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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

* Note: For seven commitments, the assessment period was from 8 July 2017 to 9 January; for the remaining 10 commitments, the assessment period extended to 5 March 2018.

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Preface

Since the G20 leaders met at their first summit in 2008 in Washington, the G20 Research Group at the University of Toronto and the Center for International Institutions Research of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), formerly with the International Organizations Research Institute at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), in Moscow have produced reports on their progress in implementing the priority commitments made at each summit. These reports monitor each G20 member's efforts to implement a carefully chosen selection of the many commitments produced at each summit. The reports are offered to the general public and to policy makers, academics, civil society, the media and interested citizens around the world in an effort to make the work of the G20 more transparent, accessible and effective, and to provide scientific data to enable the meaningful analysis of the causes of compliance and the impact of this important informal international institution. Previous reports are available at the G20 Information Centre at <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis>.

The G20 Research Group has been working with Marina Larionova's team at RANEPA and previously at HSE since initiating this G20 compliance research in 2009, after the Washington Summit in November 2008. The initial report, covering only one commitment made at that summit, tested the compliance methodology developed by the G8 Research Group and adapted it to the G20.

To make its assessments, the G20 Research Group relies on publicly available information, documentation and media reports. To ensure accuracy, comprehensiveness and integrity, we encourage comments from stakeholders. Indeed, scores can be recalibrated if new material becomes available. All feedback remains anonymous. Responsibility for the contents of this report lies exclusively with the authors and analysts of the G20 Research Group.

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Introduction and Summary

The G20 2017 Hamburg Interim Compliance Report is prepared by the G20 Research Group based at the University of Toronto and its Russian partners at the Center for International Institutions Research of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA). The report analyzes compliance by G20 members with a selection of 17 priority commitments of a total of 531 commitments made at the Hamburg Summit hosted by Germany on 7-8 July 2017. The report covers relevant actions taken by the G20 members between 8 July 2017 to 5 March 2018 for the commitments monitored by the G20 Research Group, and 8 July 2017 to 9 January 2018 for the commitments monitored by RANEPA. This timeframe allows for an assessment of compliance at the midway point between the 2017 Hamburg Summit and the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit, which will be hosted by Argentina on 30 November and 1 December 2018.

Methodology and Scoring System

This report draws on the methodology developed by the G8 Research Group, which has been monitoring G7/8 compliance since 1996 (the International Organisations Research Institute at the Higher School of Economics (IORI HSE) joined this multiyear project in 2005, and Bond University participated in 2014). The use of this methodology builds cross-institutional and cross-member consistency and also allows compatibility with compliance assessments of other institutions.

The methodology uses a scale from -1 to +1, where +1 indicates full compliance with the stated commitment, -1 indicates a failure to comply or action taken that is directly opposite to the stated instruments or goal of the commitment, and 0 indicates partial compliance or work in progress, such as initiatives that have been launched but are not yet near completion and whose full results can therefore not be assessed. Each member assessed receives a score of -1, 0 or +1 for each commitment. For convenience, the scores in the tables have been converted to percentages, where -1 equals 0 per cent and +1 equals 100 per cent.¹

A -1 compliance score does not necessarily imply an unwillingness to comply on the part of G20 members. In some cases, policy actions can take multiple compliance cycles to implement and measure. As the G20 Research Group and RANEPA (formerly the research team at IORI HSE) continue to monitor developments, progress made by members can be recorded in future compliance reports.

The Compliance Coding Manual that describes the methodology in detail is available on the G20 Information Centre website at <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/index.html#method>.

Commitment Breakdown

The G20 made a total of 531 commitments at the Hamburg Summit.² These commitments, as identified by the G20 Research Group and RANEPA, are drawn from the official G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter, Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda, Hamburg Action Plan, G20 Initiative for Rural Youth Employment, G20 Hamburg Climate and Energy Action Plan for Growth, G20 Initiative “#eSkills4Girls,” Leaders' Statement on Countering Terrorism, and G20 Africa Partnership.

¹ The formula to convert a score into a percentage is $P = 50 \times (S + 1)$, where P is the percentage and S is the score.

² A commitment is defined as a discrete, specific, publicly expressed, collectively agreed statement of intent; a promise by summit members that they will undertake future action to move toward, meet or adjust to an identified target. More details are contained in the Reference Manual for Summit Commitment and Compliance Coding).

Selection of Commitments

For each compliance cycle (that is, the period between summits), the research team selects commitments that reflect the breadth of the G20 agenda and also reflect the priorities of the summit's host, while balancing the selection to allow for comparison with past and future summits, following the methodology developed by the G8 Research Group. The selection also replicates the breakdown of issue areas and the proportion of commitments in each one. Primary criteria for priority commitment selection are the comprehensiveness and relevance to the summit, the G20 and the world, as well as individual and collective pledges. Selected commitments must also meet secondary criteria of performance measurability and ability to comply to some degree within a year, as well as tertiary criteria of significance as identified by scientific teams and relevant stakeholders in the host country.

For the 2017 Hamburg Interim Compliance Report, 17 priority commitments were selected for assessment by the University of Toronto and RANEPa teams from the 531 commitments made at the Hamburg Summit (see Table 1).

Interim Compliance Scores

The assessment is based on relevant, publicly available information relating to actions taken from 8 July 2017 to 9 January 2018 or 5 March 2018, depending on whether the commitment is being monitored by RANEPa or the G20 Research Group. The interim compliance scores by commitment are contained in Table 2. Country rankings are listed in Table 5 and commitment rankings are listed in Table 8.

For the full interim report and including all 17 priority commitments, G20 members achieved an average final compliance score of +0.70, which translates to 85%.

Interim Compliance by Member

For compliance with the Hamburg Summit's priority commitments at the midway point between summits, Canada and the European Union have the highest rate of compliance at +0.94 (97%), followed by Australia at +0.59 (79%), and Germany and China at +0.82 (91%). The lowest scoring member is tied at Turkey and Saudi Arabia with +0.35 (68%). The difference between the highest and lowest G20 member compliance scores is +0.59. For more information about compliance by G20 members, see Table 11.

Interim Compliance by Commitment

This particular compliance cycle has produced a high level of compliance for several areas so far. The commitment on financial regulation (Basel III) and international taxation (base erosion and profit shifting) ranked highest at +1.00 (100%), followed by the commitment on digitalization at +0.95 (98%) and on the Sustainable Development Goals at +0.85 (93%). The lowest score was on corruption at +0.25 (63%). For more information on scoring by commitment, see Table 8.

Table 1: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Commitments Selected for Compliance Monitoring

1	Climate Change: Energy and Energy Efficiency	“We remain collectively committed to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
2	Corruption: Resilience	“We commit to organising our public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
3	Digitalization: Digital Economy	“We aim to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
4	Gender: Access to Labour Markets	“We will improve women’s access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
5	Health: Health System Strengthening	“We strive for cooperative action to strengthen health systems worldwide, including through developing the health workforce.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
6	Macroeconomics: Inclusive Business Ecosystems	“Facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.” (Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda)
7	Migration: Addressing Needs	“We commit to addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
8	Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment	“We commit to further align our actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
9	Tax Administration: Fair and Modern System	“We will continue our work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
10	Trade: Trade and Investment Frameworks	“We will keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
11	International Taxation: Base Erosion and Profit Shifting	“We remain committed to the implementation of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)
12	Financial Regulation: Basel III	“We will work to finalise the Basel III framework without further significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector, while promoting a level playing field.” (G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World)

13	Development: Digital and Financial Literacy	“Strengthen digital and financial literacy and capability” (Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda)
14	Climate Change: Climate Resilience	“The G20 will promote adaptation efforts and cooperation on climate resilience within the G20 and beyond.” (G20 Hamburg Climate and Energy Action Plan for Growth)
15	Environment: Waste Reduction	“Promote public information campaigns for citizens and businesses to reduce waste generation, to re-use and to facilitate their participation in waste collection systems and to avoid littering.” (G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter)
16	Food and Agriculture: Information and Communications Technologies	“Promote information and communication technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture to strengthen productivity and efficiency in the value chain.” (Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda)
17	Energy: Sustainable Energy	“Foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.” (Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda)

Table 2: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance Scores — All

		Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	China	France	Germany	India	Indonesia	Italy	Japan	Korea	Mexico	Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States	European Union	Average	
1	Climate Change: Energy and Energy Efficiency	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	0	+1	-1	+1	+0.40	70%
2	Corruption: Resilience	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	0	+1	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	-1	-1	+1	0	0	+0.25	63%
3	Digitalization: Digital Economy	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.95	98%
4	Gender: Access to Labour Markets	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	-1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+0.50	75%
5	Health: Health System Strengthening	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.80	90%
6	Macroeconomics: Inclusive Business Ecosystems	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.75	88%
7	Migration: Addressing Needs	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	+0.40	70%
8	Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.85	93%
9	Tax Administration: Fair and Modern System	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.90	95%
10	Trade: Trade and Investment Frameworks	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+0.70	85%
11	International Taxation: BEPS	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
12	Financial Regulation: Basel III	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
13	Development: Digital and Financial Literacy	+1	+1	0	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.60	80%
14	Climate Change: Climate Resilience	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	-1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.65	83%
15	Environment: Waste Reduction	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.70	85%
16	Food and Agriculture: ICT	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	-1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.65	83%
17	Energy: Sustainable Energy	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	0	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
		+0.82 91%	+0.59 79%	+0.71 85%	+0.94 97%	+0.82 91%	+0.88 94%	+0.82 91%	+0.76 88%	+0.88 94%	+0.71 85%	+0.65 82%	+0.65 82%	+0.65 82%	+0.59 79%	+0.35 68%	+0.47 74%	+0.35 68%	+0.88 94%	+0.47 74%	+0.94 97%	+0.70 85%	85%

Note: BEPS = Base Erosion and Profit Sharing; ICT = Information and Communications Technologies.

Table 3: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance Scores — G20 Research Group

		Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	China	France	Germany	India	Indonesia	Italy	Japan	Korea	Mexico	Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States	European Union	Average	
1	Climate Change: Energy and Energy Efficiency	+1	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	0	+1	-1	+1	+0.40	70%
2	Corruption: Resilience	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	-1	0	+1	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	-1	-1	+1	0	0	+0.25	63%
3	Digitalization: Digital Economy	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.95	98%
4	Gender: Access to Labour Markets	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	-1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+0.50	75%
5	Health: Health System Strengthening	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+0.80	90%
6	Macroeconomics: Inclusive Business Ecosystems	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.75	88%
7	Migration: Addressing Needs	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	0	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	+1	+0.40	70%
8	Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.85	93%
9	Tax Administration: Fair and Modern System	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.90	95%
10	Trade: Trade and Investment Frameworks	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+0.70	85%
		+0.70	+0.50	+0.80	+1.00	+0.90	+0.80	+0.70	+0.60	+0.80	+0.70	+0.50	+0.80	+0.40	+0.40	+0.50	+0.50	+0.50	+0.80	+0.20	+0.90	+0.65	83%
		85%	75%	90%	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	90%	85%	75%	90%	70%	70%	75%	75%	75%	90%	60%	95%	83%	

Table 4: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance Scores — CIIR

	Argentina	Australia	Brazil	Canada	China	France	Germany	India	Indonesia	Italy	Japan	Korea	Mexico	Russia	Saudi Arabia	South Africa	Turkey	United Kingdom	United States	European Union	Average	
11 International Taxation: BEPS	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
12 Financial Regulation: Basel III	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1.00	100%
13 Development: Digital and Financial Literacy	+1	+1	0	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	0	0	+1	+1	0	+1	+0.60	80%
14 Climate Change: Climate Resilience	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	-1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.65	83%
15 Environment: Waste Reduction	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.70	85%
16 Food and Agriculture: ICT	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	+1	-1	0	-1	+1	+1	+1	+0.65	83%
17 Energy: Sustainable Energy	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1	0	+1	0	+1	0	+1	0	0	+1	+1	+1	+0.75	88%
	+0.82	+0.59	+0.71	+0.94	+0.82	+0.88	+0.82	+0.76	+0.88	+0.71	+0.65	+0.65	+0.65	+0.59	+0.35	+0.47	+0.35	+0.88	+0.47	+0.94	+0.70	85%
	91%	79%	85%	97%	91%	94%	91%	88%	94%	85%	82%	82%	82%	79%	68%	74%	68%	94%	74%	97%	85%	

Note: BEPS = Base Erosion and Profit Sharing; ICT = Information and Communications Technologies.

Table 5: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance by Member — All

Rank	Member	Average	
1	Canada	+0.94	97%
	European Union		
3	France	+0.88	94%
	Indonesia		
	United Kingdom		
6	Argentina	+0.82	91%
	China		
	Germany		
9	India	+0.76	88%
10	Brazil	+0.71	85%
	Italy		
12	Japan	+0.65	82%
	Korea		
	Mexico		
15	Australia	+0.59	79%
	Russia		
17	South Africa	+0.47	74%
	United States		
19	Saudi Arabia	+0.35	68%
	Turkey		

Table 6: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance by Member — G20 Research Group

Rank	Member	Average	
1	Canada	+1.00	100%
2	China	+0.90	95%
	European Union		
4	Brazil	+0.80	90%
	France		
	Indonesia		
	Korea		
	United Kingdom		
9	Argentina	+0.70	85%
	Germany		
	Italy		
12	India	+0.60	80%
13	Australia	+0.50	75%
	Japan		
	Saudi Arabia		
	South Africa		
	Turkey		
18	Mexico	+0.40	70%
	Russia		
20	United States	+0.20	60%

Table 7: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance by Member — CIIR

Rank	Member	Average	
1	Argentina	+1.00	100%
	European Union		
	France		
	Germany		
	India		
	Indonesia		
	Mexico		
	United Kingdom		
9	Canada	+0.86	93%
	Japan		
	Russia		
	United States		
13	Australia	+0.71	86%
	China		
	Italy		
16	Brazil	+0.57	79%
17	Korea	+0.43	71%
	South Africa		
19	Saudi Arabia	+0.14	57%
	Turkey		

Table 8: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance by Commitment — All

Rank	Commitment	Average	
1	Financial Regulation: Basel III	+1.00	100%
	International Taxation: Base Erosion and Profit Shifting		
3	Digitalization: Digital Economy	+0.95	98%
4	Tax Administration: Fair and Modern System	+0.90	95%
5	Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment	+0.85	93%
6	Health: Health System Strengthening	+0.80	90%
7	Energy: Sustainable Energy	+0.75	88%
	Macroeconomics: Inclusive Business Ecosystems		
9	Environment: Waste Reduction	+0.70	85%
	Trade: Trade and Investment Frameworks		
11	Climate Change: Climate Resilience	+0.65	83%
	Food and Agriculture: Information and Communications Technologies		
13	Development: Digital and Financial Literacy	+0.60	80%
14	Gender: Access to Labour Markets	+0.50	75%
15	Climate Change: Energy and Energy Efficiency	+0.40	70%
	Migration: Addressing Needs		
17	Corruption: Resilience	+0.25	63%

