

Legal Services under the GATS

Trade in Legal Services – Current Realities and Future Possibilities?

Simply Services Seminar in collaboration with the International Bar
Association

Classification according to CPC 861 Provisional

861 Legal services

8611 Legal advisory and representation services in the different fields of law

86111 Legal advisory and representation services concerning criminal law

86119 Legal advisory and representation services in judicial procedures concerning other fields of law

8612 Legal advisory and representation services in statutory procedures of quasi-judicial tribunals, boards, etc.

8613 Legal documentation and certification services

8619 Other legal advisory and information services

Usefulness of CPC 861 Prov. in the context of trade liberalization?

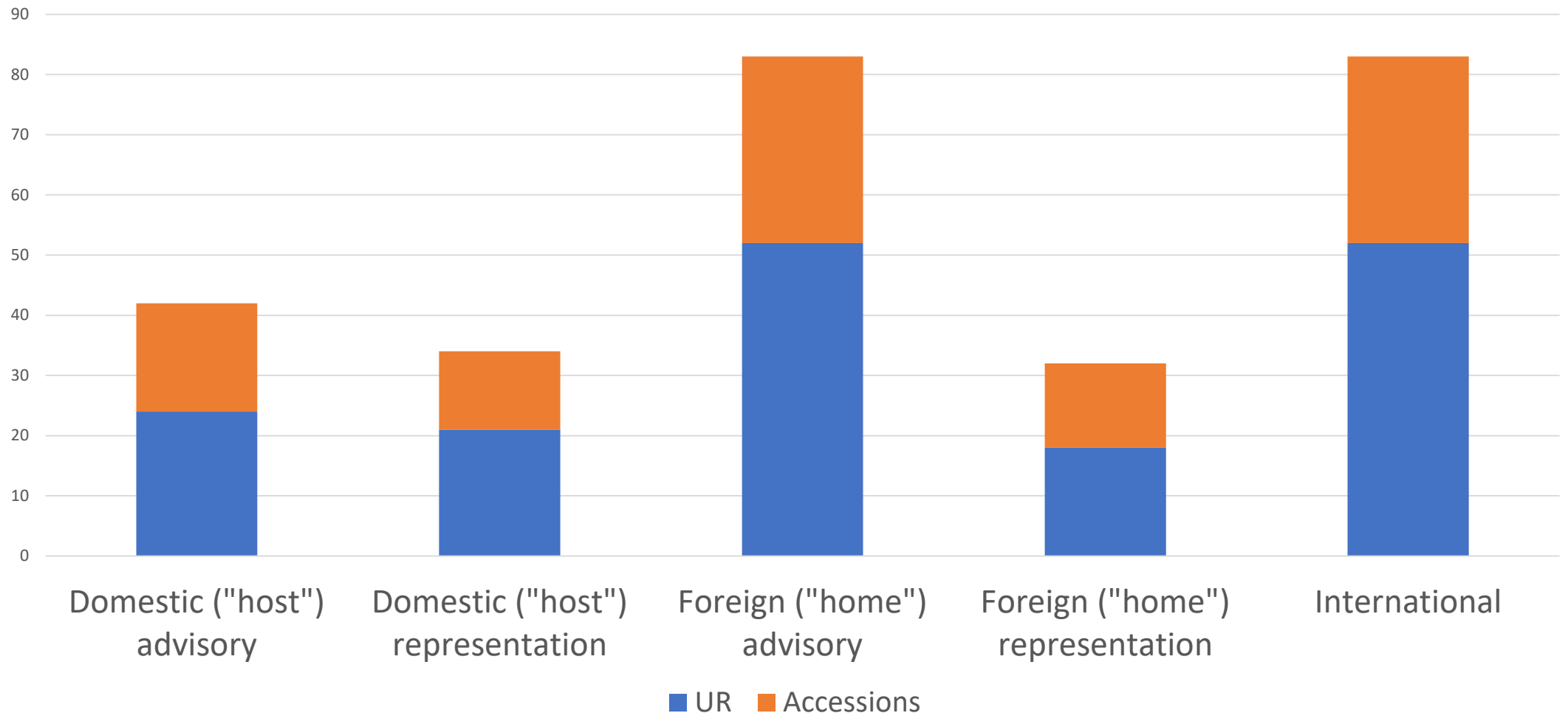
- No distinction between advisory and representation services
- No distinction between domestic (“host country law”) and foreign law (“home country law”, “third country law”)
- No explicit coverage of international law
- No explicit coverage of arbitration and conciliation services

