



National Workshop on

# The Revised Kyoto Convention

## Accession Process

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# CONDITIONS FOR ACCESSION

**Contracting Parties must accept**

- a) **Body of the Convention**
- b) **General Annex**

**Acceptance of Specific Annexes and/or Chapters  
therein optional and at Contracting Parties'  
discretion**

# RESERVATIONS TO PROVISIONS IN THE REVISED CONVENTION

- No reservations permitted to Standards
- Reservations permitted to Recommended Practices in the Specific Annexes
- Contracting Parties to review the reservations every 3 years
- Inform the depositary if reservations are to be continued

# Legal Requirement

- Member of WCO/UN/Others
- Deposit an instrument of accession
- Specify SA you accept
- Signify your intention to be bound by GA
- Declare the territories the accession applies
- Notify any reservation if this is the case

# Two different processes

## Domestic readiness

Improvements in legislation, organization, and operations in order to meet the obligations in the Convention

## Foreign affairs work

International act of consent to be bound by the Convention by particular action, notably, ratification, acceptance, approval or accession and notification to/through the depository

## 4 Major Stages to accede to RKC (Typical case)

**Stage A : Commitment to Accede RKC  
& Gap-Analysis**

**Stage B : Communication among  
Stakeholders**

**Stage C : Legal (Parliament) Works**

**Stage D : Official Diplomatic Works**

# Stage A : Commitment to Accede RKC & Gap Analysis

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**COMPARISON OF PROVISION OF THE GENERAL ANNEX VIS-A-VIS NATIONAL LEGISLATION**

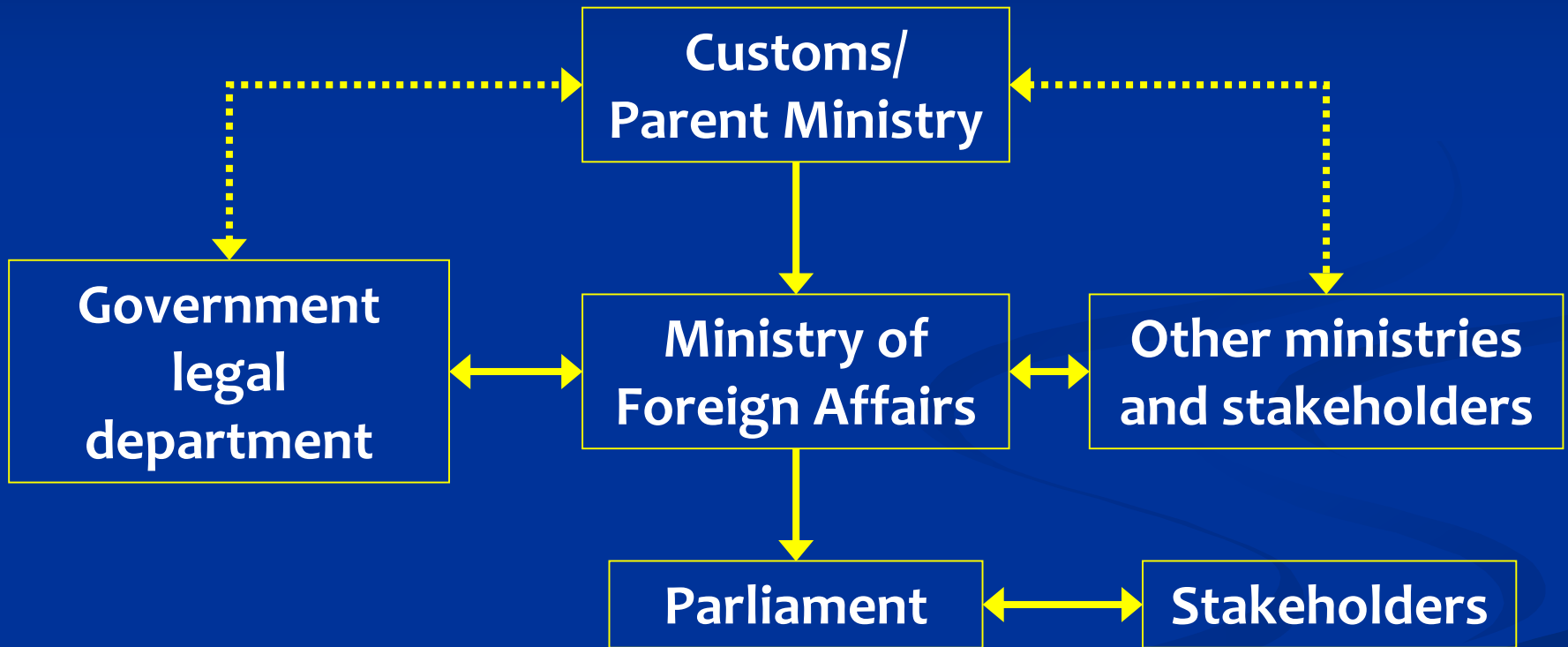
Legal provisions of the General Annex			Covered by national legislation		Follow-up Action, if required	priority	Possible implementation			
No	Text	Type of provision	Customs law	Other (e.g. Regulation, Gov. notice, Admin. circular etc.)			Immediately	Within 3 years	Within 5 years	Later
<b>CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PRINCIPLES</b>										
1.1	The Definitions, Standards and Transitional Standards in this Annex shall apply to Customs procedures and practices specified in this Annex and, insofar as applicable, to procedures and practices in the Specific Annexes.	Standard								
1.2	The conditions to be fulfilled and Customs formalities to be accomplished for procedures and practices in this Annex and in the Specific Annexes shall be specified in national legislation and shall be as simple as possible.	Standard								
1.3	The Customs shall institute and maintain formal consultative relationships with the trade to increase co-operation and facilitate participation in establishing the most effective methods of working commensurate with national provisions and international agreements.	Standard								
<b>CHAPTER 3 CLEARANCE AND OTHER CUSTOMS FORMALITIES</b>										

