



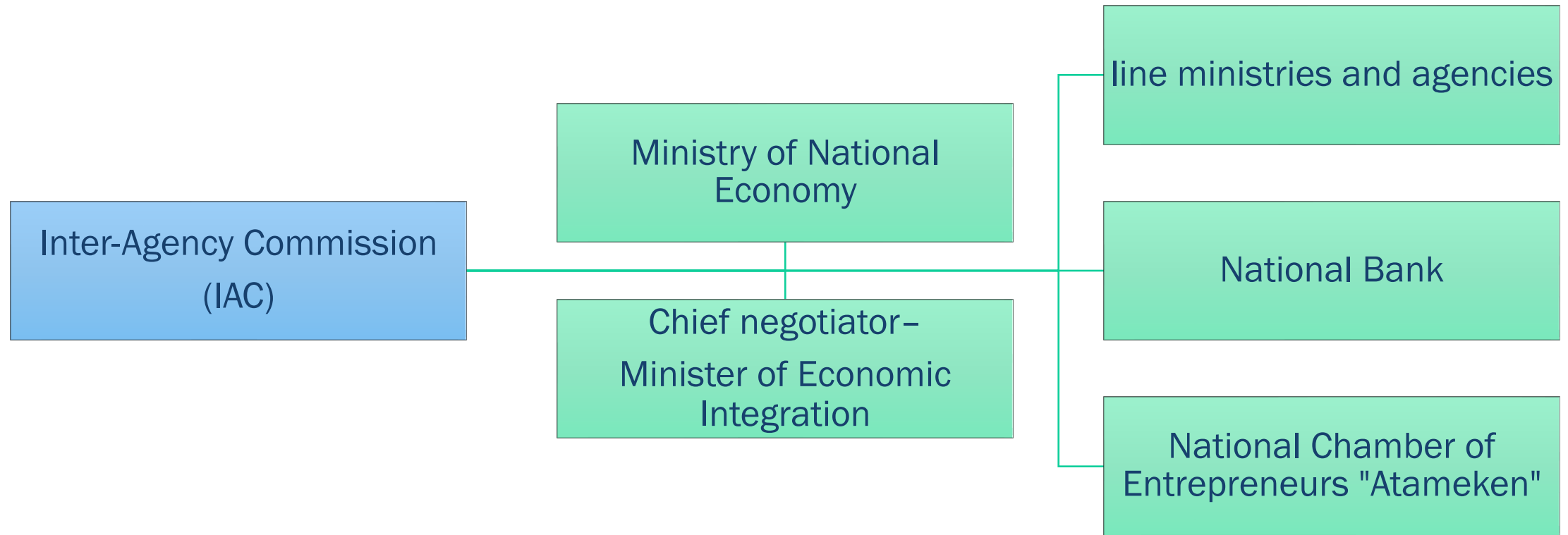
Coordination of ministries and agencies' work in the process of Kazakhstan's WTO accession

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Brief scheme of interaction of State bodies of Kazakhstan in the process of WTO accession



Interagency Commission on the WTO Issues

IAC

coordination of all issues on the accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the WTO

Decisions on changes into the legislative framework and foreign trade regime in order to bring in line with WTO rules

Working body - Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Established by the Resolution of the Government of Kazakhstan No. 211 "On Accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization" of February 19, 1996

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Ministry of National Economy

- Coordination of negotiations on accession to the WTO;
- Support of the work of Interagency Commission on WTO issues and the Minister of Economic Integration;
- Analysis of legislation on compliance with WTO rules and development of proposals on amendments and addenda;
- Analytical support in the development of a negotiating position;
- Assistance to sectoral ministries and departments in developing answers to questions from WTO members;
- Preparation of documentation for submission to the WTO in English language

Minister of Economic Integration

1. makes proposals for the regulation and development of foreign trade policy;
2. organizes and conducts negotiations with international organizations;
3. makes proposals for development of trade and economic cooperation and development of international treaties within the framework of the WTO, the EAEU, and other international economic organizations;
4. participates in coordination of the activities of state bodies and makes proposals on the development of draft legal acts regulating relations on participation of Kazakhstan at the WTO, EAEU and other international economic organizations and agreements;
5. informs the Prime-Minister of Kazakhstan on the activities and coordination of Kazakhstan's accession to the WTO, the formation of the EAEU;
6. interacts with the structural divisions of the Ministry of National Economy, the WTO Division of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the UN and other international organizations in Geneva, trade representatives in the countries of diplomatic missions abroad.

Minister of Economic Integration

- From 2003 to 2016 – Zhanar Aitzhanova – Vice-Minister, then Minister;
- Resolution of the Government of Kazakhstan No. 595 "On Approval of the Regulations on the Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan for Economic Integration" dated June 11, 2013:
- member of the Government, appointed by the President of Kazakhstan;
- independent in decision-making within her competence and bears personal accountability to the Prime-Minister of Kazakhstan;
- The working body - Ministry of National Economy

Center for Trade Policy Development

- Established by the Resolution of the Government of Kazakhstan No. 616 “On Certain Issues Of Establishment of the Joint-stock Company "Center for the Development of Trade Policy" of June 30, 2006" (hereinafter - CTPD):
- Analytical support for negotiations on WTO accession and the formation of the EAEU;
- Development of recommendations for improvement of legislation;
- consulting support of the negotiations;
- conducting research in the field of trade;
- dissemination of knowledge about the modern system of international trade

Center for Trade Policy Development

- 100% of shares belong to the Ministry of National Economy;
- assists the Ministry of National Economy and the Minister of Economic Integration in the performance of the assigned functions on the WTO accession;
- Employees: graduates of foreign educational institutions with knowledge of English at an academic level;
- provide full support for the negotiation process, including analytics and translation into English

Line Ministries and Agencies National Bank

- form answers to the questions of the WTO members and the negotiating position within their competence;
- participate in the work of the Interagency Commission on WTO at the level of deputy ministers;
- participate at bilateral and multilateral negotiations on the WTO accession as well as the meetings of the Working Party on Accession of Kazakhstan to the WTO;
- each ministry and agency allocates one officer or unit to work on the WTO accession;
- this officer or unit coordinates the work of the relevant departments within the agency and interacts with the Ministry of National Economy and the Center for Trade Policy Development on WTO accession

National Chamber of Entrepreneurs "Atameken"

- interacts with ministries and agencies, the Ministry of National Economy on WTO issues;
- expresses its position on issues affecting the interests of business;
- participates in seminars and round tables;
- provides information for the formation of negotiating position on WTO accession

Conclusions

- The success of the WTO accession process is facilitated by:
- constancy of participants in the negotiation process;
- fluency in English for all participants, at least for officers involved in the negotiation process;
- continuous education process: Presidential Scholarship Program “Bolashak”, participation at online and offline trainings from donors, including WTO Secretariat;
- dynamic decision-making procedure, e.g. the chief negotiator can make operational decisions in accordance with the negotiating position approved by the IAC (e.g., determine the degree of readiness of documents and decision to send a document to the WTO Secretariat)

My best wishes for productive work on the WTO accession!

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