

# **Gender-related Provisions in Preferential Trade Agreements**

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### **Main Findings**

- Methodology: explicit vs. implicit gender-related provisions
- Explicit gender-related provisions in PTAs are not a recent phenomenon...
- ... but their scope have only expanded significantly in the last three years
- Gender-related provisions do not follow a specific and unique template
- Cooperation is the most common type of gender-related provisions



### Methodology

- Gender-related provisions:
  - Explicit reference to gender
  - Implicit reference to gender by referring to human rights, minorities, sustainable development or labour discrimination but without any direct reference to gender
- Keywords-based textual analysis of 557 PTAs (incl. 292 PTAs notified to the WTO)

#### **PTAs**

- Preamble
- Non-specific article
- Specific article
- Specific chapter
- Annex

#### Side document(s)

- Side letter
- Joint declaration
- Memorandum
- Protocol
- Agreement

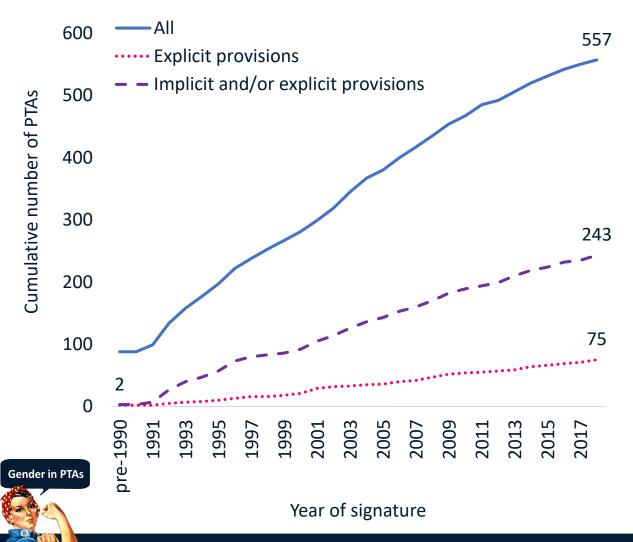
#### Post-PTA document(s)

- Joint declaration
- Directive
- Resolution
- Agreement
- ...

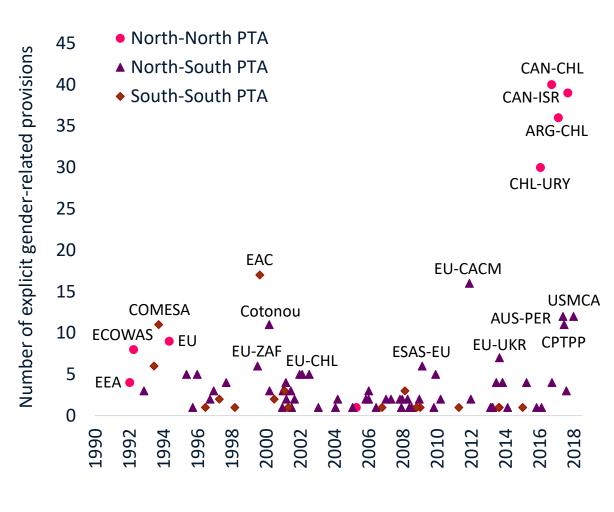




### Inclusion of gender-related provisions is not a recent phenomenon ...



# ... but scope of gender-related provisions has expanded only recently



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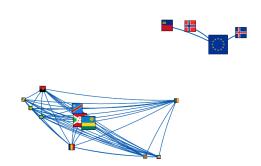


# Gender-related provisions do not follow a specific and unique template...

# ... but most PTAs share one common type of gender-related provisions

North-North

North-South



Gender in PTAs

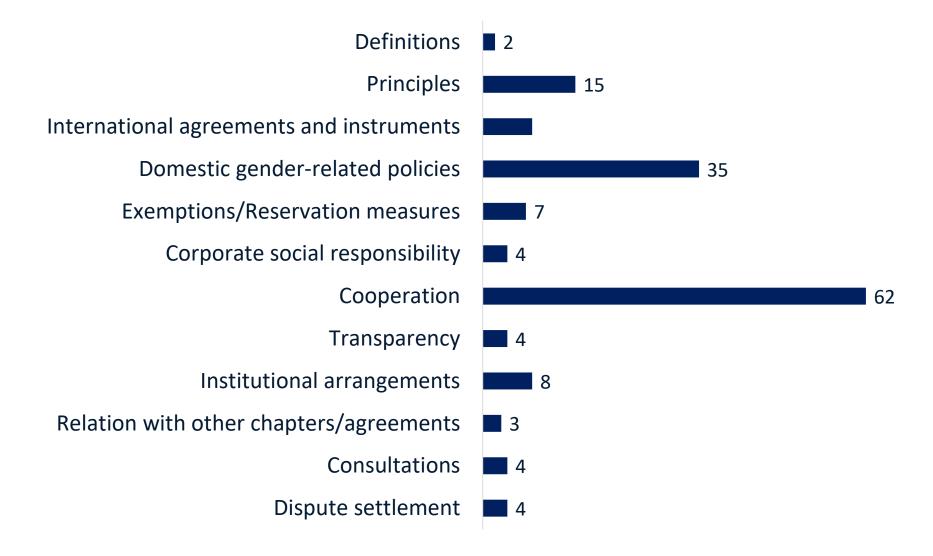
South-South

Note: Each node is a country



Note: Each node is a PTA

#### Cooperation provisions are the most common gender-related provisions





Note: Number of PTAs



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