

STATE OF PLAY OF WTO ACCESSIONS IN THE ARAB REGION

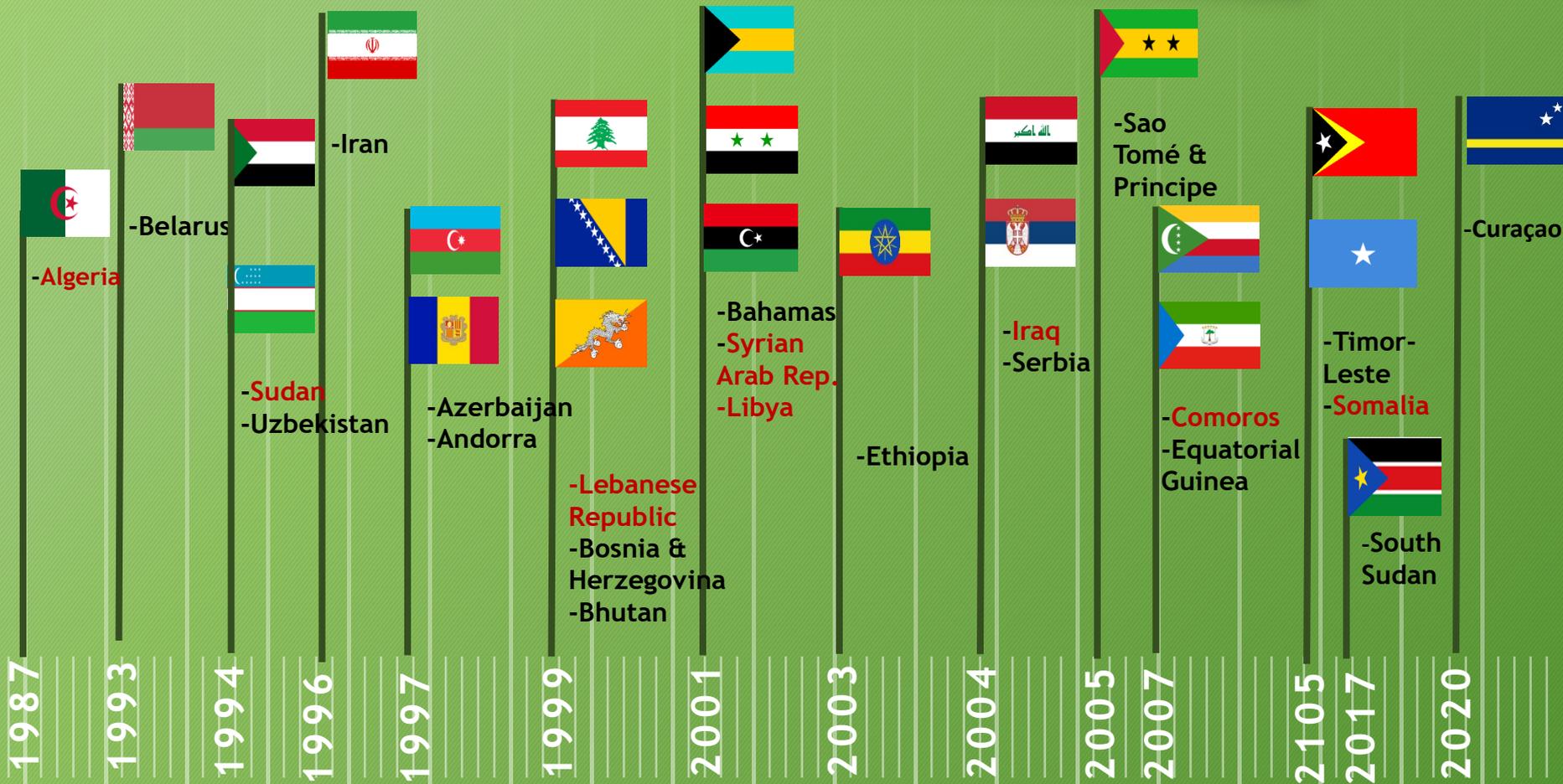


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What remains to be done?

23 ongoing accessions, plus ...

