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The United Nations Convention against Corruption

and the

Implementation Review Mechanism



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Negotiations Process – The Creation of the Convention

2000

Adoption of United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime -Creation of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Negotiations of a new Convention against corruption (*A/RES/55/61*)

2001

Terms of Reference – Intergovernmental Open-ended Expert Group Meeting

2002

8 sessions of the Ad Hoc Committee held in Vienna with over 120 States participants

2003

Adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (*A/RES/58/4*)

High-level Political Signing Conference in Merida, Mexico

Convention Comes into force 14 December 2005

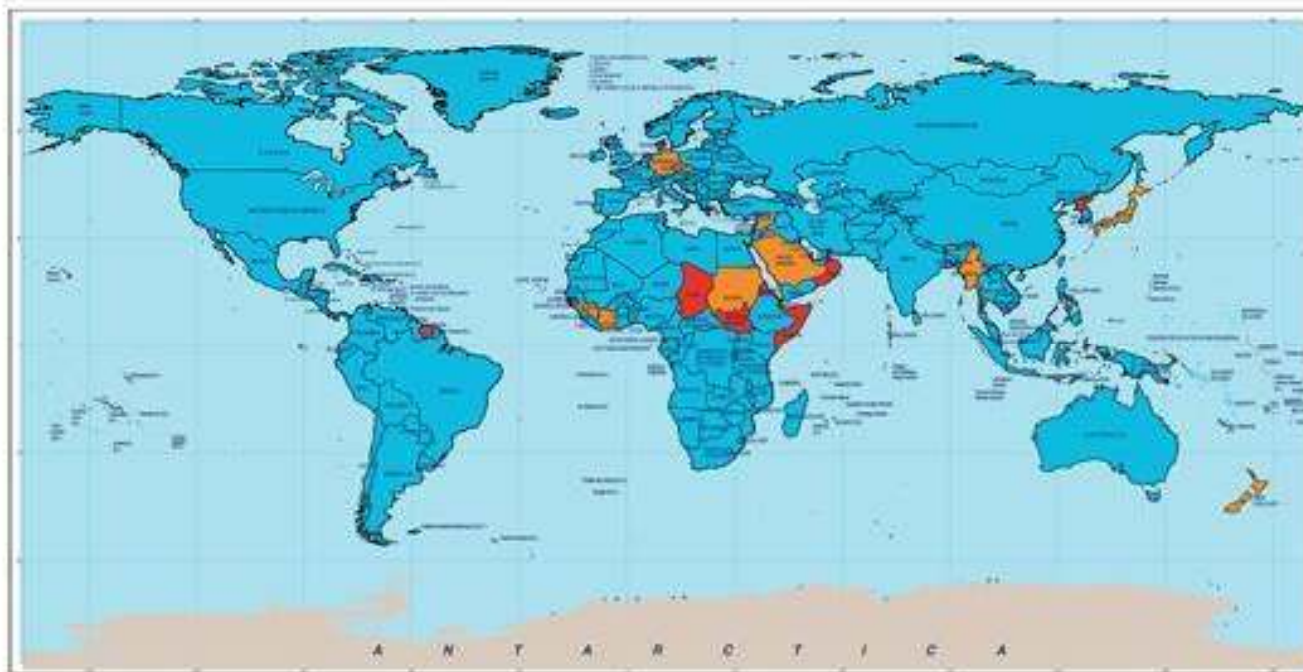


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Signature and Ratification Status

UNCAC Signature and Ratification Status as of 12 July 2012



- States Parties
- Signatories
- Countries that have not signed or ratified the UNCAC

Signatories: 140
States Parties: 161

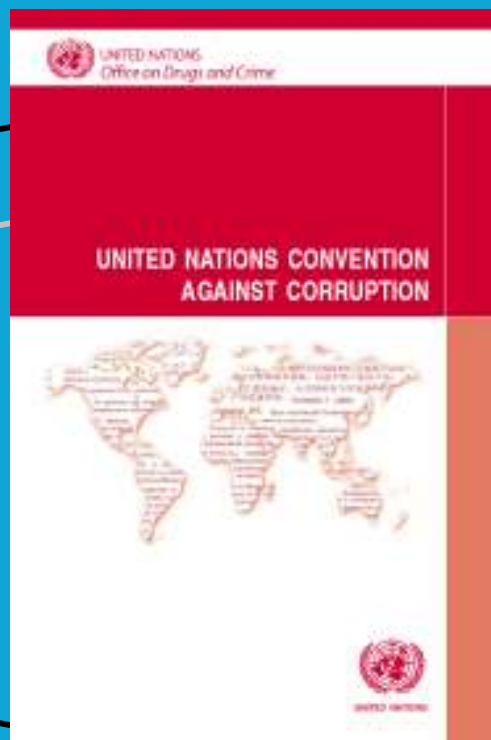
161 State Parties – Nauru most recent State to accede