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# Stage B : Communication among Stakeholders





## Stage C : Legal works

- Official Translation ?
- Formulation of reform package?
- Reform of the legislations, regulations, Customs instructions and/or organization?
- Implementation plan?

# Stage D : Formal Diplomatic Works

President/ Prime Minister  
/Foreign Affairs Minister

Embassy in Belgium

Instrument  
of accession

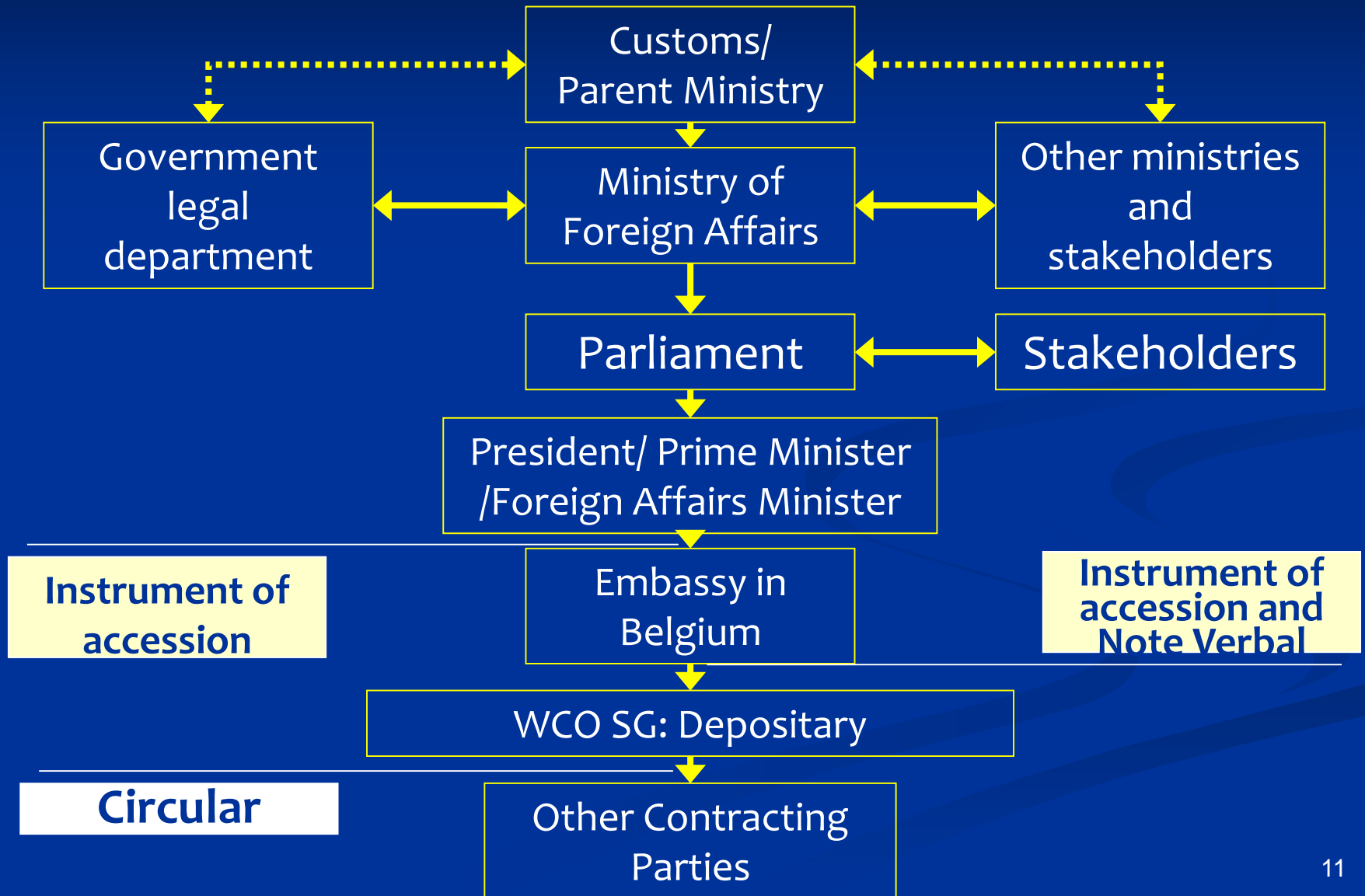
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WCO Secretary General: Depository

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Other Contracting Parties

# Overall Accession Process



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