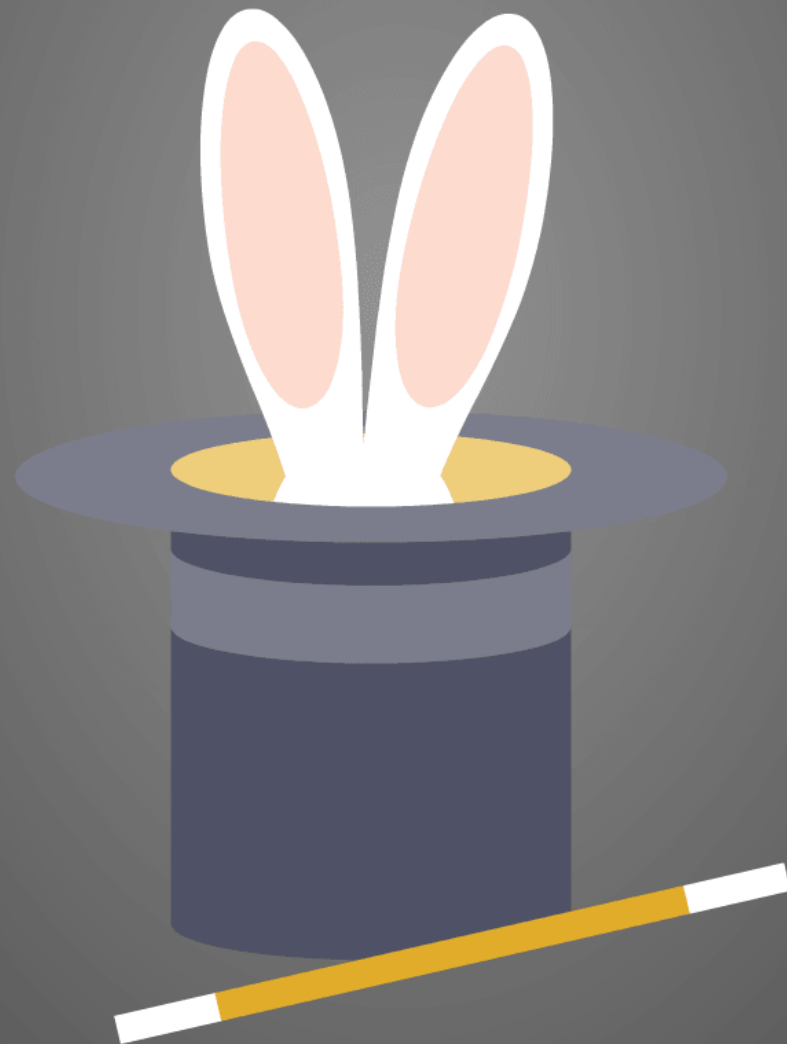
Already **over 75 %** received



How do we get the rest



No magic wand...