Table 9: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance by Commitment — G20 Research Group

Rank	Commitment	Average	
1	Digitalization: Digital Economy	+0.95	98%
2	Tax Administration: Fair and Modern System	+0.90	95%
3	Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment	+0.85	93%
4	Health: Health System Strengthening	+0.80	90%
5	Macroeconomics: Inclusive Business Ecosystems	+0.75	88%
6	Trade: Trade and Investment Frameworks	+0.70	85%
7	Gender: Access to Labour Markets	+0.50	75%
8	Climate Change: Energy and Energy Efficiency	+0.40	70%
	Migration: Addressing Needs		
10	Corruption: Resilience	+0.25	63%

Table 10: 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Interim Compliance by Commitment — CIIR

Rank	Commitment	Average	
1	Financial Regulation: Basel III	+1.00	100%
	International Taxation: Base Erosion and Profit Shifting		
3	Energy: Sustainable Energy	+0.75	88%
4	Environment: Waste Reduction	+0.70	85%
5	Climate Change: Climate Resilience	+0.65	83%
	Food and Agriculture: Information and Communications Technologies		
7	Development: Digital and Financial Literacy	+0.60	80%

Table 11: G20 Compliance by Member, 2008–2017

Member	Final Washington 2008		Final London 2009		Final Pittsburgh 2009		Final Toronto 2010		Final Seoul 2010		Final Cannes 2011		Final Los Cabos 2012		Final St. Petersburg 2013		Final Brisbane 2014		Final Antalya 2015		Interim Hangzhou 2016		Final Hangzhou 2016	
Argentina	0	50%	-0.60	20%	-0.13	44%	0	50%	-0.08	46%	0	50%	+0.31	66%	+0.06	53%	+0.06	53%	+0.53	76%	+0.42	71%	+0.63	82%
Australia	n/a	–	+0.60	80%	+0.50	75%	+0.56	78%	+0.85	93%	+0.67	84%	+0.94	97%	+0.63	81%	+0.59	79%	+0.65	82%	+0.79	89%	+0.79	89%
Brazil	+1.00	100%	+0.20	60%	-0.63	19%	+0.29	65%	+0.42	71%	+0.60	80%	+0.56	78%	+0.31	66%	+0.12	56%	+0.53	76%	+0.32	66%	+0.58	79%
Canada	+1.00	100%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%	+0.78	89%	+0.69	85%	+0.73	87%	+0.75	88%	+0.44	72%	+0.71	85%	+0.65	82%	+0.79	89%	+0.84	92%
China	0	50%	-0.40	30%	+0.13	57%	+0.38	69%	+0.42	71%	+0.53	77%	+0.38	69%	+0.19	59%	+0.59	79%	+0.59	79%	+0.63	82%	+0.74	87%
France	+1.00	100%	+0.80	90%	+0.63	82%	+0.56	78%	+0.77	89%	+0.60	80%	+0.69	85%	+0.69	84%	+0.63	81%	+0.71	85%	+0.58	79%	+0.63	82%
Germany	+1.00	100%	+0.80	90%	+0.63	82%	+0.56	78%	+0.54	77%	+0.67	84%	+0.56	78%	+0.75	88%	+0.69	84%	+0.71	85%	+0.58	79%	+0.79	89%
India	0	50%	-0.40	30%	-0.38	31%	-0.29	36%	+0.42	71%	+0.60	80%	+0.50	75%	+0.63	81%	+0.59	79%	+0.65	82%	+0.32	66%	+0.63	82%
Indonesia	n/a	–	-0.40	30%	-0.63	19%	-0.13	44%	+0.36	68%	+0.14	57%	+0.47	74%	+0.50	75%	+0.12	56%	+0.18	59%	+0.37	68%	+0.53	76%
Italy	+1.00	100%	0	50%	+0.13	57%	+0.56	78%	+0.77	89%	+0.80	90%	+0.19	60%	+0.44	72%	+0.13	56%	+0.71	85%	+0.16	58%	+0.32	66%
Japan	+1.00	100%	+0.20	60%	+0.50	75%	+0.56	78%	+0.62	81%	+0.47	74%	+0.50	75%	+0.31	66%	+0.65	82%	+0.35	68%	+0.37	68%	+0.68	84%
Korea	n/a	–	0	50%	+0.75	88%	+0.56	78%	+0.46	73%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%	+0.38	69%	+0.65	82%	+0.53	76%	+0.37	68%	+0.68	84%
Mexico	+1.00	100%	0	50%	+0.25	63%	-0.14	43%	+0.58	79%	+0.67	84%	+0.69	85%	+0.38	69%	+0.47	74%	+0.53	76%	+0.42	71%	+0.53	76%
Russia	0	50%	+0.40	70%	+0.38	69%	+0.13	57%	+0.59	80%	+0.60	80%	+0.63	82%	+0.44	72%	+0.47	74%	+0.47	74%	+0.53	76%	+0.68	84%
Saudi Arabia	n/a	–	+0.20	60%	-0.13	44%	-0.13	44%	+0.08	54%	+0.21	61%	+0.50	75%	+0.06	53%	-0.24	38%	+0.35	68%	+0.26	63%	+0.42	71%
South Africa	+1.00	100%	+0.40	70%	+0.63	82%	-0.14	43%	+0.33	67%	+0.47	74%	+0.47	74%	+0.25	63%	-0.12	44%	+0.24	62%	+0.21	61%	+0.37	68%
Turkey	n/a	–	+0.20	60%	-0.25	38%	-0.14	43%	+0.17	59%	+0.20	60%	+0.25	63%	+0.25	63%	0	50%	+0.41	71%	+0.21	61%	+0.37	68%
UK	+1.00	100%	+1.00	100%	+0.50	75%	+0.78	89%	+0.77	89%	+0.87	94%	+0.81	91%	+0.75	88%	+0.76	88%	+0.71	85%	+0.53	76%	+0.47	74%
US	0	50%	+0.40	70%	+1.00	100%	+0.33	67%	+0.38	69%	+0.53	77%	+0.81	91%	+0.69	84%	+0.76	88%	+0.71	85%	+0.53	76%	+0.42	71%
EU	+1.00	100%	+0.60	80%	+0.38	69%	+0.57	79%	+0.82	91%	+0.85	93%	+0.75	88%	+0.63	81%	+0.75	88%	+0.81	91%	+0.58	79%	+0.84	92%
Average	+0.67	83%	+0.23	62%	+0.24	62%	+0.28	64%	+0.50	75%	+0.54	77%	+0.57	79%	+0.44	72%	+0.42	71%	+0.55	77%	+0.45	72%	+0.60	80%

n/a = not available

Conclusions

G20 compliance performance for the chosen priority commitments, measured as a summit average, improved incrementally from the 2009 London Summit and 2009 Pittsburgh Summit (both at 62%) to the 2010 Toronto Summit (64%) and then rose with the 2010 Seoul Summit (75%), the 2011 Cannes Summit (77%) and the 2012 Los Cabos Summit (79%). With the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, compliance dropped to 72% and the compliance with the 2014 Brisbane Summit commitments dropped to 71%. The final score for the 2015 Antalya Summit was 77%. The final score for the 2016 Hangzhou Summit is 80%. If the G20 can improve its performance on delivering on its promises, it may validate its claim for legitimacy as a global governance institution.

Many of the commitments assessed in this report have timelines that extend beyond the 2017 Hamburg Summit or reflect medium- and long-term priorities. A unique feature of this report is the incorporation of deadlines for commitments monitored over multiple compliance cycles. The convergence of medium- and long-term commitments and those with deadlines in the near future reflects the nature of G20 decisions as a crisis management forum and a global governance steering institution. It also illustrates the multifaceted nature of compliance assessment. As the relationship among short, medium, and long-term commitments becomes clearer, the compliance landscape for many of these priority commitments may change over the course of future compliance periods.

Future Research and Reports

The information contained in this report provides G20 members and other stakeholders with an indication of their compliance in the period immediately following the Hamburg Summit. This report has been produced as an invitation for others to provide additional or more complete information on compliance during the period under study. Feedback should be sent to g20@utoronto.ca.

Considerations and Limitations

Several elements affect the findings contained in this report. While the purpose of the report is to monitor compliance with G20 commitments, it is necessary to ensure that the monitoring mechanism is realistic and considers the context within which the commitments are made. With new commitments, more attention must be paid to the initial implementation constraints faced by members. One way to accommodate these constraints is to regard the intent to implement policy measures as an illustration of compliance, or being “on track” towards compliance. This initial leeway should only be granted for new commitments; intent is not a suitable indicator of compliance for medium-term or longstanding commitments. Over time as commitments become integrated in the G20 compliance mechanism, compliance guidelines should become more stringent (as members become more accustomed to the nature of the issue and the requirements for compliance).

See also Appendix: General Considerations.

Appendix: General Considerations

In evaluating the results of this report, the following considerations should be kept in mind.

Assessments contained in this report apply to commitment-related actions taken by G20 members only since the commitments were declared publicly at the last summit.

Compliance has been assessed against a selected set of priority commitments, rather than all commitments contained in the summit documents. The selection is intended to produce a representative subset of the total body of commitments. An ideal set of priority commitments represents proportionally the amount of attention paid to each policy area in summit documents, reflects the relative ambition of summit commitments, and holds as many G20 members to account for compliance as possible.

In addition to producing commitments, summits provide value by establishing new principles and norms, creating and highlighting issues and issue areas and altering the traditional discourse used to discuss priorities. Some of the most important decisions reached at summits may be done in private and not encoded in the public record of the summit documents.

Some commitments cover several years and thus compliance takes longer than the summit-to-summit timeframe applied in this report. For this reason, full compliance (denoted by a +1 score) might not require that G20 members carry out a given commitment completely, but might instead demand clear, visible progress commensurate with the overall timetable as well as public statements of support of commitment objectives.

In some cases, a G20 member might choose not to comply with a particular summit commitment for good reason, for example if global conditions have changed dramatically since the commitment was made or if new knowledge has become available about how a particular problem can best be solved.

As each G20 member has its own constitutional, legal and institutional processes for undertaking action at the national level (and in the case of the European Union at the supranational level), each member is free to act according to its own legislative schedule. Of particular importance here is the annual schedule for creating budgets, seeking legislative approval and appropriating funds.

Commitments in G20 summit documents might also be included, in whole or in part, in documents released by other international forums, as the decisions of other international organizations or even national statements such as the State of the Union Address in the US, the Queen's Speech in the UK and the Speech from the Throne in Canada. Merely repeating a G20 commitment in another forum does not count fully as compliant behaviour.

This report assesses G20 members' action in accordance with the text of actual, specific commitments made in G20 summit documents. Because commitments demand that policymakers and regulators act specifically to meet the identified objectives, this report holds policymakers accountable for pushing and passing recommended policies. Furthermore, compliance is assessed against the precise, particular commitment, rather than what might be regarded as a necessary or appropriate action to solve the problem being addressed.

As individual members can take different actions to comply with the same commitment, no standardized cross-national evaluative criterion can be universally applied. The interpretive guidelines attempt to provide an equitable method for assessing compliance.

Because the evaluative scale used in this compliance report runs from -1 to +1, any score in the positive range represents at least some degree of compliance.

The G20 Research Group and RANEPa have specified different time periods for interim compliance. This may affect certain compliance scores in this report. However, the 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit Final Compliance Report will reflect the entire compliance period between the 2017 Hamburg Summit and the 2018 Buenos Aires Summit.

PART ONE: G20 RESEARCH GROUP ASSESSMENTS

Assessment period: 8 July 2017 to 5 March 2018

1. Climate Change: Energy and Energy Efficiency

“We remain collectively committed to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia	-1		
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia		0	
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Turkey		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States	-1		
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.40		

Background

The G20 leaders made their first commitment to develop energy efficiency and clean energy technologies at the 2009 London Summit focusing on low carbon technologies and infrastructure aimed at reducing greenhouse gas.³

At the following 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, the G20 leaders reiterated their commitment to stimulate investment in clean energy, renewables and energy efficiency, as well as to provide financial and technical support for such projects in developing countries.⁴ It was also the first

³ Global Plan for Recovery and Reform, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.html>.

⁴ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>.

year that the G20 acknowledged that eliminating fossil fuel subsidies by 2020 would reduce global greenhouse gas emissions in 2050 by ten per cent.⁵

At the 2010 Seoul Summit, the G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to combating the challenges of climate change through the rationalization and phasing-out of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies and to safeguarding global marine environments.⁶

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, the G20 leaders stressed the importance of well-functioning and transparent physical and financial energy markets, reduced excessive price volatility, improved energy efficiency and better access to clean technologies to achieve strong growth that is both sustainable and inclusive.⁷ In addition, the G20 pursued the operationalization of the Green Climate Fund, established within the framework of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to assist developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.⁸

At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, the G20 leaders once again reaffirmed their commitment to cleaner and more efficient technologies, but also highlighted the importance of enhancing the efficiency of markets and shifting towards a more sustainable energy future.⁹

At the following 2014 Brisbane Summit, the G20 leaders continued to support strong and effective action to address climate change.¹⁰ This included support for sustainable development, economic growth, and mobilizing finance for adaptation and mitigation like the Green Climate Fund.¹¹

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 leaders recognized the importance of continuing to improve energy efficiency, and increasing investments in clean energy technologies to tackle climate change and its effects.¹² The G20 leaders stressed the importance of diversifying energy sources and reaffirmed their commitment to phase-out inefficient fossil fuel subsidies to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.¹³ The G20 also committed to implement their intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) that are key components of the Paris Agreement.¹⁴

⁵ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communiqu0925.html>.

⁶ The G20 Seoul Summit Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 12 November 2010. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul.html>.

⁷ Cannes Summit Final Declaration: Building Our Common Future, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 20 January 2014. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>.

⁸ Cannes Summit Final Declaration: Building Our Common Future, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access Date: 20 January 2014. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>.

⁹ St. Petersburg Summit Leaders' Declaration, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>.

¹⁰ The 2014 G20 Brisbane Summit Commitments, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 17 December 2014. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>.

¹¹ The 2014 G20 Brisbane Summit Commitments, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 17 December 2014. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>.

¹² 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 15-16 November 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2015antalya.html>.

¹³ 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 15-16 November 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2015antalya.html>.

¹⁴ 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/summits/2015antalya.html>.