(By application date)



Eight (8) on-going Accessions in the Arab Region

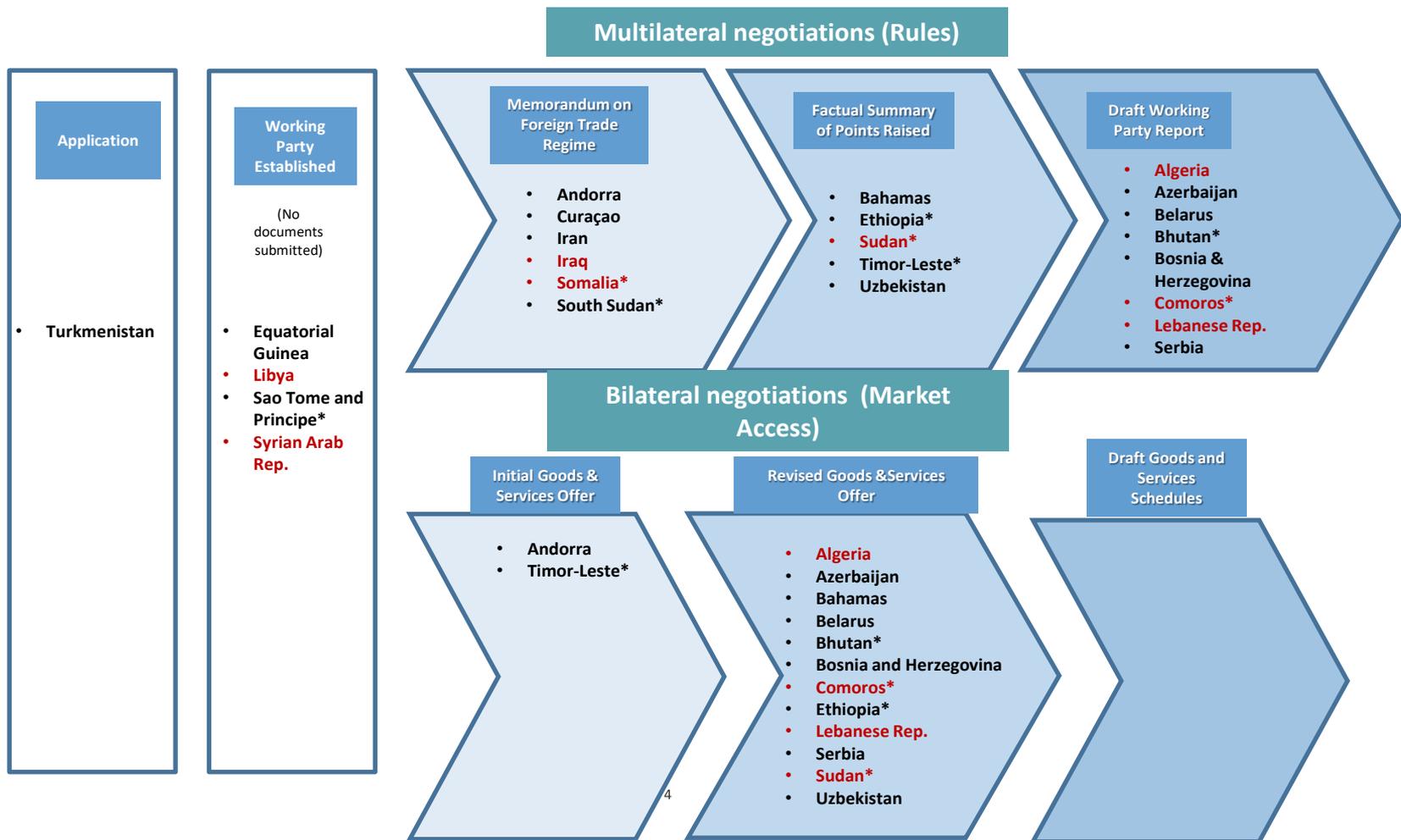


- Algeria (1987)
- Sudan (1994)*
- Lebanese Republic (1999)
- Syrian Arab Republic (2001)
- Iraq (2004)
- Libya (2004)
- Comoros (2007)*
- Somalia (2016)*

- Palestine- ad hoc Observer (MCs)