*Chapter II
Preventive
measures*

*Chapter III
Criminalization &
Law Enforcement*

*Chapter V
Asset Recovery*

*Chapter IV
International
Cooperation*





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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION

TREATY BODIES AND THE REVIEW MECHANISM



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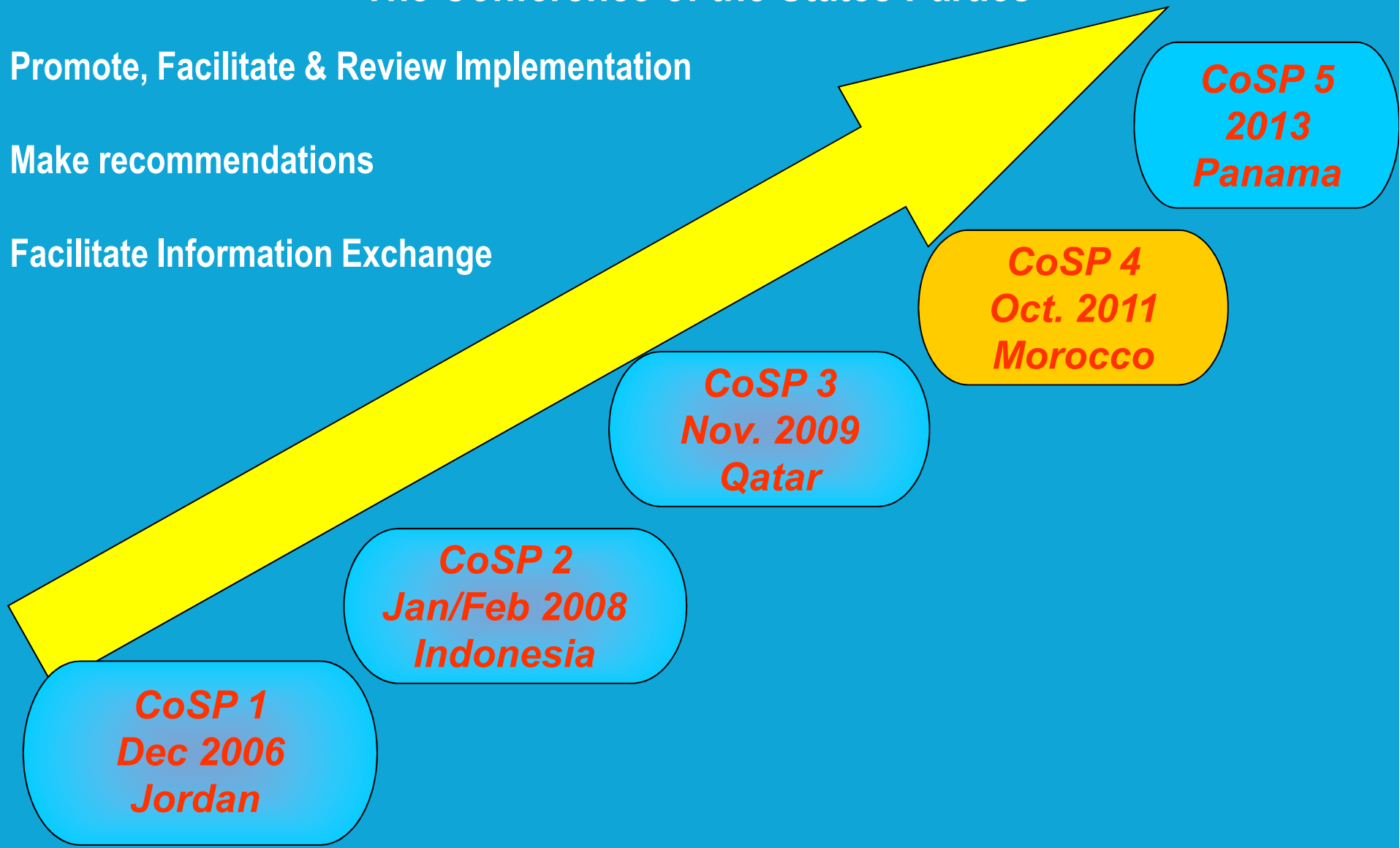
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The Conference of the States Parties