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 leaders reaffirmed their commitment to sustainable development and strong and effective actions to address climate change and support the Green Climate Fund. The G20 also committed to pursue pro-innovation strategies and policies in green technology.¹⁵

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the G20 leaders focused heavily on the development of sustainable and clean energy and collectively agreed to reaffirm their commitment to the mitigation of greenhouse gas.¹⁶ However, they noted the decision of the United States to withdraw from the Paris Agreement and to immediately cease the implementation of their nationally intended contributions (NDCs). In contrast, the leaders of the other G20 members stated that the Paris Agreement is irreversible and remained committed to its full implementation.¹⁷

Commitment Features

This commitment focuses on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation on energy. This commitment has two components: 1) increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency and 2) other means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Part One: Sustainable and Clean Energies and Energy Efficiency

The G20's Innovation Action Plan adopted at the 2016 Hangzhou Summit defines innovation as “the embodiment of an idea in a technology, product, or process that is new and creates value. An innovation is the implementation of a new or significantly improved product (good or service), or process which derives from creative ideas, technological progress, a new marketing method or a new organizational method in business practices, workplace organization or external relations.”¹⁸

Sustainable energy is defined as energy that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own energy needs.¹⁹ For energy to be sustainable, it must comprise of both clean energy sources and ensure that the clean energy is used efficiently.²⁰

Clean energy, otherwise known as renewable energy, is generated from a source that does not result in the depletion of the Earth's resources.²¹ For example, wind power, solar electric, hydro are all clean energies.

¹⁵ 2016 Leader's Communique: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

¹⁶ 2016 Leader's Communique: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

¹⁷ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

¹⁸ G20 2016 Innovation Action Plan, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-innovation.html>.

¹⁹ Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, United Nations (New York) 11 December 1987. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/documents/ga/res/42/ares42-187.html>.

²⁰ Glossary of Terms in Sustainable Energy Regulation, SERN (London) 2010. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.reeep.org/sites/default/files/Glossary%20of%20Terms%20in%20Sustainable%20Energy%20Regulation.pdf>.

²¹ Glossary of Terms in Sustainable Energy Regulation, SERN (London) 2010. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.reeep.org/sites/default/files/Glossary%20of%20Terms%20in%20Sustainable%20Energy%20Regulation.pdf>.

The European Commission's G20 Energy Efficiency Program defines energy efficiency as the optimum utilization of energy resources.²² Following the adoption of the 2014 G20 Energy Efficiency Action Plan, the G20 members adopted the 2016 G20 Energy Efficiency Leading Programme which builds upon the action plan and creates a comprehensive, flexible and adequately-resourced long term framework to strengthen collaboration between members.²³ The plan sets the ground for voluntary energy efficiency cooperation in six areas: appliances, buildings, industry, electricity generation, transport and cross-sectoral issues, including data and finance.²⁴ Therefore, one method of innovation can be achieved through collaboration between G20 members in one or more of the six areas listed. The collaboration can entail the sharing of knowledge, experience or resource.

Another method of innovation in energy efficiency can be achieved by reducing the amount of energy required to provide the same service or product that will ultimately support economic growth, enhance social development, and advance environmental stability.²⁵ These improvements can be achieved via the reduction of inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, effective management of resources, and technological advances resulting in the optimal use of resources.²⁶

Part Two: Other Ways

The commitment also opens other avenues of mitigating GHG. An example of “among other” ways to mitigate GHG includes, but is not limited to, the implementation of each member's nationally determined contribution (NDCs) and the Paris Agreement. The 2015 Paris Agreement aims to keep global temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius and requires all parties to report regularly on their GHG emissions and on their implementation efforts.²⁷ Of the G20 members, only Turkey and Russia have not ratified the agreement and the US announced their withdrawal on 1 June 2017.²⁸

Another general way of mitigating GHG is to phase out fossil fuels and switch to low carbon energy sources. For instance, India's energy minister has recently announced that they will only sell electric cars by 2030.²⁹ Finally, a G20 member could donate to the UNFCCC's Green Climate

²² G20 Energy Efficiency Leading Programme, European Commission (Brussels) 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/G20%20Energy%20Efficiency%20Leading%20Programme.pdf>.

²³ G20 Energy Efficiency Leading Programme, European Commission (Brussels) 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/sites/ener/files/documents/G20%20Energy%20Efficiency%20Leading%20Programme.pdf>.

²⁴ Energy Efficiency at the G20: Collaborating Internationally for a Sustainable Future (New York) 19 June 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/guest-articles/energy-efficiency-at-the-g20-collaborating-internationally-for-a-sustainable-future/>.

²⁵ Benefits of Energy Efficiency, IEA (Vienna) 2015. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <https://www.iea.org/topics/energyefficiency/benefits/>.

²⁶ Fossil Fuels, Environmental and Energy Study Institute (Washington) 2015. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.eesi.org/topics/fossil-fuels/description>.

²⁷ The Paris Agreement, UNFCCC (Bonn) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9485.php.

²⁸ Status of Ratification, UNFCCC (Bonn) 12 December 2015. Access Date: 1 November 2017. http://unfccc.int/paris_agreement/items/9444.php.

²⁹ India to sell only electric cars by 2030, CNN Money (New York) 3 June 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://money.cnn.com/2017/06/03/technology/future/india-electric-cars/index.html>.

Fund to assist developing countries in adaptation and mitigation practices to counter climate change.³⁰

Full compliance is achieved when a G20 member has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. The word “increased” is defined as to augment or to swell to greater intensity than before.³¹ Levels of innovation i.e. the implementation of new or significantly new ideas must be greater than previous years. In addition, the G20 member must also take strong and effective steps in implementing other ways of mitigating GHG. For example, implementing the NDCs or switching to low carbon energy sources. “Strong” is understood as superior to its kind, powerful in influence, and efficient.³² These actions would likely generate possibility for new strategies, ways to engage others, and create breakthrough results. For example, allocating additional funding to an existing program will not count towards full compliance.

Partial compliance is achieved when a G20 member has not made any new innovations but has maintained previous commitments in mitigating GHG through sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency and has taken steps to mitigate GHG in other ways such as through the implementation of NDCs and Paris Agreement.

No compliance is scored when a G20 member enacts policies or actions that ultimately increase greenhouse gas emissions without plans for mitigation.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member has enacted policies or actions that have or will increase greenhouse gas emissions without plans for mitigation.
0	The G20 member has not implemented any new innovations in energy but has maintained previous commitments in mitigating greenhouse gas emissions through support on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency and has taken steps to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions in other ways.
+1	The G20 member has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency AND has taken strong and effective steps to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions in other ways.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency

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³⁰ Who We Are, Green Climate Fund (Seoul) 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017.

<http://www.greenclimate.fund/who-we-are/about-the-fund>.

³¹ Increase, Dictionary.com 2010. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/increase>.

³² Strong, Merriam-Webster 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/strong>.

300,000 homes.³³ The Chinese Import-Export Bank will fund most of the construction, and it is expected to enter the grid by May 2018.³⁴

In October 2017, Argentina commenced round two of funding for renewable projects RenovAR 2. Argentina plans to contract out 1.1 GW of projects.³⁵ Any wind energy included in these contracts will be manufactured in Argentina, as stipulated by the government. This succeeds the campaign in 2016 in which Argentina awarded 59 projects contributing to more than 2400 MW. This year the government plans to award 1600 MW in projects including wind, solar, biomass, and biogas.³⁶

On 9 November 2017, Argentine President Mauricio Macri signed a decree requiring that all processing and materials involved in producing new renewable resources contain a minimum of 50 per cent Argentine materials or integration. In order to promote this renewable energy growth, Argentina plans to fundraise ARS15,000,000 over the next 8 years. President Macri intends to increase the competitiveness of this sector and turn the northern provinces into a world power in solar energy.³⁷

On 12 November 2017, Argentina attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.³⁸

On 13 November 2017, President Mauricio Macri announced that Argentina plans to boost lithium production to 600,000 tonnes a year by 2025. This increase in input material is expected to boost the electric car and electric transportation worldwide and bring USD800 million in exports to Argentina.³⁹

On 21 November 2017, Argentina announced that it would prioritize an increase in the fraction of clean energy being produced from 8 per cent in 2018 to 20 per cent in 2025.⁴⁰

³³ China aprueba financiación de US\$ 331 millones para un parque solar en Jujuy, Clarín (Argentina) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.clarin.com/economia/economia/china-aprueba-financiacion-us-331-millones-parque-solar-jujuy_0_Hy6LrDVIM.html.

³⁴ Spotlight on renewables, The Economist Intelligence Unit (Argentina) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://country.eiu.com/ArticleIndustry.aspx?articleid=1116146095&Country=Argentina&topic=Industry&subtopic=Energy>.

³⁵ Argentina Renewable Energy Auctions — RenovAr Program (Round 2), International Energy Agency (Argentina) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.iea.org/policiesandmeasures/pams/argentina/name-165151-en.php?s=dHlwZT1yZSZzdGF0dXM9T2s,&return=PG5hdiBpZD0iYnJlYWRjcjcnVtYiI-PGEgaHJlZj0iLyl-SG9tZTwwYT4gJnJhcXVvOyA8YSBocmVmPSlvcG9saWNpZXNhbmRtZWZdXJlcy8iPIBvbGljaWVzIGFuZCBnZWZdXJlcwvYT4gJnJhcXVvOyA8YSBocmVmPSlvcG9saWNpZXNhbmRtZWZdXJlcy9yZW5ld2FibGVlbmVyZ3kvlj5SZW5ld2FibGUgRW5lcmd5PC9hPjwvbmF2Pg>.

³⁶ Renewables in Argentina: Opportunities in a new business environment, PriceWaterhouseCoopers (Buenos Aires) September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com.ar/es/publicaciones/assets/renovar2-i.pdf>.

³⁷ Acuerdo productivo para las energías renovables que beneficia al Norte, Gobierno de Argentina (Argentina) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 25 October 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/acuerdo-productivo-para-las-energias-renovables-que-beneficia-al-norte>.

³⁸ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

³⁹ Argentina seeks to overtake Chile in South American lithium race, Reuters (Cauchari Olaroz) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/argentina-mining-lithium/corrected-feature-argentina-seeks-to-overtake-chile-in-south-america-lithium-race-idUSL8N1NJ6XJ>.

⁴⁰ Spotlight on Renewables, Economist Intelligence Unit (Argentina) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2017. <http://country.eiu.com/article.aspx?articleid=1856143569&Country=Argentina&topic=Economy>.

On 12 January 2018, Subsecretary of Renewable Energy of the Ministry of Energy and Mining of Argentina Sebastian Kind initiated a tender for the supply of Solar PV kits to 120,000 rural households, which includes low-power solar home kits and rechargeable solar lamps. This gives rural areas access to clean energy and equality of opportunity.⁴¹

Argentina has implemented policies and strategies which puts the country on a path towards sustainable development and innovation, aimed at mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Argentina has mobilized foreign and domestic investment into its energy market and has increased the market share of renewable energies.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sebastian Warma

Australia: -1

Australia has not complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency as the country has shifted its focus from investing in renewable energy and increasing the exportation of fossil fuels such as coal.

On 17 October 2017, the Australian government announced a New Energy Guarantee, stating that renewable energies, such as wind, hydro, and solar, will no longer be subsidized. Instead, the government will invest more in coal and gas resources.⁴²

On 12 November 2017, Australia attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.⁴³

On 15 February 2018, Australia released the Coalition Plan, which stated that retailers could defer 20 per cent of their emissions, and suggested a new emissions reduction target for the electricity sector of 26 per cent on 2005 levels by 2030. Penalties will be applied if market participants do not comply with the reduction target. Retailers who do not meet their requirement to supply sufficient reliable power to the market will have to meet the costs of the Australian Energy Market Operator.⁴⁴

Australia has not complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas. It has removed subsidies and investment towards renewable sources and increased gas emissions in 2017.

Thus, Australia receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Ioanna Karcas

⁴¹ Argentina launches tender for supply of 120,000 solar kits, PV magazine (Argentina) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.pv-magazine.com/2018/01/12/argentina-launches-tender-for-supply-of-120000-solar-kits/>.

⁴² Turnbull's new energy plan to reserve on-demand power and abolish subsidies for renewables, SBS News (Canberra) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.sbs.com.au/news/turnbull-s-new-energy-plan-to-reserve-on-demand-power-and-abolish-subsidies-for-renewables>.

⁴³ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

⁴⁴ Electricity retailers could defer emissions reductions under Coalition plan, The Guardian (Canberra) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/15/electricity-retailers-could-defer-emissions-reductions-under-coalition-plan>.

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency by investing in sustainable energy such as wind power and preserving the Amazon forest.

On 18 September 2017, Brazil's Ministry of Environment, the Global Environment Facility, the World Bank, the Brazilian Biodiversity Fund, Amazonia Live, and Conservation International launched a project to plant and add 73 million native trees to Brazil's Amazon by 2023. This project aims to help Brazil achieve its commitment to the Paris Agreement and mitigate the effects of greenhouse gases.⁴⁵

On 26 September 2017, the Brazilian government retracted an original plan to open the Renca reserve, an area of 17,800 square miles (or 46,000 square kilometers) in the Amazon Rainforest, for mining.⁴⁶

On 12 November 2017, Brazil attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.⁴⁷

On 2 December 2017, the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) approved a USD144 million fund for investing in sustainable energy. The funds from this program will be administered towards infrastructure projects involved with low carbon economy.⁴⁸

On 12 December 2017, the Brazilian Senate approved RenovaBio, a bill that will increase biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. The bill is expected to support Brazil's pledge towards the Paris agreement and help cut back on carbon emissions.⁴⁹

On 13 December 2017, the Chamber of Deputies of the Brazilian government rejected an amended bill, passed by the country's Senate on 12 December 2017, which would have resulted in oil companies maintaining a tax break from the government until 2040. The amended bill by the Senate was intended to suspend taxes on exploration, development, and production of fossil fuels for oil companies in Brazil.⁵⁰

On 17 December 2017, the Brazilian government awarded Enel Group, a multinational manufacturer and distributor of electricity and gas, a 20-year power supply contract. This new partnership provides

⁴⁵ Stronger forest protection key to Amazon replanting push — experts, Reuters (Rio de Janeiro) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-forest-planting/stronger-forest-protection-key-to-amazon-replanting-push-experts-idUSKCN1BT1NT>.

⁴⁶ Brazil backtracks on plan to open up Amazon forest to mining, The Guardian (Rio de Janeiro) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/sep/26/brazil-backtracks-on-plan-to-open-up-amazon-forest-to-mining>.

⁴⁷ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Brief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

⁴⁸ BNDES green lights USD 144m sustainable energy fund, Renewables Now 2 December 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://renewablesnow.com/news/bndes-greenlights-usd-144m-sustainable-energy-fund-549240/>.

⁴⁹ Brazil Senate passes bill to boost ethanol, biodiesel use, Reuters (Sao Paulo) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-ethanol-renovabio/brazil-senate-passes-bill-to-boost-ethanol-biodiesel-use-idUSKBN1E62M6>.

⁵⁰ Oil Companies in Brazil Will Keep Tax Breaks Until 2040, Rio Times (Sao Paulo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <http://riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/rio-business/oil-companies-in-brazil-will-get-tax-breaks-until-2040/>.