Joint Statement on Legal Services (TN/S/W/37-2005)

Suggests terminology and definitions for

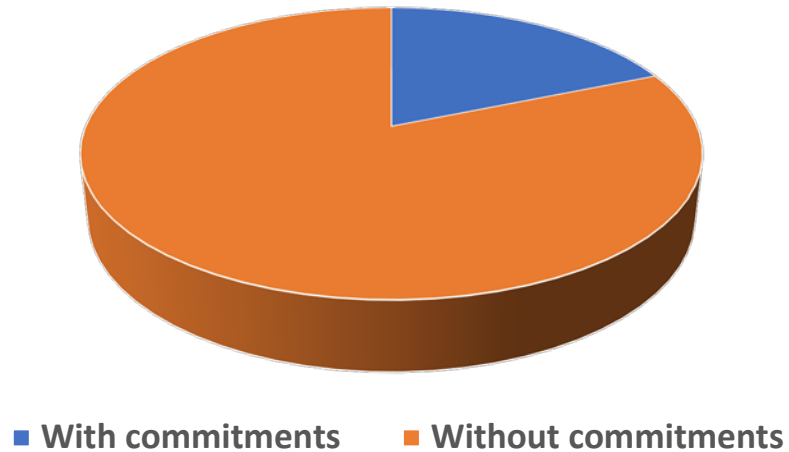
- Legal advisory services
- Legal representational services
- Legal arbitration and conciliation/mediation services
- Domestic law (host country law)
- Foreign law
- International law

WTO Members with commitments in Legal Services

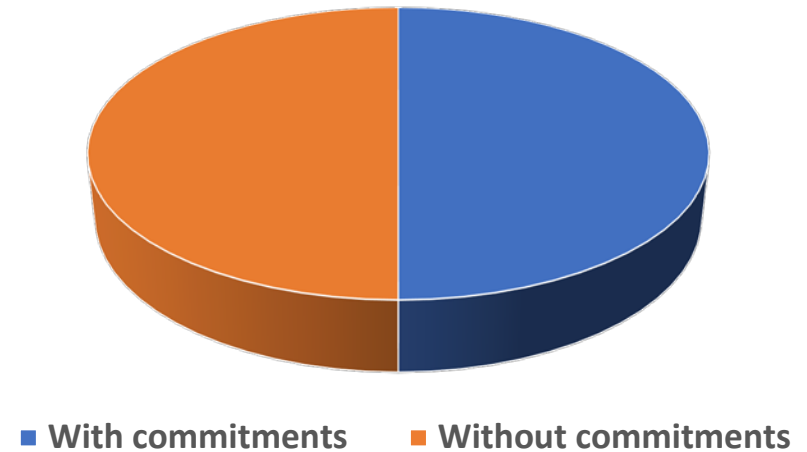


Share of Members with commitments in domestic (host –country) law

Host country law - UR original Members

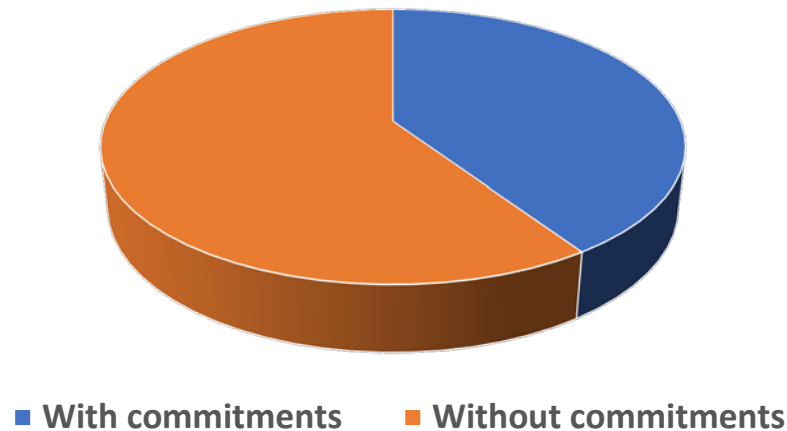


Host country law - Accessions



Share of Members with commitments in foreign (host –country) law

Home country law - UR original Members



Home country law - Accessions