Promote, Facilitate & Review Implementation

Make recommendations

Facilitate Information Exchange



CoSP 1
Dec 2006
Jordan

CoSP 2
Jan/Feb 2008
Indonesia

CoSP 3
Nov. 2009
Qatar

CoSP 4
Oct. 2011
Morocco

CoSP 5
2013
Panama



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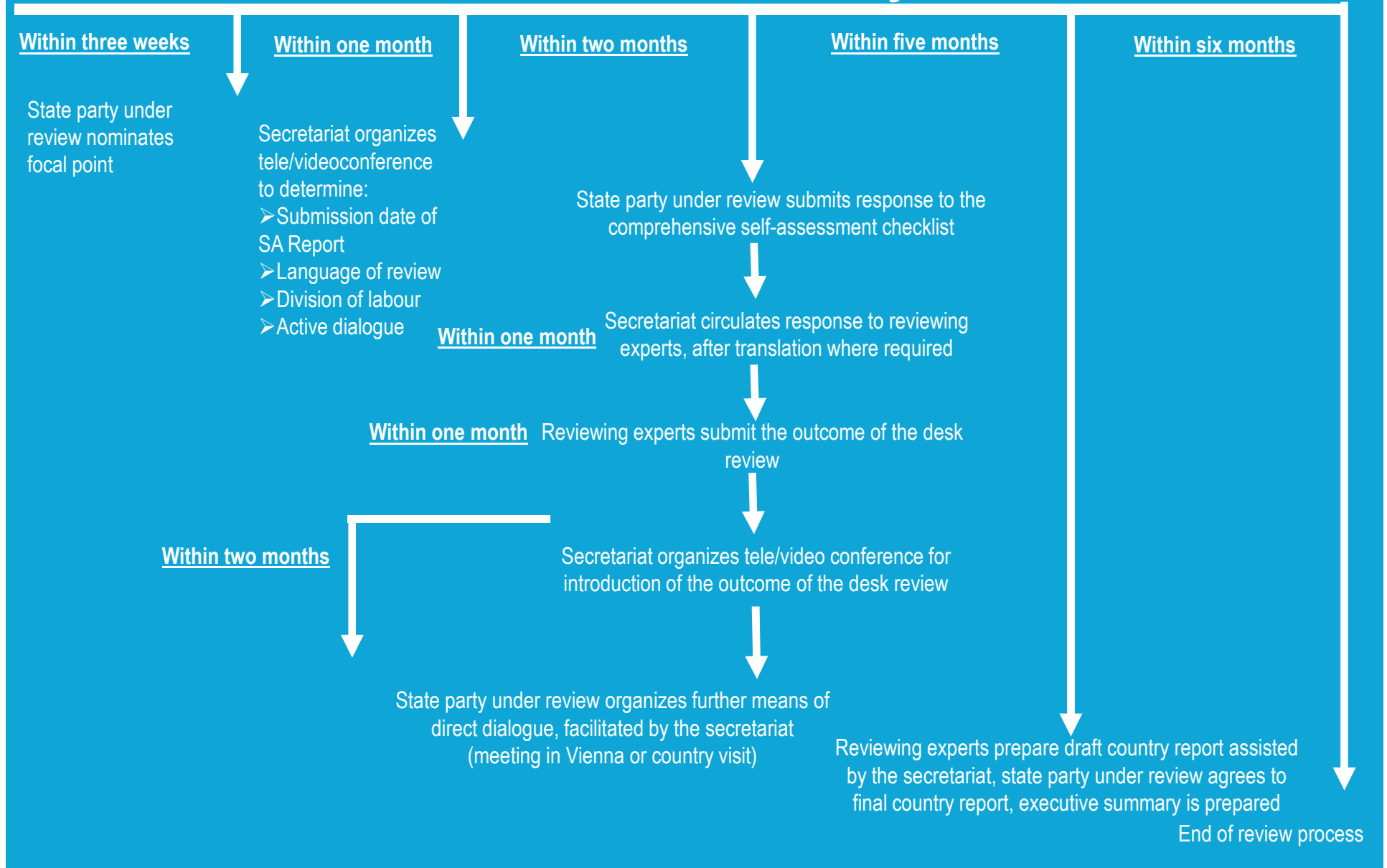
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The Implementation Review Mechanism – Main elements

- Peer review process
- Reviewing States drawn each year
- Two cycles of five years
 - First cycle: chapter III (Criminalization and law enforcement); and IV (International cooperation)
 - Second cycle: chapters II (Preventive measures); and V (Asset recovery)
- Outcome of review process: Report and Executive Summaries



Module schedule for country reviews



The Implementation Review Mechanism – Update

Progress of the reviews

- 157 States parties have now participated either as States under review or reviewing States.
- Executive Summaries completed for 21 States
- Year 3 review process began with drawing of lots at the second session IRG in June 2012

Challenges

- Delays in appointing focal points and experts
- Self-assessment checklist and software
- Language and translation
- Different legal systems
- Report drafting process and executive summaries

Guidance for Years 3 and 4



- Appoint focal points and experts early in the process
- Communicate early and often
- Develop a timeline with benchmarks
- Begin the Self-Assessment Checklist early on
- Conduct the desk review within the Blueprint format
- Prepare well for the Country Visit

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