Enel Group with the rights to supply a new solar power PV project, and conversely, the group expects to invest nearly USD355 million to the construction of the plant.⁵¹

Brazil has implemented policies and strategies which puts the country on a path towards sustainable development and innovation, aimed at mitigating greenhouse gas emissions through increasing investment towards renewable energy, passing bills to support biofuels, and creating plans to preserve the Amazon Forest.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mary Nedumthalil

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 7 November 2017, Canada announced its participation in the International Energy Agency's "Clean Energy Transitions" Program, along with twelve other countries including Germany, the European Union, and the United Kingdom. The program will involve "deep and sustained partnerships with governments and will include collaborative analytical work, technical co-operation, training and capacity building, strategic dialogues, secondments and implementation of joint work programs."⁵²

On 12 November 2017, Canada attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.⁵³

On 14 November 2017, Minister of Natural Resources Jim Carr announced an investment of CAD5.3 million for seven projects to tackle methane emissions.⁵⁴ The investment will help Canada meet its target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

On 16 November 2017, Canada joined the "Powering Past Coal" alliance to phase out coal from power generation before 2030 in Bonn in collaboration with 15 other countries including the United Kingdom, Italy, and France.⁵⁵

On 16 November 2017, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Catherine McKenna, announced a CAD2.4 million investment in marine renewable energy (MRE) at the University of

⁵¹ Enel will build 388 MW of solar capacity in Brazil following renewables tender win, Enel Green Power Media (Rome) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.enelgreenpower.com/media/press/d/2017/12/enel-will-build-388-mw-of-solar-capacity-in-brazil-following-renewables-tender-win>.

⁵² IEA launches the Clean Energy Transitions Programme to support clean-energy development, IEA (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/november/iea-launches-the-clean-energy-transitions-programme-to-support-clean-energy-devel.html>.

⁵³ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Brief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

⁵⁴ Government of Canada invests in clean energy technology to reduce methane emissions, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/government_of_canadainvestsincleanenergytechnologytoreducemethan.html.

⁵⁵ At least 15 states join global alliance to phase out coal by 2030, Reuters (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climatechange-accord-coal/at-least-15-states-join-global-alliance-to-phase-out-coal-by-2030-idUSKBN1DG1AI>.

Victoria.⁵⁶ The funding will help support the innovative teaching and technology research on MRE, adoption of alternative technologies and create middle class jobs.⁵⁷

On 20 November 2017, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced a CAD155 million program that will fund clean technology projects in the areas of energy, mining and forestry, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The Clean Growth Program promotes territorial collaboration.⁵⁸ It focuses on reducing GHG emissions from natural resource operations, efficient energy use and productivity in natural resources operations, as well as the production and development of advanced materials and bio products in natural resource operations.⁵⁹

On 24 November 2017, Minister of Innovation Ahmed Hussen announced a CAD9.5 million investment for two Toronto-based companies to develop new solar power and energy grid technologies, and bring their technologies to market.⁶⁰ The investment is funded through Sustainable Development Technology Canada and is part of Canadian government's Innovation and Skills Plan.⁶¹

On 12 December 2017, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna attended the One Planet Summit hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron, the World Bank and the UN. The Summit aimed to mobilize public and private financing to fund the global transition to a carbon-free future. 50 world leaders, 4,000 other participants and 800 organizations attended the meeting.⁶²

On 15 December 2017, the Government of Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced CAD45 million contribution to the Green Municipal Fund. This fund will support grants and loans to environmental initiatives led by local governments across Ontario.⁶³

⁵⁶ Investing in clean energy technology to create jobs and help the environment, Western Economic Diversification of Canada (Victoria) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification/news/2017/11/investing_in_cleanenergytechnologytcreatejobsandhelptheenvironm.html.

⁵⁷ Investing in clean energy technology to create jobs and help the environment, Western Economic Diversification of Canada (Victoria) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/western-economic-diversification/news/2017/11/investing_in_cleanenergytechnologytcreatejobsandhelptheenvironm.html.

⁵⁸ New \$155-million clean growth program launched to address climate change, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/new_155-million_cleangrowthprogramlaunchedtoaddressclimatechange.html.

⁵⁹ New \$155-million clean growth program launched to address climate change, Natural Resources Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/new_155-million_cleangrowthprogramlaunchedtoaddressclimatechange.html.

⁶⁰ Investing in Ontario's clean tech industry will improve energy efficiency and cut greenhouse gases, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (Toronto) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/11/investing_in_ontarioscleantechindustrywillimproveenergyefficienc.html.

⁶¹ Investing in Ontario's clean tech industry will improve energy efficiency and cut greenhouse gases, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada (Toronto) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/11/investing_in_ontarioscleantechindustrywillimproveenergyefficienc.html.

⁶² 50 World Leaders Gather in Paris for Climate Summit, Huffington Post (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/one-planet-summit-trump-macron_us_5a2f8435e4b01598ac478e15.

⁶³ Communities across Ontario are taking action on climate change with \$45 million in funding from the Government of Canada and FCM, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (London) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://fcm.ca/home/programs/green-municipal-fund/gmf-news/2017/communities-across-ontario-are-taking-action-on-climate-change-with-45-million-in-funding-from-the-government-of-canada-and-fcm.html>.

On 24 January 2018, Minister Jim Carr announced a CAD182 million investment to increase energy efficiency and address climate change by improving, renovating, and constructing sustainable and energy efficient infrastructures.⁶⁴

On 24 January 2018, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed support for the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline that will transport bitumen from Alberta to refineries in Texas.⁶⁵

On 23 February 2018, the Government of Canada invested CAD4.3 million in British Columbia to bolster the electric vehicle charging and refueling infrastructure available around urban centers and apartment buildings.⁶⁶

Canada has taken actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency, and has taken effective measures to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions. It does, however, support the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Adolphus Lau and Alok Herath

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

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On 18 October 2017, at the 19th National Congress, President Xi Jinping announced China's Five-Year Plan to strengthen China's environmental reform, including structural plans to foster green innovation and green economy.⁶⁹ The strategy outlined four categories. Under the first category, "Promoting Green Development," the government established a legal and policy framework that promotes green production and consumption, and an economic structure that facilitates green, low-

⁶⁴ Government of Canada Invests in Healthier, Energy-efficient Homes and Buildings for Canadians, Newswire (Ottawa) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 25 January 2018. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-invests-in-healthier-energy-efficient-homes-and-buildings-for-canadians-670935893.html>.

⁶⁵ Trudeau welcomes Trump's Keystone XL decision, CBC (Ottawa) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/trudeau-cabinet-keystone-xl-1.3949754>.

⁶⁶ Government of Canada Supports Electric and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Infrastructure in B.C., Government of Canada (Burnaby) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2018/02/government-of-canada-supports-electric-and-alternative-fuel-vehicle-infrastructure-in-bc.html>.

⁶⁷ China aprueba financiación de US\$ 331 millones para un parque solar en Jujuy, Clarín (Argentina) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.clarin.com/economia/economia/china-aprueba-financiacion-us-331-millones-parque-solar-jujuy_0_Hy6LrDVIM.html.

⁶⁸ Spotlight on renewables, The Economist Intelligence Unit (Argentina) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://country.eiu.com/ArticleIndustry.aspx?articleid=1116146095&Country=Argentina&topic=Industry&subtopic=Energy>.

⁶⁹ Full text of Xi Jinping's report at 19th CPC National Congress, China Daily (Beijing) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017 http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/19thcpcnationalcongress/2017-11/04/content_34115212.html.

carbon and circular development.⁷⁰ The report also mentioned efforts to create a market-based system for green technology innovation, green finance, the development of energy-saving and environmental protection industries, and clean production and clean energy industries. The second category, “Solving prominent environmental problems,” enforces stricter pollutants discharge standards and increases the nation’s involvement in global environmental governance and fulfillment on emissions reduction.⁷¹

On 12 November 2017, China attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.⁷²

On 13 November 2017, the National Energy Administration (NEA) stated that China aims to reduce power waste generated by renewable energy sector by 2020.⁷³ It expects the utilization rate of hydropower plants should reach 90 per cent by 2017 and the wind power curtailment rate to drop to about 30 per cent in northwestern provinces in 2017.⁷⁴ The statement also said the NEA will promote power trade market and improve its cross-region power transmission capacity to boost renewable energy consumption and cut its coal dependence.⁷⁵

On 13 November 2017, the Government of China and the Indonesian Minister Ignasius Jonan signed an agreement at the fifth Indonesia-China Energy Forum (ICEF V) in Jakarta to bolster cooperation in the energy sector.⁷⁶ China and Indonesia both established a working group on new renewable energy, and electricity as well as a working group on oil, gas, and coal. Chinese companies have invested in oil and gas in Indonesia and have taken part in a 35,000 megawatt (MW) electricity program.⁷⁷

On 19 November 2017, China and Ukraine reached an agreement on increasing their cooperation in renewable energy by establishing joint factories for production of equipment and materials for renewable energy infrastructure and creating financing mechanisms for clean energy.⁷⁸

⁷⁰ Full text of Xi Jinping's report at 19th CPC National Congress, China Daily (Beijing) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017 http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/19thcpcnationalcongress/2017-11/04/content_34115212.html.

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⁷² Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

⁷³ China aims to stop renewable energy being wasted by 2020, Reuters (Beijing) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-renewables-waste/china-aims-to-stop-renewable-energy-being-wasted-by-2020-idUSKBN1DD136>.

⁷⁴ China aims to stop renewable energy being wasted by 2020, Reuters (Beijing) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-renewables-waste/china-aims-to-stop-renewable-energy-being-wasted-by-2020-idUSKBN1DD136>.

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⁷⁶ Indonesia, China sign agreement on energy, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/11/13/indonesia-china-sign-agreement-on-energy.html>.

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⁷⁸ China, Ukraine agree to deepen cooperation in renewable energy, Xinhua (Kiev) 18 November 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/18/c_136761193.html.

On 18 December 2017, the National Development and Reform Commission launched an Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) seeking to integrate prior ETS pilot projects across 9 provinces. It aims to limit the carbon output of businesses operating within these 9 regions via carbon trading.⁷⁹

On 28 December 2017, the Vehicle Technology Service Center stated that the country will suspend and halt the production of 553 passenger vehicles that do not meet the government's fuel consumption standards. The suspension is part of the effort to push for green vehicles and transport.⁸⁰

On 5 March 2018, Premier Li Keqiang said that China would cut energy consumption per unit of gross domestic product by 3 per cent and continue to target emissions of sulphur dioxide and other greenhouses across all industries.⁸¹

China has taken actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency, and has taken effective measures to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Adolphus Lau and Alok Herath

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 4-5 September 2017, the Secretary of State to the Ministry for Ecological and Solidarity Transition met with the State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Construction and Nuclear in Berlin to discuss the swift implementation of the Paris Agreement at the European level. They shared the desire to see the facilitative dialogue of the 24th Conference of the Parties (COP) to raise ambition.⁸²

On 6 September 2017, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Nicolas Hulot presented a bill putting an end to the exploration and exploitation of conventional and unconventional hydrocarbons.⁸³

On 12 November 2017, France attended the 23rd COP meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the

⁷⁹ China aims for emission trading scheme in big step vs. global warming, Reuters (Beijing) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-carbon/china-aims-for-emission-trading-scheme-in-big-step-vs-global-warming-idUSKBN1ED0R6>.

⁸⁰ China stops producing 553 auto models over fuel consumption, China Daily (Beijing) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 25 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201801/02/WS5a4afc5fa31008cf16da4a17.html>.

⁸¹ NPC 2018: China to step up fight against emissions, pollution in bid to protect 'blue skies', 'green land', Straits Times (Beijing) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/npc-2018-chinas-ramps-up-coal-steel-output-cuts-to-defend-blue-skies>.

⁸² Seminar of work between the French and German Ministries of the Environment in Berlin, Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire (Paris) September 4, 2017. Access Date: December 13, 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/seminaire-travail-entre-ministeres-francais-et-allemand-lenvironnement-berlin>.

⁸³ France, the first country to prohibit exploitation of hydrocarbons, République Française (France) 7 September 2017. Access Date: November 14, 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/france-the-first-country-to-prohibit-exploitation-of-hydrocarbons>.

US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.⁸⁴ President Emmanuel Macron stated that France aims to close down all coal-fired power plants by 2021 so as to reduce France's greenhouse gas levels.⁸⁵

On 16 November 2017, France joined the “Powering Past Coal” alliance to phase out coal from power generation before 2030 in Bonn in collaboration with 15 other countries including the United Kingdom, Italy, and Canada.⁸⁶

On 12 December 2017, President Macron hosted the One Planet Summit with 50 heads of state and government in attendance to “explore ways of innovating, supporting and accelerating” the common fight against climate change.⁸⁷ President Macron, President of the World Bank Group, Jim Yong Kim, and the Secretary-General of the UN, Antonio Guterres, each promoted one section of climate change during the summit: Adaptation, Mitigation, Mobilization. The final summit declarations include decisions on three main areas: “financing adaptation of our lifestyles to inevitable transformations, further speeding up the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and ensuring that climate issues are central to the finance sector.”⁸⁸

On 12 December 2017, President Macron announced “Make Our Planet Great Again” grants of up to EUR1.5 million to eighteen climate scientists from the United States and elsewhere to continue climate research.⁸⁹

On 5 March 2018, France called on European Union nations to adopt a regional carbon price floor for power generators to promote a shift away from coal to climate-friendly fuels.⁹⁰

On 11 March 2018, President Macron pledged over USD850 million for solar projects in emerging economies as both India and France called for affordable solar technology for emerging nations at the first conference of the International Solar Alliance held in New Delhi, which was co-founded by both countries in 2016 on the sidelines of the Paris climate summit to boost the use of solar power, countering the impact of climate change.⁹¹

⁸⁴ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

⁸⁵ France and UK vow to make up for Trump's withdrawal of climate change funding, The Independent (Germany) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/trump-climate-change-funding-france-uk-vow-make-up-money-paris-agreement-a8057546.html>.

⁸⁶ At least 15 states join global alliance to phase out coal by 2030, Reuters (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climatechange-accord-coal/at-least-15-states-join-global-alliance-to-phase-out-coal-by-2030-idUSKBN1DG1AI>.

⁸⁷ One Planet Summit, France Diplomatie (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/climate/one-planet-summit/>.

⁸⁸ 12 International Commitments, France Diplomatie (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/oneplanetsummit-dp-engagements-en_cle88d5e4.pdf.

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⁹⁰ France calls on EU nations to adopt carbon price floor, Reuters (Brussels) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-eu-carbon/france-calls-on-eu-nations-to-adopt-carbon-price-floor-idUSKBN1GH2QA>.

⁹¹ India, France Call for Affordable Solar Technology to Address Climate Change, VOA (New Delhi) 11 March 2018. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.voanews.com/a/french-president-pokes-at-trump-for-leaving-paris-accord/4291604.html>.

