

WGTU STRUCTURED DISCUSSIONS ON NATIONAL RATIFICATION/ACCESSION AND DOMESTICATION PRACTICES

LIST OF PRACTICAL RATIFICATION/ACCESSION AND DOMESTICATION QUESTIONS¹

Initial remark

1. This list of practical ratification/accession and domestication questions concerns the structured discussions on national ratification/accession and domestication practices in the Working Group on Treaty Universalization (WGTU). It is an annex to the WGTU Co-Chairs' Draft Report to CSP10, and gives effect to the instruction of the CSP9 to "*explore possibilities of aligning [the] work [of the WGTU] with the mainstream work of WGETI*", which is set out in the proposal on the WGETI configuration and substance that was adopted at CSP9.² As indicated in paragraph 14 of the WGTU Co-Chairs' Draft Report to CSP10, the practical ratification/accession and domestication questions are provided to guide delegations' contributions/presentations on national ratification/accession and domestication practices.

General scope of discussions

2. The WGTU will address the practical aspects of ratification/accession and domestication as a whole. Concretely, the WGTU will look at how States Parties approach the ratification or accession process, as well as the process to assess whether its national laws, regulations and policies are in accordance with the Treaty requirements and, if necessary, the process to ensure conformity with the Treaty. The role of the Executive and the Parliament, legislative processes national consultation processes will be the focal aspects.

Questions

Ratification / accession

1. Can you explain your State's process of ratifying or acceding to the ATT and any challenges your State had to overcome? Which ministries, departments and/or agencies were involved in the process? Who initiated the process? Was there any involvement of civil society or industry in the process?
2. Did ratification or accession require formal involvement of the Parliament?

¹Annex B of the Working Group on Treaty Universalization (WGTU) Co-Chairs' Report to CSP10 ([ATT/CSP10.WGTU/2024/CHAIR/801/Conf.Rep](https://www.un.org/ruia/dh/att/csp10/wgtu/2024/CHAIR/801/Conf.Rep)), welcomed by States Parties at CSP10, to be reviewed and updated by the Working Group, as appropriate.

² See Annex D of the WGETI Chair's Draft Report to CSP9 ([ATT/CSP9.WGETI/2023/CHAIR/767/Conf.Rep](https://www.un.org/ruia/dh/att/csp9/wgeti/2023/CHAIR/767/Conf.Rep)).

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3. Was your State's ratification or accession conditional on the conformity of your State's national laws, regulations and policies with the Treaty?

Implementation

4. How were conformity of your State's national laws, regulations and policies with the Treaty and your State's implementation needs assessed? Was a formal assessment process set up? If so, which ministries, departments and/or agencies were involved in this process? Was there also involvement of the Parliament, civil society and/or industry? What was the outcome of this process (e.g. a concept paper, roadmap or action plan)?
5. Did your State's implementation of the Treaty involve the development of new laws and regulations and/or amending existing laws and regulations? Can you explain the steps taken in the legislative process, including the involvement of relevant ministries, departments and/or agencies and consultations of civil society and/or industry?
6. -Did the development of new laws and regulations and/or amending existing laws and regulations include the formal establishment of new institutions to deal with Treaty implementation or formally mandating existing institutions with that task (including the possible provision of inter-agency arrangements)?

International cooperation and international assistance

7. Are there specific contributions that international cooperation between States (Parties) and/or further discussions within the ATT process could make to facilitate or support ratification/accession and domestication of the Treaty?
8. Is your State in a position to provide assistance to other States Parties on Treaty ratification/accession and domestication? Does your State need assistance on Treaty ratification/accession and domestication or has your State already received assistance on this in the past, via the VTF or another international assistance provider? In case of the latter, could you elaborate on this?