it encouraging development



Considerable number of notifications

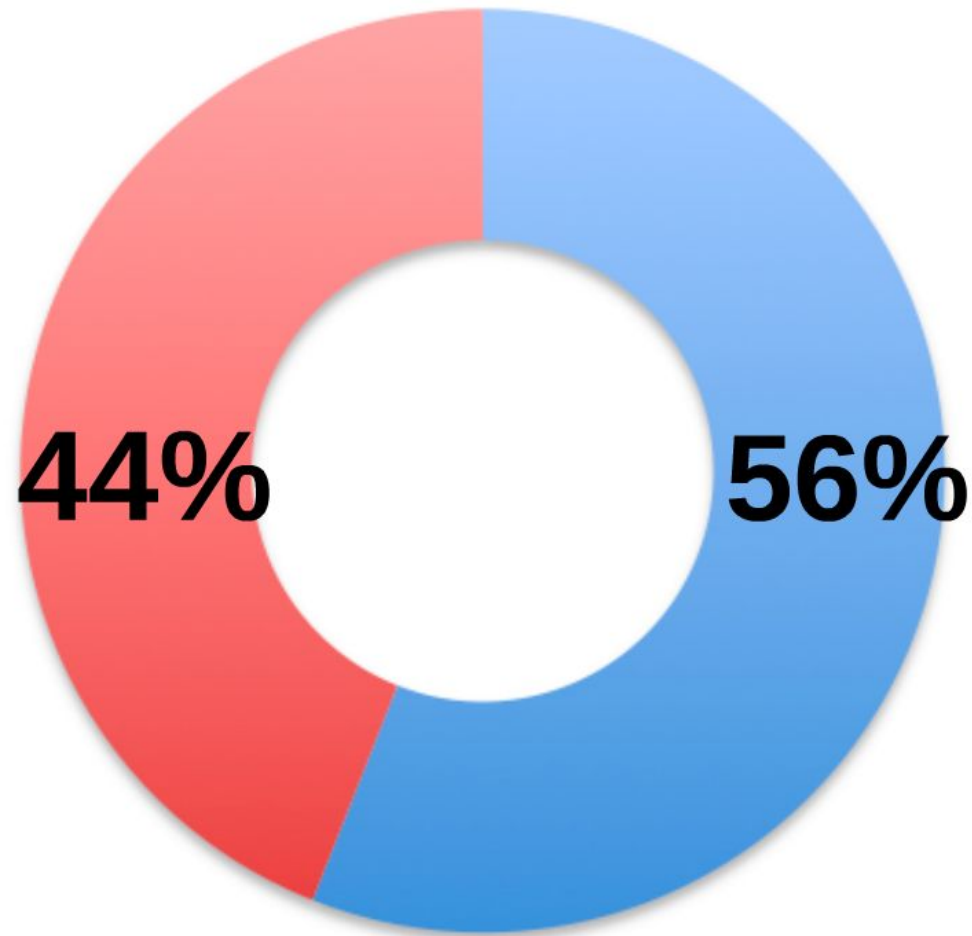


Category A notifications



A,B,C notifications by LLCs

Chart Area



- **Notified**
- **Not notified**

Transit coverage in category A notifications

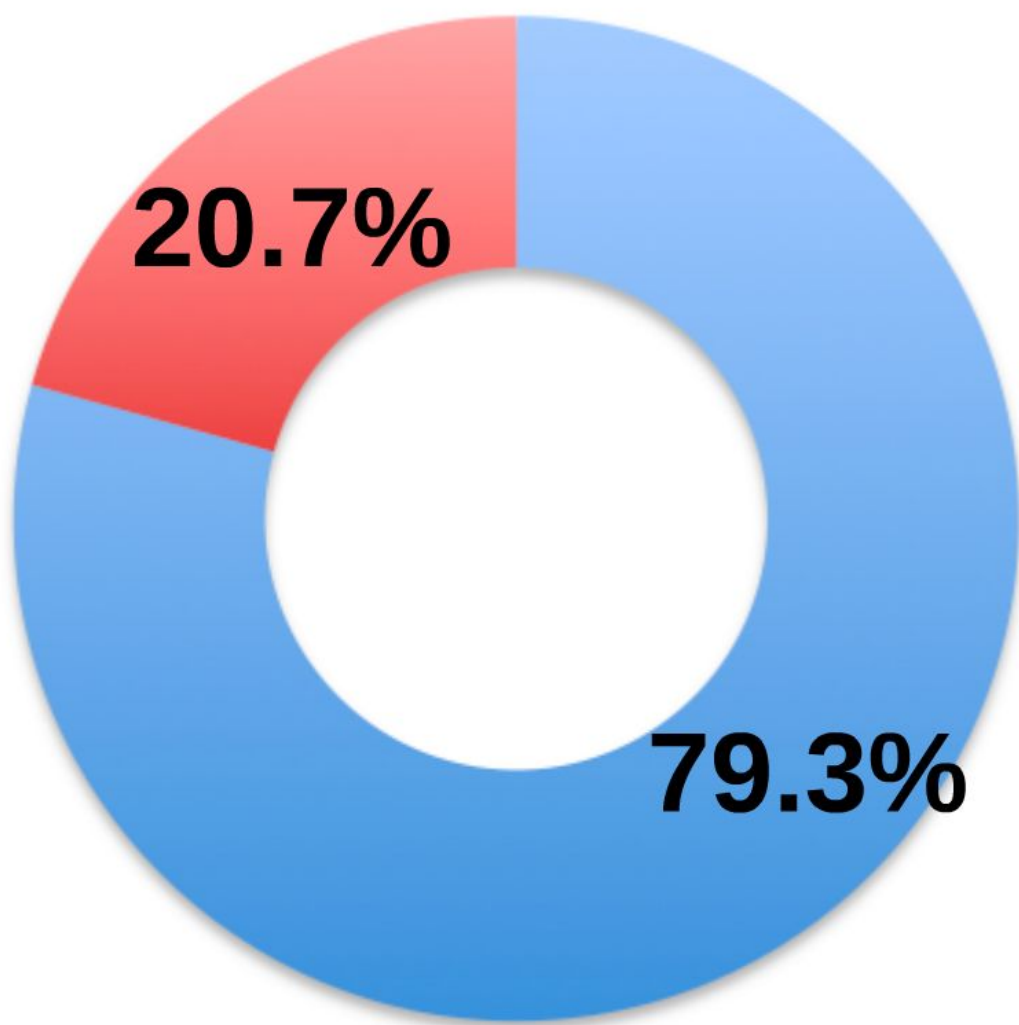


Chart Area

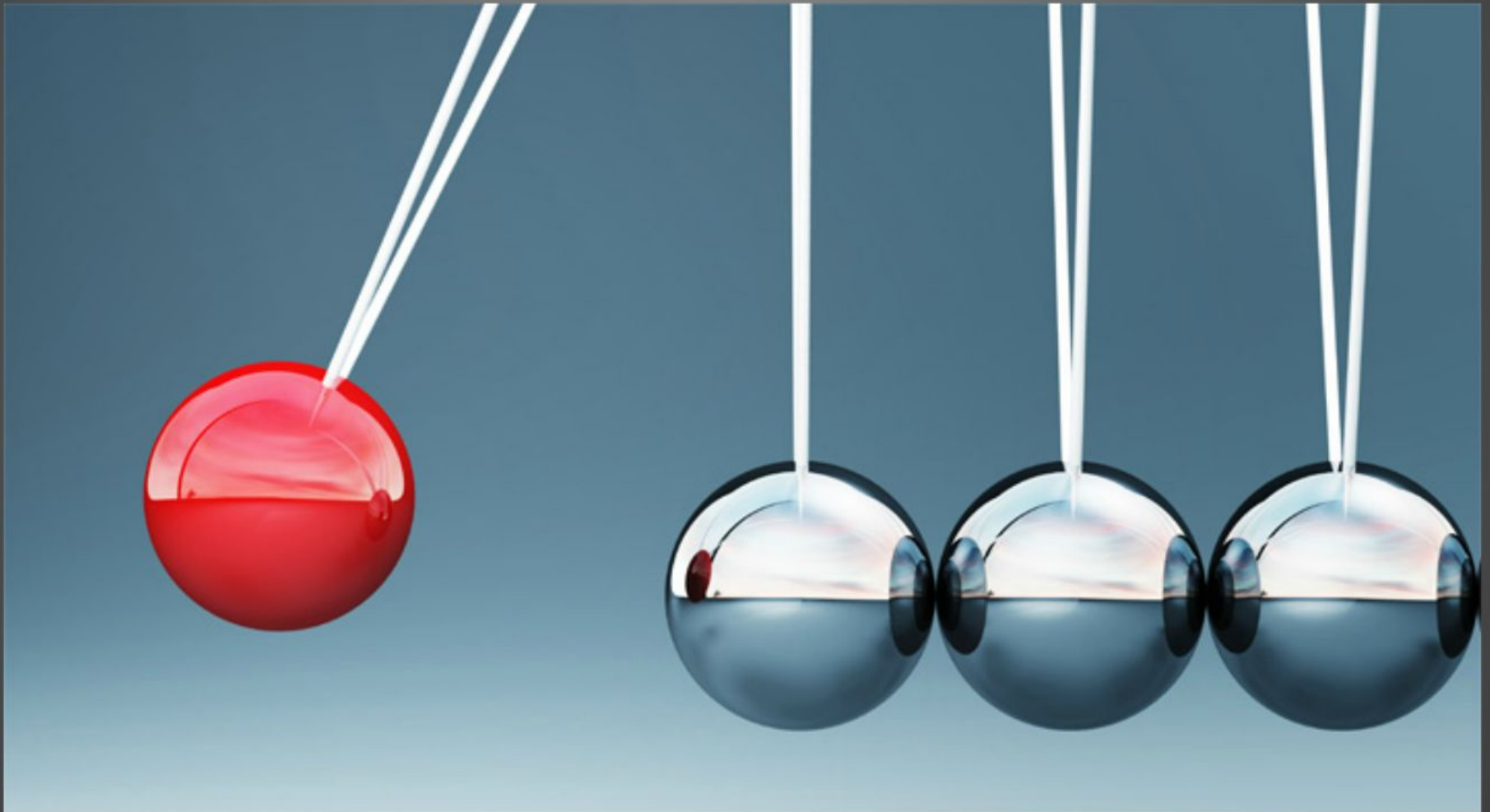
■ **Art. 11 covered**

■ **Art. 11 not covered**

Expected impact



New momentum



Common direction



Sustainability



new enforcement perspectives



Expected benefits



A few figures.....

Full implementation of the TFA has ability to

- reduce trade costs by average of 14.3% (= more than the elimination of all remaining applied MFN tariffs)



Source: WTO, World Trade Report 20

✓ Even higher reduction for landlocked countries: **15.4%** (19.3 for manufactured goods and 11.7% for agricultural products)



Source: WTR 201



reduces time to import by over a day and a half (a 47% reduction over the current average) **and to export** by 2 days (a 91% reduction over current average)



Source: WTR 201

Particular benefits for SMEs

- Increased participation in trade
- Improved entry into export markets
 - ✓ Smaller firms are more likely to export and to increase their export shares than large firms when time spent to clear exports is reduced

Source: WTO WTR 2015



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.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TFA,
MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A SERIES
OF NOTIFICATIONS TO THE WTO.