France has taken actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency, and has taken effective measures to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ioanna Karcas

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 10 July 2017, the Government of Germany announced that Jochen Flasbarth, Deputy Environment Minister, will hold talks with Turkey about acquiring money for the UN Green Climate Fund, in an effort to help Turkey adapt to climate change and encourage the ratification of the 2015 Paris Agreement.⁹²

On 3 August 2017, the Wind Energy Renewable Energy Resource Areas (YEKA), a Turkish-German consortium, under the leadership of Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Berat Albayrak, won the bid to provide energy for a 1000-megawatt wind power plant, and invest over USD1 billion into wind facilities. Additional wind turbines will be built in Turkey for a reduced cost.⁹³

On 28 August 2017, the energy ministers of India and Germany signed an agreement under the Indo-German Energy Programme (IGEN) on technical cooperation.⁹⁴ Both ministries committed to work together to advance integration of renewable energies by improving market mechanisms, use human capacities in integrating renewable energies more efficiently, and develop “technical and institutional conditions” at a regional and national level.⁹⁵

In September 2017, the German Research Centre for Geosciences worked with Indonesia’s Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology and Pertamina Geothermal Energy to commission a geothermal low-temperature demonstration power plant in North Sulawesi, Indonesia.⁹⁶ The demonstration plant will efficiently generate electric power by cooling the

⁹² German official to hold talks with Turkey on climate issue, Associated Press (Berlin) 10 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.apnews.com/c35d50875b31473e8760f3798723fb06>.

⁹³ Turkish-German consortium awarded \$1B worth wind power plant contract, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/08/03/turkish-german-consortium-awarded-1b-worth-wind-power-plant-contract>.

⁹⁴ MNRE & GIZ Signs Agreement to Improve Framework Conditions for Grid Integration of Renewable Energies, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 28 August 2016. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

⁹⁵ MNRE & GIZ Signs Agreement to Improve Framework Conditions for Grid Integration of Renewable Energies, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 28 August 2016. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

⁹⁶ Commissioning of the geothermal low-temperature demonstration power plant in Lahendong, Indonesia, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences (Potsdam) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/en/media-communication/news/details/article/inbetriebnahme-des-geothermischen-niedertemperatur-demonstrationskraftwerks-in-lahendong-indonesien/>.

temperature of unused geothermal brine. Its aim is to provide wide-range energy application in Indonesia. The Ministry of Education and Research funded the demonstration power plant.⁹⁷

On 4-5 September 2017, the State Secretary of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Construction and Nuclear met with the Secretary of State to the French Ministry for Ecological and Solidarity Transition in Berlin, to discuss the swift implementation of the Paris Agreement at the European level.⁹⁸ They shared the desire to see the facilitative dialogue of COP24 to raise ambition.⁹⁹

On 23 October 2017, German state-owned rail company Deutsche Bahn, which is the largest energy consumer in Germany, announced plans to reduce CO2 emissions by 50 per cent by 2030.¹⁰⁰

On 6 November 2017, the German government added an additional EUR100 million of funding “to support developing countries in climate change adaptation.”¹⁰¹ The Federal Environment Ministry also pledged EUR50 million to the Adaptation Fund, and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development pledged the contribution of a further EUR50 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund to support adaptation.¹⁰²

On 7 November 2017, Germany announced its participation in the International Energy Agency’s “Clean Energy Transitions” Program, along with twelve other members including Canada, the European Union, and the United Kingdom.¹⁰³ Germany will contribute EUR3.5 million.¹⁰⁴ The program will involve “deep and sustained partnerships with governments and will include

⁹⁷ Commissioning of the geothermal low-temperature demonstration power plant in Lahendong, Indonesia, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences (Potsdam) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/en/media-communication/news/details/article/inbetriebnahme-des-geothermischen-niedertemperatur-demonstrationskraftwerks-in-lahendong-indonesien/>.

⁹⁸ Seminar of work between the French and German Ministries of the Environment in Berlin, Ministre de la Transition écologique et solidaire (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/seminaire-travail-entre-ministeres-francais-et-allemand-lenvironnement-berlin>.

⁹⁹ Seminar of work between the French and German Ministries of the Environment in Berlin, Ministre de la Transition écologique et solidaire (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/seminaire-travail-entre-ministeres-francais-et-allemand-lenvironnement-berlin>.

¹⁰⁰ German rail company ratchets up climate ambition ahead of UN climate conference, Clean Wire Energy (Berlin) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.cleanenergywire.org/news/german-rail-ratchets-climate-ambition-morals-climate-policy/german-rail-company-ratchets-climate-ambition-ahead-un-climate-conference>.

¹⁰¹ UN Climate Change Conference begins: Germany supports developing countries in climate change adaptation, BMU (Berlin) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/weltklimakonferenz-startet-deutschland-unterstuetzt-entwicklungslaender-bei-klima-anpassung/>.

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collaborative analytical work, technical co-operation, training and capacity building, strategic dialogues, secondments and implementation of joint work programs.”¹⁰⁵

On 11 November 2017, the German government announced a new initiative with the Marshall Islands “intended to advance the development of low-emission maritime shipping.”¹⁰⁶ The German Environment Ministry will contribute EUR9.5 million to this initiative.¹⁰⁷

On 12 November 2017, Germany attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties in Bonn, Germany to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁰⁸

On 15 November 2017, the German government announced a new program with Spain, the European Commission and the UN Development Program to “support countries in making progress on their commitments under the Paris Agreement.”¹⁰⁹ The program aims to fortify “a global alliance assisting developing countries and emerging economies to implement their NDCs and related development objectives, fast and effectively.”¹¹⁰

On 16 November 2017, the German government renewed its commitment to the Kyoto Protocol second commitment period.¹¹¹ This step made the greenhouse gas emission targets “binding in European and international law.”¹¹²

On 16 November 2017, the German International Climate Initiative and Miguel Arias Canete, European Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, launched new EU strategic partnerships for the implementation of the Paris Agreement to scale up European climate policy collaboration with

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¹⁰⁶ Germany supports the Marshall Islands in development of low-emission shipping, BMU (Berlin) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/deutschland-unterstuetzt-marshall-islands-bei-der-entwicklung-von-emissionsarmer-seeschifffahrt/>.

¹⁰⁷ Germany supports the Marshall Islands in development of low-emission shipping, BMU (Berlin) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/deutschland-unterstuetzt-marshall-islands-bei-der-entwicklung-von-emissionsarmer-seeschifffahrt/>.

¹⁰⁸ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

¹⁰⁹ UNDP, Germany, Spain and EU launch EUR 42 million programme at UN Climate Summit to help countries deliver on the Paris Agreement, UNDP (Bonn) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/undp-germany-spain-eu-launch-eur-42-million-programme-un-climate-summit.html>.

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other major economies.¹¹³ The program will be co-funded by EU's Partnership Instrument. Germany will provide EUR5 million while the European commission will provide EUR20 million.¹¹⁴

On 27 November 2017, Germany hosted the first meeting of G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue.¹¹⁵ At the meeting, representatives of large companies and research institutes outlined how they plan to “significantly reduce the consumption of their own raw materials in certain production processes and in the design of their range of products by applying the principles of circular economy.”¹¹⁶

On 12 December 2017, Federal Environment Minister Barbara Hendricks attended the One Planet Summit hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron, the World Bank and the UN. The Summit aimed to mobilize public and private financing to fund the global transition to a carbon-free future. 50 world leaders, 4,000 other participants and 800 organizations attended the Summit.¹¹⁷

On 17 January 2018, European Union members reached an agreement with the European Parliament with relation to the implementation of the Paris agreement.¹¹⁸ Under the effort sharing regulation, a binding climate target trajectory will be set out for each member state that will culminate in their national 2030 target.¹¹⁹ The new regulation provides Germany with a target for a 38 per cent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 relative to 2005 levels. The German target is consistent with the Climate Action Plan 2050, which seeks a 55 per cent reduction by 2030 relative to 1990.¹²⁰

Germany has taken real steps in working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and contribute to the development of clean, sustainable, efficient energy policy.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

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¹¹³ EU scales up cooperation with other major economies to implement Paris Agreement, promote global energy transition, European Commission (Brussels) 16 November 2017, Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-countries-trigger-entry-force-kigali-amendment-montreal-protocol_en.

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¹¹⁷ 50 World Leaders Gather in Paris for Climate Summit, Huffington Post (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/one-planet-summit-trump-macron_us_5a2f8435e4b01598ac478e15.

¹¹⁸ Europe is moving forward with the implementation of the Paris Agreement, BMU (Berlin) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/europa-geht-voran-bei-der-umsetzung-des-pariser-abkommens/>.

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India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 21 July 2017, Minister of Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines Shri Piyush Goyal signed Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) for the purchase of 1050 megawatts (MW) of wind power.¹²¹ The PPAs were signed by PTC India Ltd, a power trading solutions company, and the Government of India. This was conducted under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy's first wind auction plans scheme.¹²² Minister Goyal proposed monthly wind energy bids to induce "healthy competition and affordable power for all through increase in sale."¹²³ He noted the merit of renewable power generated in India with greater job creation relative to power generated through conventional energy.¹²⁴

On 27 July 2017, the Government of India issued a press release stating that it is implementing the Ethanol Blended Petrol Programme as part of its national policy on biofuels.¹²⁵ The program requires oil-marketing companies to sell ethanol-blended petrol consisting of up to 10 per cent of ethanol.¹²⁶

On 27 July 2017, the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) announced that it would utilize USD100 million provided by the World Bank for the "development of internal infrastructure of solar parks."¹²⁷ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy stated that this loan would be directed to interested solar power park developers through IREDA.¹²⁸ The World Bank is also providing roof-top solar developers with low cost financing under a USD625 million Programme for Results to be allocated to the State Bank of India.¹²⁹ This plan is aimed "to significantly expand the programme of rooftop [solar panels] across India" by expanding the capacity of the solar panel industry.¹³⁰

On 8 August 2017, Minister Goyal stated that the Government of India is planning for the entire country to replace conventional cars with electric cars.¹³¹ He stated that the Indian government planned for the country to have "only electric [cars] by 2030...existing cars may take a longer to

¹²¹ PPAs Signed for First Wind Auction Totalling 1050 MW, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

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¹²⁵ Implementation of Bio-Fuel Scheme, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

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¹²⁷ World Bank Loan for Solar Projects, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

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¹³¹ India to sell only electric cars by 2030, The Hindu (India) 18 August 2017. Date of Access: 1 November 2017. <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/india-to-sell-only-electric-vehicles-by-2030-piyush-goyal/article19516175.ece>.

replace. But the government is working on a framework to see what we can do on promoting electric [vehicles].”¹³² To facilitate this, Sri Piyush Goyal stated that the Indian government will subsidize electric cars for several years before “the cost of electric vehicle will start paying for themselves.”¹³³

On 10 August 2017, Minister Goyal stated that the Government of India increased the national solar mission target of grid connected solar power projects from 20 GW by 2022 to 100 GW by 2022.¹³⁴ To achieve this, the Indian government launched a number of planned targets to advance solar energy including the development of solar parks, grid-connected solar panel power projects, and grid-connected solar rooftop power plants.¹³⁵

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On 11 October 2017, India and Japan announced a deal that will create long term liquefied natural gas (LNG) deals more affordable to their consumers. This deal will allow India’s state-run GAIL India Ltd. swap a part of its 5.8 million tons of LNG with Japanese power groups, which will lead to better terms.¹³⁸

On 4 November 2017, the Ministry of Renewable Energy funded the construction of the Biaras Small Hydro Power Project.¹³⁹ The project was funded by the Ministry as part of India’s Ladakh

¹³² Aiming all electric car fleet in country by 2030: Goyal, The Times of India (Mumbai) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/aiming-all-electric-car-fleet-in-country-by-2030-goyal/articleshow/59971593.cms>.

¹³³ India to sell only electric cars by 2030, The Hindu (India) 18 August 2017. Date of Access: 1 November 2017. <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/karnataka/india-to-sell-only-electric-vehicles-by-2030-piyush-goyal/article19516175.ece>.

¹³⁴ Solar Energy Installed Capacity Touched 13652 MW, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

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¹³⁹ 1.5 MW Small Hydro Power Plant in Biaras Drass, Kargil (J&K) becomes first project to be commissioned under Prime Minister’s Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

Renewable Energy Initiative.¹⁴⁰ The purpose of the hydro power plant is to generate renewable energy for the town of Drass in Kargil.¹⁴¹

On 12 November 2017, India attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁴²

On 17 and 18 January 2018, Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy Shri Raj Kumar Singh attended the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Forum at the World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2018 in Abu Dhabi.¹⁴³ WFES 2018 aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing among energy ministers of ISA member countries to advance “solar energy for universal energy access.”¹⁴⁴ During his keynote address, Minister Singh announced USD350 million in funding by the Government of India for solar projects.¹⁴⁵

On 31 January 2018, IREDA signed an agreement with Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL) to fund two solar parks in Madhya Pradesh, India.¹⁴⁶ The development of solar parks will contribute to the Indian government’s goal of achieve its target of adding 100 GW of solar capacity by 2022.¹⁴⁷

On 10 March 2018, IREDA signed a loan agreement with the European Investment Bank for a second line of credit.¹⁴⁸ The EUR150 million line of credit will be allocated towards funding “renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in India.”¹⁴⁹

¹⁴⁰ 1.5 MW Small Hydro Power Plant in Biaras Drass, Kargil (J&K) becomes first project to be commissioned under Prime Minister's Ladakh Renewable Energy Initiative, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

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¹⁴⁷ Ireda and Rumsl Signs Agreement for Large-Scale Solar Parks in Madhya Pradesh, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

¹⁴⁸ IREDA & European Investment Bank sign Eur 150 million Loan Agreement for Renewable Energy Financing in India, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 March 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

¹⁴⁹ IREDA & European Investment Bank sign Eur 150 million Loan Agreement for Renewable Energy Financing in India, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 March 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

India has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency and has taken steps in implementing other ways of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sharika Khan

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

In September 2017, the Agency for the Assessment and Application of Technology and Pertamina Geothermal Energy partnered with the GFZ German Research Centre to commission a geothermal low-temperature demonstration power plant in North Sulawesi, Indonesia.¹⁵⁰ The demonstration plant will efficiently generate electric power by cooling the temperature of unused geothermal brine. Its aim is to provide wide-range energy application in Indonesia. The German Ministry of Education and Research funded the demonstration power plant.¹⁵¹

On 12 October 2017, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Ignasius Jonan announced that Indonesia “will not approve any new coal-fired power stations” on the island of Java.¹⁵² The Government of Indonesia resumed strategies of establishing “high voltage undersea power cables” between the islands of Sumatra, Java, and Bali. This is aimed to allow the islands to share power sources.¹⁵³

On 12 November 2017, Indonesia attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁵⁴

On 13 November 2017, Minister Jonan signed an agreement with the Government of China at the fifth Indonesia-China Energy Forum (ICEF V) in Jakarta to bolster cooperation in the energy sector. Indonesia and China both established a working group on new renewable energy, and electricity as

¹⁵⁰ Commissioning of the geothermal low-temperature demonstration power plant in Lahendong, Indonesia, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences (Potsdam) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/en/media-communication/news/details/article/inbetriebnahme-des-geothermischen-niedertemperatur-demonstrationskraftwerks-in-lahendong-indonesien/>.

