



Session 1:

Review of the comments to the CARTIF text from the CAREC members (Comments Matrix)

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Comments Matrix

- Written comments received from: AZE, PRC, KAZ, KGZ, PAK, TJK, TKT, UZB
- Comments Matrix includes comments & responses from experts
- Arranged according to the Parts of CARTIF to follow the agenda

Comments Matrix

CARTIF TEXT Comments Matrix

Comments received from CAREC countries (in writing)

As of August 26, 2025

#	Part/Prot	Art.	MS	Comment	Response	Note
	Preamble		TKM	In connection with the reference in the Preamble of the draft, specifically the phrase “Determined to build upon respective rights and obligations under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization of 1994”, we consider it inappropriate to include the Marrakesh Agreement of 1994 in the text of the CARTIF Agreement, given that Turkmenistan is not currently a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). It is therefore proposed to reword the relevant paragraph of the Preamble	<p>Comments by Mikheil Janelidze:</p> <p>The paragraph can be re-worded as follows:</p> <p><i>“Determined to build upon respective rights and obligations of the parties, [members of the World Trade Organization,] under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization of <u>1994</u>;</i></p> <p>Jan Bohanes comments:</p> <p>In the light of this comment, as well as other comments (in particular that on MFN), Article 14 of the CARTIF text could be reworded as follows:</p> <p>Article 14: Relationship with WTO law and existing regional agreements</p> <p>1. Nothing in this Agreement shall create any rights or obligations of parties to this</p>	

Process

- Review of comments and responses according to the topics
- Additional questions and answers
- Decision to make a change to the zero draft or leave an issue for the negotiations

Comments on Framework Agreement

- TJK - Additions to the statements in the Preamble
- TJK - Addition to the list of Objectives
- AZE - Flexibilities
- TJK - List of A Protocols
- AZE - Interim Secretariat of CARTIF
- PRC - Stakeholder Consultative Body

Thank you!