Notes: * LDCs

Accession negotiations – state of play



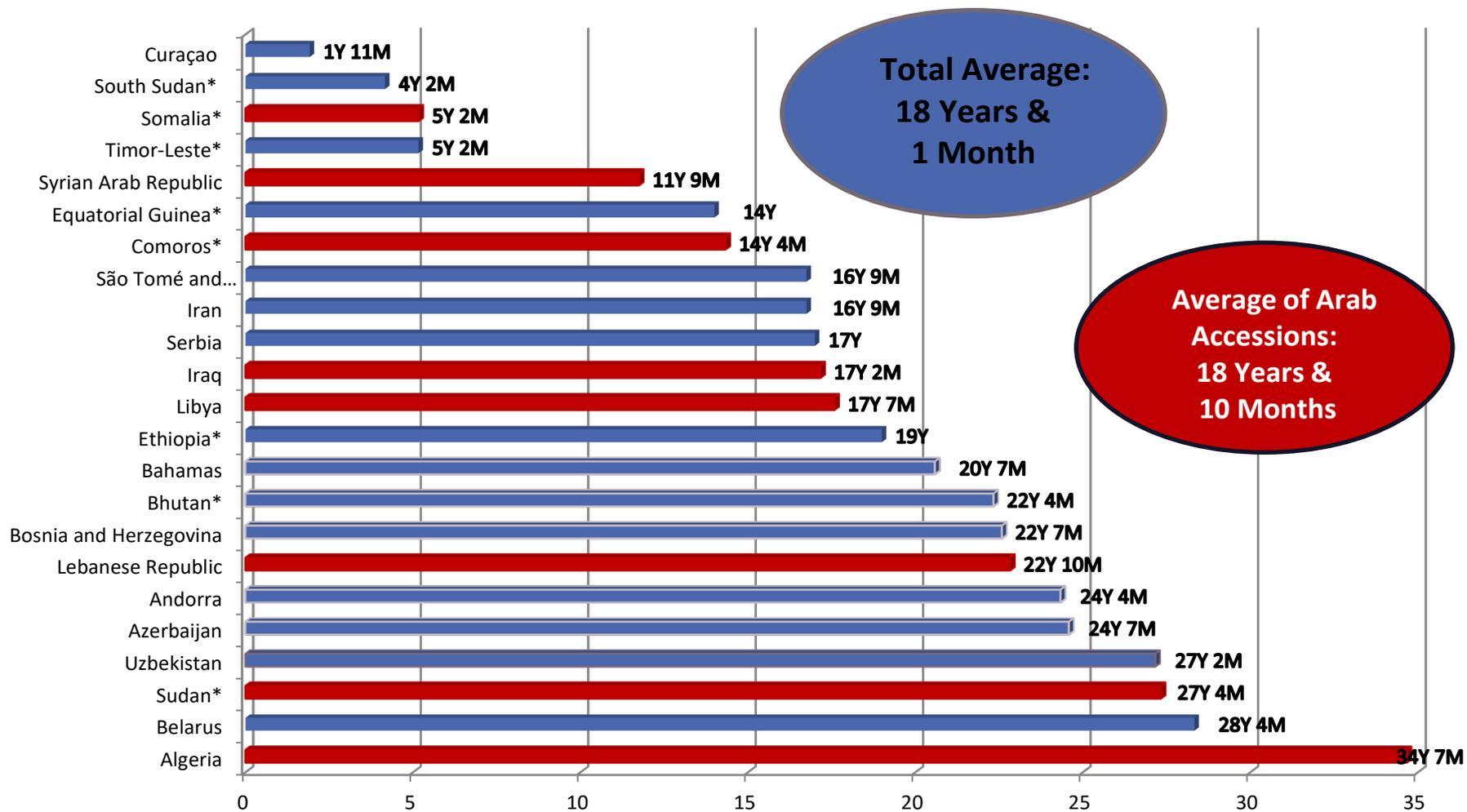
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Accessions by status

General Status	Accession WP (establishment)	Last WP meeting	Next WP meeting (based on Secretariat's assessment)
Strategic focus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Comoros* (2007) Belarus (1993) Bosnia & Herzegovina (1999) Serbia (2005) 	6WPM, September 2021 12WPM, July 2019 13WPM, February 2018 13WPM, June 2013	Q2 2022 TBD 2022 TBD
Work in progress <i>On-going efforts to move the WP process</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan (1997) Bahamas (2001) Ethiopia* (2003) South Sudan* (2017) Sudan* (1994) Timor-Leste (2016) Uzbekistan (1994) 	14WPM, July 2017 4WPM, April 2019 4WPM, January 2020 1WPM, March 2019 5WPM, July 2021 2WPM, July 2021 4 WPM, July 2020	Q1/2 2022 TBD TBD TBD 2022 Q2 2022 Q2 2022
Reactivation <i>Efforts to resume the WP process after at least 5 years</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Iraq (2004) Lebanese Republic (1999) 	2WPM, April 2008 7WPM, October 2009	2022 TBD
Activation <i>1st WP yet to be held</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Curaçao (2020) Equatorial Guinea (2008) Somalia* (2016) 	No WP held to date No WP held to date No WP held to date	Q1 2022 TBD 2022
Inactive <i>No WP held at least during last 5 years</i>	Algeria (1987), Andorra (1997), Bhutan* (1999), Iran (2005), Libya (2004), Sao Tomé and Príncipe* (2005), Syrian Arab Republic (2010)	Algeria: 12WPM, March 2014 Andorra: 1WPM, October 1999 Bhutan: 4WPM, January 2008 No WP held to date for Libya, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, and Syrian Arab Republic	

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AVERAGE LENGTH OF ONGOING ACCESSIONS





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THANK YOU.