¹⁵¹ Commissioning of the geothermal low-temperature demonstration power plant in Lahendong, Indonesia, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences (Potsdam) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gfz-potsdam.de/en/media-communication/news/details/article/inbetriebnahme-des-geothermischen-niedertemperatur-demonstrationskraftwerks-in-lahendong-indonesien/>.

¹⁵² No new coal power stations in Java, Indonesia energy minister says, Reuters (Jakarta) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/indonesia-power-coal/no-new-coal-power-stations-in-java-indonesia-energy-minister-says-idUSL4N1MN4ZI>.

¹⁵³ No new coal power stations in Java, Indonesia energy minister says, Reuters (Jakarta) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/indonesia-power-coal/no-new-coal-power-stations-in-java-indonesia-energy-minister-says-idUSL4N1MN4ZI>.

¹⁵⁴ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

well as a working group on oil, gas, and coal. Chinese companies have invested in oil and gas in Indonesia and have taken part in a 35,000 megawatt (MW) electricity program.¹⁵⁵

On 27 January 2018, Indonesia signed an intergovernmental agreement with Pakistan to secure exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Indonesia's state-owned energy company, Pertamina, and Pakistan's state-owned energy company, Pakistan LNG Ltd., signed the agreement.¹⁵⁶ The value of the agreement is USD6.4 billion.¹⁵⁷

On 28 January 2018, Indonesia signed a letter of intent with Bangladesh to secure exports of LNG.¹⁵⁸ Indonesia's state-owned energy company, Pertamina, and Bangladesh's state-owned energy company, Petrobangla, signed the agreement.¹⁵⁹ Indonesia is expected to export about 17.5 million tonnes of LNG to Bangladesh by 2025.¹⁶⁰

Indonesia has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. However, Indonesia has also taken steps to secure the exportation of LNG to Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sharika Khan

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency

On 24 October 2017, the Italian government announced that the country will aim to phase out all coal-fire power by 2025.¹⁶¹

On 10 November 2017, Italy released its National Energy Strategy, which sets a number of targets including 28 per cent total renewable energy consumption by 2030, 55 per cent renewable electricity consumption by 2030, total decarbonization by 2050, and increase of investment in clean energy

¹⁵⁵ Indonesia, China sign agreement on energy, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/11/13/indonesia-china-sign-agreement-on-energy.html>.

¹⁵⁶ Pertamina to distribute LNG to Bangladesh, Pakistan, Antara News (Jakarta) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/114472/pertamina-to-distribute-lng-to-bangladesh-pakistan>.

¹⁵⁷ Pertamina to distribute LNG to Bangladesh, Pakistan, Antara News (Jakarta) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/114472/pertamina-to-distribute-lng-to-bangladesh-pakistan>.

¹⁵⁸ Bangladesh signs deal with Indonesia for LNG imports, Reuters (Dhaka) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://in.reuters.com/article/bangladesh-lng-indonesia/bangladesh-signs-deal-with-indonesia-for-lng-imports-idINKBN1FH0IO>.

¹⁵⁹ Bangladesh signs deal with Indonesia for LNG imports, Reuters (Dhaka) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://in.reuters.com/article/bangladesh-lng-indonesia/bangladesh-signs-deal-with-indonesia-for-lng-imports-idINKBN1FH0IO>.

¹⁶⁰ Bangladesh signs deal with Indonesia for LNG imports, Reuters (Dhaka) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://in.reuters.com/article/bangladesh-lng-indonesia/bangladesh-signs-deal-with-indonesia-for-lng-imports-idINKBN1FH0IO>.

¹⁶¹ Italy sets sights on 2025 coal power phase-out, business green (Italy) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://www.businessgreen.com/bg/news/3019766/italy-sets-sights-on-2025-coal-power-phase-out>.

technology research and development.¹⁶² Italy aims to invest EUR444 million by 2021 and an additional EUR175 billion by 2030 in renewable energy.¹⁶³

On 12 November 2017, Italy attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁶⁴

On 16 November 2017, Italy joined the “Powering Past Coal” alliance to phase out coal from power generation before 2030 in Bonn in collaboration with 15 other countries including the United Kingdom, France, and Canada.¹⁶⁵

On 1 February 2018, Rome’s La Sapienza University and Mohammed V University in Morocco, with the sponsorship of the Italian renewable energy company, Green Power Energy Group, signed an agreement that will have engineering students’ focus on research for alternative sources of energy.¹⁶⁶

On 22 February 2018, the Italian government implemented an EU directive on the reduction of national emissions and atmospheric pollutants.¹⁶⁷

Italy has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing investments in renewable energy, increasing energy output from renewable sources and increased federal funding for climate research.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joshua F. Rossetti

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 8 August 2017, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry announced that it will collaborate with the Ministry of the Environment to run carbon offset campaigns in National Parks and World Natural Heritage Sites.¹⁶⁸ This campaign offsets carbon dioxide emissions from visitor centers and sightseeing ships, and authorized vehicles that substitute private car use in the National Parks by

¹⁶² National Energy Strategy 2017, Ministero Dell’ambiente (Rome) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.minambiente.it/comunicati/strategia-energetica-nazionale-2017>.

¹⁶³ National Energy Strategy 2017, Ministero Dell’ambiente (Rome) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.minambiente.it/comunicati/strategia-energetica-nazionale-2017>.

¹⁶⁴ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

¹⁶⁵ At least 15 states join global alliance to phase out coal by 2030, Reuters (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climatechange-accord-coal/at-least-15-states-join-global-alliance-to-phase-out-coal-by-2030-idUSKBN1DG1AI>.

¹⁶⁶ Morocco-Italy agreement on renewable energy research, Ansa Med (Rabat) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/regions/lazio/2018/02/01/morocco-italy-agreement-on-renewable-energy-research_711fe0af-32db-4954-988e-42d440ff6697.html.

¹⁶⁷ Approvato in CDM lo Schema di Decreto di Riduzione delle Emissioni Inquinanti, Ministero Dell’ambiente (Rome) 22 February 2018. Access Date 6 March 2018. <http://www.minambiente.it/comunicati/approvato-cdm-lo-schema-di-decreto-di-riduzione-delle-emissioni-inquinanti>.

¹⁶⁸ Carbon offset campaigns targeting Japan’s National Parks and World Natural Heritage sites start this summer, the Ministry of Economy (Japan) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/0808_001.html.

using carbon dioxide emission reduction credits produced near the National Parks.¹⁶⁹ The first campaign will run during August 2017 in six national parks in Hokkaido Prefecture, and a series of similar campaigns will continue across Japan.¹⁷⁰

On 11 October 2017, Japan and India announced a deal that will create long term liquefied natural gas (LNG) deals more affordable to their consumers. This deal will allow India's state-run GAIL India Ltd. To swap a part of its 5.8 million tons of LNG with Japanese power groups, which will lead to better terms.¹⁷¹

On 17 October 2017, Japan announced that it will offer USD10 billion to support joint private enterprises and government projects that will create LNG infrastructure and supply more LNG.¹⁷² This budget will also go towards other developing countries within Asia, in hopes of spurring demand for LNG.¹⁷³

On 12 November 2017, Japan attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties (COP) meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁷⁴

On 15 November 2017, Minister of the Environment Masaharu Nakagawa announced Japan's Assistance Initiatives to Address Climate Change 2017 at COP23 in Bonn.¹⁷⁵ To improve transparency of information on climate change measures taken by each country and to provide driving force for implementing the Paris Agreement, Japan proposed the establishment of the "Partnership to increase Transparency for Co-Innovation" joined by developing countries and international organizations.¹⁷⁶ In addition, he stated that Japan will contribute USD5 million to the "Capacity-building Initiative for Transparency," launch "GOSAT-2," a satellite to monitor the amount of greenhouse gas emissions worldwide in 2018, and establish "the Asia-Pacific Climate

¹⁶⁹ Carbon offset campaigns targeting Japan's National Parks and World Natural Heritage sites start this summer, the Ministry of Economy (Japan) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018.

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/0808_001.html.

¹⁷⁰ Carbon offset campaigns targeting Japan's National Parks and World Natural Heritage sites start this summer, the Ministry of Economy (Japan) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018.

http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/0808_001.html.

¹⁷¹ India, Japan to team up to get more flexible LNG deals, Reuters (New Delhi) 11 October, 2017. Access Date: 5 November, 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-india-japan-lng/india-japan-to-team-up-to-get-more-flexible-lng-deals-idUSKBN1CG2DD>.

¹⁷² Japan to offer \$10 billion to back Asia LNG infrastructure push. Reuters. 17 October, 2017. Access Date: 5 November, 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-lng-japan-meti/japan-to-offer-10-billion-to-back-asia-lng-infrastructure-push-idUSKBN1CN01M?il=0>.

¹⁷³ Japan to offer \$10 billion to back Asia LNG infrastructure push, Reuters (Tokyo) 17 October, 2017. Access Date: 5 November, 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-lng-japan-meti/japan-to-offer-10-billion-to-back-asia-lng-infrastructure-push-idUSKBN1CN01M?il=0>.

¹⁷⁴ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

¹⁷⁵ Statement by Masaharu Nakagawa, Minister of the Environment of Japan, at COP 23, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/171115.html>.

¹⁷⁶ Statement by Masaharu Nakagawa, Minister of the Environment of Japan at COP 23, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/171115.html>.

Change Adaptation Platform,” which provides the basis for information on climate change risks and adaptation measures.¹⁷⁷

On 12 January 2018, the Japanese government allowed Chugoku Electric Power to build of a new coal power plant, challenging Japan’s abilities to meet its climate goals.¹⁷⁸

On 5 March 2018, 11 companies, including three major automakers such as Toyota Motor Corp., and six major energy companies such as JXTG Nippon Oil & Energy, jointly founded the government-backed Japan H2 Mobility (JHyM).¹⁷⁹ This government-backed initiative aims to establish 80 new hydrogen refueling stations for carbon dioxide emission-free fuel cell vehicles by 2021, with the support of state-owned Development Bank of Japan.¹⁸⁰ The Japanese government also hopes to increase the number of fuel cell vehicles from 2,000 to 40,000 by 2020, shifting to a carbon-free society.¹⁸¹

Japan has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. However, Japan has also increased funding and demand for LNG related projects.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ayana Sunami

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 22 October 2017, President Moon Jae In announced that the Korean government would continue to phase out nuclear energy, stop all constructions for nuclear plants, and increase usage of natural gas and renewables.¹⁸²

On 12 November 2017, Korea attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁸³

¹⁷⁷ Statement by Masaharu Nakagawa, Minister of the Environment of Japan, at COP 23, Ministry of the Environment, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.env.go.jp/en/focus/171115.html>.

¹⁷⁸ Japan to allow new coal power plant but demand cuts elsewhere, Nikkei Review (Tokyo) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics-Economy/Policy-Politics/Japan-to-allow-new-coal-power-plant-but-demand-cuts-elsewhere>.

¹⁷⁹ Fuel cell cars in for a lift as Japan looks to expand infrastructure, Nikkei Asian Review (Tokyo) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Trends/Fuel-cell-cars-in-for-a-lift-as-japan-looks-to-expand-infrastructure>.

¹⁸⁰ Japan's top auto and energy firms tie up to promote development of hydrogen stations, Japan Times (Tokyo) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/03/05/business/japans-top-auto-energy-firms-tie-promote-development-hydrogen-stations/#.WqAO2GZ1BE5>.

¹⁸¹ Japan's top auto and energy firms tie up to promote development of hydrogen stations, Japan Times (Japan) 5 March, 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/03/05/business/japans-top-auto-energy-firms-tie-promote-development-hydrogen-stations/#.WqAO2GZ1BE5>.

¹⁸² South Korea’s Moon Jae In says will continue phasing out nuclear power, Straits Times (Seoul) 22 October 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <http://www.straitstimes.com/asia/east-asia/south-koreas-moon-jae-in-says-will-continue-phasing-out-nuclear-power>.

On 20 December 2017, Paik Ungyu, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy announced detailed plans for a KRW110 trillion project that aims to increase the ratio of renewable energy from the current 7 per cent to 20 per cent by 2030.¹⁸⁴ With this project, the government plans to invest KRW18 trillion in providing loans to small power providers and subsidies for solar panel operators, while state energy firms and private sectors will invest KRW51 trillion and KRW41 trillion, respectively, to build new facilities.¹⁸⁵ Minister Paik further explained that over 60 per cent of the fund will be spent on installing solar panels in rural areas, while 34 per cent will go into building wind farms, mostly in the coastal regions.¹⁸⁶ As part of the first stage implementation, provincial governments will also designate eco-friendly energy complexes to add 5GW power capacity in the next five years.¹⁸⁷

On 4 January 2018, President Moon announced a pledge to revive Korea's shipbuilding sector, starting with liquified natural gas (LNG) carriers.¹⁸⁸ This will effectively create more orders and demand for LNG within Korea.¹⁸⁹

On 21 January 2018, the Northern Economic Cooperation Committee and Russia's Ministry for the Development of Russian Far East agreed to boost the import of Russian LNG in Korea.¹⁹⁰

On 12 February 2018, state-run company Korea Hydro & Nuclear Power (KHNP) announced that it will build the country's largest floating solar farm on Hwaseong Lake in the west coast as an eco-friendly energy source.¹⁹¹ This KRW220 billion project is part of KHNP's KRW10 trillion investment in renewable energy sources by 2030.¹⁹²

On 28 February 2018, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy announced that it will temporarily close five coal power plants from March to June 2018 as part of the Moon administration's energy plan, which aims to shift from coal and nuclear power sources to renewable energy.¹⁹³

¹⁸³ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

¹⁸⁴ Korea to invest W110tr in renewable energy sources by 2030, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171220000593>.

¹⁸⁵ Korea to invest W110tr in renewable energy sources by 2030, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171220000593>.

¹⁸⁶ Korea to invest W110tr in renewable energy sources by 2030, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171220000593>.

¹⁸⁷ Korea to invest W110tr in renewable energy sources by 2030, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171220000593>.

¹⁸⁸ South Korea offers backing for LNG-fuelled newbuilds, LNG World Shipping (Seoul) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. http://www.lngworldshipping.com/news/view,south-korea-offers-backing-for-lngfuelled-newbuilds_50351.html.

¹⁸⁹ South Korea offers backing for LNG-fuelled newbuilds, LNG World Shipping (Seoul) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. http://www.lngworldshipping.com/news/view,south-korea-offers-backing-for-lngfuelled-newbuilds_50351.html.

¹⁹⁰ South Korea plans to boost LNG imports from Russia, China Daily (Vladivostok) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 27 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201801/24/WS5a6824b6a3106e7dcc1364b3.html>.

¹⁹¹ S. Korea to build floating solar farm on western coast, Yonhap News (Seoul) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2018/02/12/0302000000AEN20180212005900320.html>.

¹⁹² S. Korea to build floating solar farm on western coast, Yonhap News (Seoul) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2018/02/12/0302000000AEN20180212005900320.html>.

¹⁹³ S. Korea to suspend aged coal plants in spring, Yonhap News (Seoul) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2018/02/28/0200000000AEN20180228003300320.html>.

Korea has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. However, Korea has also increased funding and demand for LNG related projects which will increase greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, Korea receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ayana Sunami

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On October 18, 2017, Mexico hosted the 11th annual Latin American and Caribbean Carbon Forum in Mexico City.¹⁹⁴ This forum aims to solidify the agreements made at the Paris Climate Conference by bringing together private and public-sector entities looking to spur investment and innovation in combating climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean.¹⁹⁵

On 12 November 2017, Mexico attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.¹⁹⁶

On 23 November 2017, the Mexican government awarded the Enel Group a number of contracts in supplying energy and clean certificates for wind projects for a total of 593 megawatts.¹⁹⁷

On 12 December 2017, President Enrique Peña Nieto attended the One Planet Summit hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron, the World Bank, and the United Nations. The Summit aimed to mobilize public and private financing to fund the global transition to a carbon-free future. 50 world leaders, 4,000 other participants and 800 organizations attended the Summit.¹⁹⁸

On 19 January 2018, the Mexican government announced its plans to sell licenses to drill in 29 blocks in the Gulf of Mexico.¹⁹⁹ The government seeks to attract investment from large international firms and boost its energy sector after operating losses in 2016.²⁰⁰

¹⁹⁴ Mexico Climate Forum to Feed International Climate Process, UNFCCC (Mexico City) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/unfccc-newsroom/mexico-climate-forum-to-feed-international-climate-process/>.

¹⁹⁵ Mexico Climate Forum to Feed International Climate Process, UNFCCC (Mexico City) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://newsroom.unfccc.int/unfccc-newsroom/mexico-climate-forum-to-feed-international-climate-process/>.

¹⁹⁶ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

¹⁹⁷ Enel will build 593MW of wind capacity in Mexico following renewable tender win, Enel Group (Mexico City) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.enelgreenpower.com/media/press/d/2017/11/enel-will-build-593-mw-of-wind-capacity-in-mexico-following-renewable-tender-win>.

¹⁹⁸ 50 World Leaders Gather in Paris for Climate Summit, Huffington Post (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/one-planet-summit-trump-macron_us_5a2f8435e4b01598ac478e15.

¹⁹⁹ Mexico's energy opening faces test in deepwater oil auction, Reuters (Mexico City) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-oil/mexicos-energy-opening-faces-test-in-deepwater-oil-auction-idUSKBN1F82G5>.

²⁰⁰ Pemex Results as of March, 2017, Pemex (Mexico City) 31 March 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.pemex.com/en/investors/financial-information/Reporte%20de%20Resultados%20no%20Dictaminados%20%20Archivos/Reporte_1Q17.pdf

On 31 January 2018, Mexico announced that it would hold its first shale oil and gas auction by the end of 2018.²⁰¹ The Mexican government is looking to increase its output of shale oil and gas in order to compete with rapidly emerging markets such as those in the United States.²⁰²

On 1 March 2018, the Mexican government announced that it is on track to reach 12GW of installed wind capacity by 2024.²⁰³

Mexico has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. However, Mexico has also increased its output of shale oil and gas which will increase greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sebastian Warma

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 6 September 2017, Russia invested RS5.1 billion on a 30MW PK Hydropower project in Nepal.²⁰⁴

On 2 October 2017, the governments of Saudi Arabia and Russia agreed to invest up to USD1 billion into energy projects. The deal will allow Russian firms to provide drilling services in Saudi Arabia, and increase crude trading. Furthermore, plans to build additional petrochemical plants in both countries were also discussed.²⁰⁵

On 11 October 2017, Russia and Morocco signed a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development of the Kingdom of Morocco on cooperation in renewable energy sources.²⁰⁶

On 1 November 2017, Russia and Iran signed a strategic energy deal worth USD30 billion. The deal will help develop Iran's oil and gas projects as well as supply natural gas to India.²⁰⁷

²⁰¹ Exclusive: Mexico regulator hopes for first shale auction by end 2018, Reuters (Mexico City) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-oil-shale/exclusive-mexico-regulator-hopes-for-first-shale-auction-by-end-2018-idUSKBN1FK28O>.

²⁰² Exclusive: Mexico regulator hopes for first shale auction by end 2018, Reuters (Mexico City) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-oil-shale/exclusive-mexico-regulator-hopes-for-first-shale-auction-by-end-2018-idUSKBN1FK28O>

²⁰³ Clear path to tripling of Mexican wind by 2024: energy secretary, Recharge News (Mexico City) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.rechargenews.com/wind/1444141/clear-path-to-tripling-of-mexican-wind-by-2024-energy-secretary>.

²⁰⁴ Russia to invest RS 5.10 billion in PK hydel project, The Himalayan Times (Kathmandu) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://thehimalayantimes.com/business/russia-invest-rs-5-10-billion-pk-hydel-project/>.

²⁰⁵ Saudi Arabia, Russia to set up \$1 billion energy fund: Novak, Reuters (Khobar) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-russia-energy/saudi-arabia-russia-to-set-up-1-billion-energy-fund-novak-idUSKCN1C70PN>.

²⁰⁶ Russia-Morocco Talks, The Russian Government (Rabat) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/news/29598/>

²⁰⁷ Russia and Iran sign \$30bn energy agreements, Financial Times (Moscow) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.ft.com/content/141e6662-bf11-11e7-9836-b25f8adaa111>.

On 12 November 2017, Russia attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to discuss further implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement.²⁰⁸

On 30 November 2017, Russia led Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) producers and non-OPEC producers in an agreement to extend crude oil cuts until 2018, in hopes of increasing the market price, preventing another collapse of oil price, and sustaining the demand of oil at a profitable price.²⁰⁹

On 6 December 2017, Russia approved a draft Agreement between the Governments of Russia and the United Arab Emirates on Scientific, Technical and Production Cooperation of Companies in Civilian Industries which included joint collaboration in the field of renewable energy.²¹⁰

On 21 January 2018, the Ministry for the Development of Russian Far East and Korea's Northern Economic Cooperation Committee agreed to boost the import of Russian LNG in Korea.²¹¹

On 3 April 2018, President Vladimir Putin and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan launched the construction of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant, to be built under a Russian-Turkish agreement signed in May 2010.²¹² Russia is fully financing the nuclear power plant and will operate it.²¹³

Russia has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by signing cooperation agreements with other countries with regards to renewable energies and is funding a nuclear power plant in Turkey. However, Russia has also it has increased investments in oil and gas projects which will increase greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ethan Tsai

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 24 August 2017, Turki al-Shehri, head of the Renewable Energy Project Development Office within the Ministry of Energy, stated that Saudi Arabia is on track to generate more than their

²⁰⁸ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²⁰⁹ OPEC, Russia agree oil cut extension to end of 2018, Reuters (Vienna) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-opec-meeting/opec-russia-agree-oil-cut-extension-to-end-of-2018-idUSKBN1DU0WW>.

²¹⁰ Russia's approval of the draft Agreement between the Governments of Russia and the United Arab Emirates on Scientific, Technical and Production Cooperation of Companies in Civilian Industries, The Russian Government (Moscow) 6 December 2017. Access Date: 27 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30415/>

²¹¹ South Korea plans to boost LNG imports from Russia, China Daily (Beijing) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 27 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201801/24/WS5a6824b6a3106e7dcc1364b3.html>.

²¹² Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant ground-breaking ceremony, The Kremlin (Moscow) 3 April 2018. Access Date: 2 May 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/57190>

²¹³ Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant ground-breaking ceremony, The Kremlin (Moscow) 3 April 2018. Access Date: 2 May 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/57190>

projected goal of 9.5GW of electricity from renewable sources.²¹⁴ This goal extends to 2023 and involves over 60 projects estimated between USD30 billion to USD50 billion.²¹⁵

On 2 October 2017, the Governments of Saudi Arabia and Russia agreed to invest up to USD1 billion into energy projects. The deal will allow Russian firms to provide drilling services in Saudi Arabia, and increase crude trading. Furthermore, plans to build additional petrochemical plants in both countries were also discussed.²¹⁶

On 8 October 2017, Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia's largest state-owned oil company, established an office in India to expand its venture and meet rising demand for oil in the country. The venture will look to take opportunities in oil refining and projects in the petrochemical industry.²¹⁷

On 12 November 2017, Saudi Arabia attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, and along with other G20 members, apart from the US due to its withdrawal, met to further discuss implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement.²¹⁸

On 16 January 2018, Saudi Arabia announced its plans to seek USD7 billion worth of investments in renewable energy projects in the year of 2018. These projects will include 3.3 gigawatts of solar photovoltaic power and 800 megawatts of wind.²¹⁹

On 5 February 2018, AWCA Power, a Saudi state energy company, was awarded a contract to build a solar farm that will cost USD300 million and power 40,000 homes.²²⁰

On 7 March 2018, the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia launched a multi-billion dollar economic and investment partnership. The partnership involves over USD90 million, with a focus of investing in renewable energy.²²¹

Saudi Arabia has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. However, Saudi Arabia has also it has increased its investments in energy sources that will increase greenhouse emissions.

²¹⁴ Saudi Arabia aims to exceed renewable energy target, Reuters (Jeddah) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/saudi-renewable/saudi-arabia-aims-to-exceed-renewable-energy-target-idUSL8N1LA456>.

²¹⁵ Saudi Arabia aims to exceed renewable energy target, Reuters (Jeddah) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/saudi-renewable/saudi-arabia-aims-to-exceed-renewable-energy-target-idUSL8N1LA456>.

²¹⁶ Saudi Arabia, Russia to set up \$1 billion energy fund: Novak, Reuters (Khobar) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-russia-energy/saudi-arabia-russia-to-set-up-1-billion-energy-fund-novak-idUSKCN1C70PN>.

²¹⁷ Saudi Aramco expands in India, Reuters (New Delhi) 8 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/india-aramco/saudi-aramco-expands-in-india-idUSL4N1MJ09U>.

²¹⁸ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²¹⁹ Saudi Arabia plans up to \$7 billion of Renewable Energy Projects this year, Bloomberg (Riyadh) 16 January 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-16/saudi-arabia-plans-up-to-7-billion-of-renewables-this-year>.

²²⁰ From Oil to Solar: Saudi Arabia Plots a Shift to Renewables, New York Times (Dharan) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/02/05/business/energy-environment/saudi-arabia-solar-renewables.html>.

²²¹ Saudi Crown Prince and UK Eye Billion-Dollar Deals, CNBC (Saudi Arabia) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/08/saudi-crown-prince-and-uk-eye-billion-dollar-deals.html>.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Emily Chin

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 12 October 2017, the Department of Environmental Affairs granted environmental authorization for the construction and operation of a nuclear power station and associate infrastructure at Duynefontein.²²²

On 16-20 October 2017, South Africa hosted the 38th Expert Group Meeting and the 44th Policy Group meeting of the Generation IV International Forum in Cape Town.²²³ The forum is an international co-operation initiative which was set up to carry out the research and development needed to establish the feasibility and performance capabilities of the next generation nuclear energy systems to promote the use of renewable energies.²²⁴

On 12 November 2017, South Africa attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, and along with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal, met to further discuss implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement.²²⁵

On 16-17 March 2018, the government of South Africa conducted a two-day sustainability workshop with local stakeholders including the municipality, co-operative members and employees, provincial development agencies, national bodies, as well as sponsors. The aim of the workshop is to provide plans that will result in efficient, effective and sustainable energy access, poverty alleviation and rural enterprise development.²²⁶

On 4 April 2018, the Minister of Energy, Jeff Radebe, announced that South Africa signed agreements for 27 projects procured under the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme Bid Windows 3.5 and 4.²²⁷ The procurement of the 27 new projects is the biggest

²²² Department of Environmental Affairs grants Environmental Authorization for the proposed construction and operation of the Eskom Nuclear Power station at Duynefontein in Western Cape, Department of Environmental Affairs (Pretoria) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://www.environment.gov.za/mediarelease/deagrantsenvironmentalauthorisationtoeskom>.

²²³ 44th Policy Group and 38th Expert Group meetings of the Generation IV International Forum, Cape Town, South Africa, South Africa Energy Department (Cape Town) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018.

<http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/pr/2017/MediaStatement-44thPolicy-Group-38th-Expert-Group-meetings-of-GenerationIV-04Oct2017.pdf>

²²⁴ 44th Policy Group and 38th Expert Group meetings of the Generation IV International Forum, Cape Town, South Africa, South Africa Energy Department (Pretoria) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018.

<http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/pr/2017/MediaStatement-44thPolicy-Group-38th-Expert-Group-meetings-of-GenerationIV-04Oct2017.pdf>

²²⁵ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²²⁶ NGWAABE Integrated Energy Centre Sustainability Workshop, South Africa Energy Department (Cape Town) 28 March 2017. Access Date: 29 March 2018. <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/pr/2017/Media-Release-Ngwaabe-leC-Workshop-28March2017.pdf>

²²⁷ Speech by the Minister of Energy, Hon Jeff Radebe, MP at the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPPP) Bid Windows 3.5 and 4 Contractual, South Africa Energy Department (Cape Town) 4 April 2018. Access Date: 10 April 2018. <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/speeches/2018/Speech-by-Minister-at-the-REIPPPP-Bid-Windows3.5-and4Contractual-Close-signing-ceremony-04042018.pdf>

independent power producer procurement by the Department of Energy to date, representing a total of ZAR56 billion of investment and about 2300 MW of generation capacity to be added to the grid over the next 5 years.²²⁸ The 27 projects are expected to offset 8.1 million tonnes of CO₂ per annum.²²⁹

South Africa has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Chen Ou Yang

Turkey: 0

Turkey has partially complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 10 July 2017, the Government of Germany announced that Turkey would meet with Jochen Flasbarth, the German Deputy Environment Minister, and hold talks with Turkey about acquiring money from the Green Climate Fund, in an effort to help Turkey adapt to climate change and encourage the ratification of the 2015 Paris Agreement.²³⁰

On 11 July 2017, Berat Albayrak, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, announced plans to increase natural gas storage capacity at the 22nd World Petroleum Congress in Istanbul.²³¹ At the Congress, Turkish President Recep Erdogan reiterated the importance of oil and natural gas pipelines to Turkey's security.²³²

On 3 August 2017, the Wind Energy Renewable Energy Resource Areas (YEKA), a Turkish-German consortium, under the leadership of Minister Albayrak, won the bid to provide energy for a 1000-megawatt wind power plant, and invest over USD1 billion into wind facilities. Additional wind turbines will be built in Turkey for a reduced cost.²³³

²²⁸ Speech by the Minister of Energy, Hon Jeff Radebe, MP at the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPPP) Bid Windows 3.5 and 4 Contractual, South Africa Energy Department (Cape Town) 4 April 2018. Access Date: 10 April 2018. <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/speeches/2018/Speech-by-Minister-at-the-REIPPPP-Bid-Windows3.5-and4Contractual-Close-signing-ceremony-04042018.pdf>

²²⁹ Speech by the Minister of Energy, Hon Jeff Radebe, MP at the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme (REIPPPP) Bid Windows 3.5 and 4 Contractual, South Africa Energy Department (Cape Town) 4 April 2018. Access Date: 10 April 2018. <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/speeches/2018/Speech-by-Minister-at-the-REIPPPP-Bid-Windows3.5-and4Contractual-Close-signing-ceremony-04042018.pdf>

²³⁰ German official to hold talks with Turkey on climate issue, Associated Press (Berlin) 10 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.apnews.com/c35d50875b31473e8760f3798723fb06>.

²³¹ Turkey voices energy ambitions at World Petroleum Congress, Euractiv (Istanbul) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy/news/turkey-voices-energy-ambitions-at-world-petroleum-congress/>.

²³² Turkey voices energy ambitions at World Petroleum Congress, Euractiv (Istanbul) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/energy/news/turkey-voices-energy-ambitions-at-world-petroleum-congress/>.

²³³ Turkish-German consortium awarded \$1B worth wind power plant contract, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/08/03/turkish-german-consortium-awarded-1b-worth-wind-power-plant-contract>.

On 10 August 2017, Minister Albayrak announced the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant, funded by Russia, will be ready for construction in early 2018.²³⁴ He also announced that two other nuclear power plants are planned for construction between 2023 and 2030.²³⁵

On 12 November 2017, Turkey attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, and along with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal, met to further discuss implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement.²³⁶ However, Turkey has yet to ratify the Paris Agreement.²³⁷

On 16 January 2018, the Government of Turkey launched its plan to invest USD11 billion in energy efficient plans as part of its National Energy Efficiency Action Plan.²³⁸ Through this plan, the government will also develop potential in solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal energy.²³⁹

On 22 February 2018, Minister Albayrak announced that Turkey is finalizing new tenders for 1000-megawatt solar and wind power plants by this summer.²⁴⁰ Additionally, he announced Turkey is currently working on the world's largest offshore wind plant.²⁴¹

Turkey has acted to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation in sustainable and clean energies and in energy efficiency. However, Turkey has also increased its investments in energy sources that will increase greenhouse emissions.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Emily Chiu

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 26 July 2017, the UK government announced that it will ban selling new diesel and petrol cars starting in 2040.²⁴² The action is aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and integrate electric vehicles as the primary form of automotive vehicle.²⁴³

²³⁴ Turkey to expand capacity to meet energy needs with 3 nuclear power plants in action, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/08/11/turkey-to-expand-capacity-to-meet-energy-needs-with-3-nuclear-power-plants-in-action-1502395900>.

²³⁵ Turkey to expand capacity to meet energy needs with 3 nuclear power plants in action, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/08/11/turkey-to-expand-capacity-to-meet-energy-needs-with-3-nuclear-power-plants-in-action-1502395900>.

²³⁶ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²³⁷ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²³⁸ Turkey Launches \$11bn energy efficiency plan, Power Technology (Ankara) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.power-technology.com/news/turkey-launches-11bn-energy-efficiency-plan/>.

²³⁹ Turkey Launches \$11bn energy efficiency plan, Power Technology (Ankara) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.power-technology.com/news/turkey-launches-11bn-energy-efficiency-plan/>.

²⁴⁰ Turkey plans to hold new big tenders for wind, solar plants by summer 2018: Minister, Hurriyet Daily News (Istanbul) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-plans-to-hold-new-big-tenders-for-wind-solar-plants-by-summer-2018-minister-127769>.

²⁴¹ Turkey plans to hold new big tenders for wind, solar plants by summer 2018: Minister, Hurriyet Daily News (Istanbul) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-plans-to-hold-new-big-tenders-for-wind-solar-plants-by-summer-2018-minister-127769>.

On 26 July 2017, the UK government released its plan to reduce roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations.²⁴⁴ The government plan includes essential funding for clean air projects at the local level.²⁴⁵ An emphasis will be placed on transportation, aiming to retrofit buses to be more fuel efficient while developing more efficient modes of transportation including cycling or infrastructure changes.²⁴⁶

On 11 October 2017, the UK government announced up to GBP557 million for renewable energy projects.²⁴⁷ The funds are meant to accelerate the UK into a renewable energy state.²⁴⁸

On 12 October 2017, the UK government announced GBP2.5 billion for developing technologies that will reduce carbon emissions and increase sustainability.²⁴⁹ The government funds will be aimed at various industries including low carbon energy, transport, agriculture and waste.²⁵⁰

On 23 October 2017, the Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill passed its Second Reading in Parliament.²⁵¹ The bill aims to increase the accessibility of electric charging ports across UK gas

²⁴² Britain to ban sale of all diesel and petrol cars and vans from 2040, The Guardian (London) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/jul/25/britain-to-ban-sale-of-all-diesel-and-petrol-cars-and-vans-from-2040>.

²⁴³ Britain to ban sale of all diesel and petrol cars and vans from 2040, The Guardian (London) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/jul/25/britain-to-ban-sale-of-all-diesel-and-petrol-cars-and-vans-from-2040>.

²⁴⁴ UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations, Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs and the Department of Transport (London) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633269/air-quality-plan-overview.pdf.

²⁴⁵ UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations, Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs and the Department of Transport (London) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633269/air-quality-plan-overview.pdf.

²⁴⁶ UK plan for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations, Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs and the Department of Transport (London) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/633269/air-quality-plan-overview.pdf.

²⁴⁷ Government confirms up to £557 million for new renewable energy projects, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-confirms-up-to-557-million-for-new-renewable-energy-projects>.

²⁴⁸ Government confirms up to £557 million for new renewable energy projects, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-confirms-up-to-557-million-for-new-renewable-energy-projects>.

²⁴⁹ Government reaffirms commitment to lead the world in cost-effective clean growth, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-reaffirms-commitment-to-lead-the-world-in-cost-effective-clean-growth>.

²⁵⁰ Government reaffirms commitment to lead the world in cost-effective clean growth, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-reaffirms-commitment-to-lead-the-world-in-cost-effective-clean-growth>.

²⁵¹ Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill: Commons Second Reading, UK Parliament (London) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2017/october/automated-and-electric-vehicles-bill/>.

stations. It hopes to help encourage citizens to transition from petrol and diesel vehicles towards electric vehicles.²⁵²

On 7 November 2017, the UK announced GBP8 million in funding for the International Energy Agency's initiative to support clean energy development around the globe.²⁵³ The initiative will provide technical support to international governments wanting to transition towards renewable energy sources.

On 8 November 2017, the UK government announced GBP68 million for artificial intelligence and smart energy.²⁵⁴ The funding is aimed to generate more innovative projects for a low carbon future and renewable energy future.²⁵⁵

On 12 November 2017, the UK attended 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, and along with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal, met to further discuss implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement.²⁵⁶

On 16 November 2017, the UK joined the "Powering Past Coal" alliance to phase out coal from power generation before 2030 in Bonn in collaboration with 15 other countries including the Italy, France, and Canada.²⁵⁷

On 12 December 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May attended the One Planet Summit hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron, the World Bank and the UN. The Summit aimed to mobilize public and private financing to fund the global transition to a carbon-free future. 50 world leaders, 4,000 other participants and 800 organizations attended the Summit.²⁵⁸

On 4 January 2018, Environment Minister Michael Gove announced government subsidies for farmers to turn their lands into wildflower meadows.²⁵⁹ The plan is expected to increase wildlife

²⁵² Automated and Electric Vehicles Bill: Commons Second Reading, UK Parliament (London) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2017/october/automated-and-electric-vehicles-bill/>.

²⁵³ IEA launches the Clean Energy Transitions Programme to support clean-energy development, International Energy Agency (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/november/iea-launches-the-clean-energy-transitions-programme-to-support-clean-energy-devel.html>.

²⁵⁴ Funding for £84 million for artificial intelligence and robotics research and smart energy innovation announced, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-for-84-million-for-artificial-intelligence-and-robotics-research-and-smart-energy-innovation-announced>.

²⁵⁵ Funding for £84 million for artificial intelligence and robotics research and smart energy innovation announced, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/funding-for-84-million-for-artificial-intelligence-and-robotics-research-and-smart-energy-innovation-announced>.

²⁵⁶ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²⁵⁷ At least 15 states join global alliance to phase out coal by 2030, Reuters (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-climatechange-accord-coal/at-least-15-states-join-global-alliance-to-phase-out-coal-by-2030-idUSKBN1DG1AI>.

²⁵⁸ 50 World Leaders Gather in Paris for Climate Summit, Huffington Post (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/one-planet-summit-trump-macron_us_5a2f8435e4b01598ac478e15.

²⁵⁹ Farmland could turn into meadows after Brexit, says Michael Grove, The Guardian (Oxford) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jan/04/farmland-could-be-turned-into-meadows-post-brexit-says-michael-gove>.

along with cleaner air and water.²⁶⁰ Farmers will emit less fossil fuels due to the decrease in land they will have to harvest crops.²⁶¹

On 7 March 2018, the UK and Saudi Arabia launched a multi-billion dollar economic and investment partnership. The partnership involves over USD90 million, with a focus of investing in renewable energy.²⁶²

The United Kingdom has made significant advancements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency. Recent government initiatives have aimed to promote renewable energy consumption among the energy and transportation sector. As well, private corporations in the UK have gained the opportunity to start significant renewable energy projects in solar power.

Thus, the UK receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Arshia Hassani

United States: -1

The United States has not complied with its commitment to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions through, among others, increased innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency.

On 10 October 2017, Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency Scott Pruitt announced plans to rescind the Clean Power Plan without offering any replacement.²⁶³ The Obama-era regulation was designed to reduce carbon emissions. Pruitt's plan allows for an increase in emissions.²⁶⁴

On 16 October 2017, President Donald Trump approved plans to expand the Enbridge Energy Line 67 oil pipeline through the US.²⁶⁵ The pipeline carries oil sand petroleum used for energy, and is expected to further strengthen the fossil fuel industry.²⁶⁶

On 2 November 2017, the Republican Party released its national tax plan to eliminate the USD7,500 tax credit for hybrids and electric vehicles.²⁶⁷ The tax credit elimination is designed to transition

²⁶⁰ Farmland could turn into meadows after Brexit, says Michael Grove, The Guardian (Oxford) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jan/04/farmland-could-be-turned-into-meadows-post-brexit-says-michael-grove>.

²⁶¹ Farmland could turn into meadows after Brexit, says Michael Grove, The Guardian (Oxford) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/jan/04/farmland-could-be-turned-into-meadows-post-brexit-says-michael-grove>.

²⁶² Saudi Crown Prince and UK Eye Billion-Dollar Deals, CNBC (Riyadh) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/08/saudi-crown-prince-and-uk-eye-billion-dollar-deals.html>.

²⁶³ Trump admin avoids discussing climate change while rolling back emissions rule, CNN (Washington DC) 10 October 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/10/politics/epa-cpp-climate-change/index.html>.

²⁶⁴ Trump admin avoids discussing climate change while rolling back emissions rule, CNN (Washington DC) 10 October 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/10/politics/epa-cpp-climate-change/index.html>.

²⁶⁵ Trump approves oil pipeline expansion across Canadian border, The Hill (Washington DC) 16 October 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/355706-trump-approves-oil-pipeline-expansion-across-canadian-border>.

²⁶⁶ Trump approves oil pipeline expansion across Canadian border, The Hill (Washington DC) 16 October 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/355706-trump-approves-oil-pipeline-expansion-across-canadian-border>.

²⁶⁷ House GOP Tax Bill Would End Electric-Car Tax Credits, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 2 November 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-02/tax-credit-for-electric-cars-said-to-be-axed-in-gop-tax-proposal>.

consumer interest away from low-emissions electric and hybrid vehicles and towards high-emission petrol vehicles.²⁶⁸

On 12 November 2017, the US government attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, to promote the burning of coal for energy. G20 members, except the US, have committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by phasing out fossil fuels and implementing the Paris Agreement.²⁶⁹

On 17 December 2017, the US government placed two solar power stations into service.²⁷⁰ A total of 1,797 acres of solar panels across federal land are meant to power large data centers in Las Vegas and Reno Nevada.²⁷¹

On 31 January 2018, the US government announced plans to cut funding for the renewable energy office by 75 per cent. This action is part of the Trump administration's intentions to transition away from green energy and towards fossil fuels.²⁷²

On 31 January 2018, the Trump administration reduced policies meant to environmentally review land before being used to extract fossil fuels from. It is part of an initiative relieve as many burdens from the fossil fuel industry as possible in order to increase emissions.²⁷³

The US has enacted policies and actions that have and will increase greenhouse gas emissions without plans for mitigation.

Thus, the United States receives a score of -1.

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European Union: + 1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to increase innovation on sustainable and clean energies and energy efficiency as well as to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

On 11 July 2017, the European Commission approved a new Hungarian support scheme for renewable energy. The European Commission will provide aid based on the 2014 Guidelines on State

²⁶⁸ House GOP Tax Bill Would End Electric-Car Tax Credits, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 2 November 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-02/tax-credit-for-electric-cars-said-to-be-axed-in-gop-tax-proposal>.

²⁶⁹ COP23: UN summit shows how Donald Trump is doing more damage to world's climate than we ever realized, The Independent (Bonn) 18 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/politics/cop23-un-climate-change-summit-bonn-donald-trump-paris-agreement-us-pope-francis-a8061256.html>.

²⁷⁰ Big Solar Projects Are Quietly Happening Under Trump, Big Think (Las Vegas) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <http://bigthink.com/philip-perry/not-all-green-energy-projects-have-halted-under-the-trump-administration>.

²⁷¹ Big Solar Projects Are Quietly Happening Under Trump, Big Think (Las Vegas) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <http://bigthink.com/philip-perry/not-all-green-energy-projects-have-halted-under-the-trump-administration>.

²⁷² Trump administration to 'cut renewable energy office budget by nearly three-quarters, Independent (New York) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-climate-change-global-warming-budget-cuts-renewable-energy-a8188391.html>.

²⁷³ Updating Oil and Gas Leasing Reform — Land Use Planning and Lease Parcel Reviews, US Department of the Interior (Washington D.C.) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.blm.gov/policy/im-2018-034>.

Aid for Environmental Protection and Energy. The scheme will help Hungary reduce carbon dioxide emissions while maintaining energy market competition.²⁷⁴

On 28 September 2017, the European Commission approved an investment package of EUR222 million from the EU budget to support transition to a more sustainable and low-carbon EU future.²⁷⁵ This investment is under the LIFE program for the Environment and Climate Action.²⁷⁶ This program will allow the European Union to further its support for sustainable energy development and green technology innovation.²⁷⁷

On 19 October 2017, the European Investment Bank and Spanish Ministry of Energy, Tourism and the Digital Agenda, in conjunction with the Instituto de Credito Oficial, a state-owned bank attached to the Spanish Ministry of Economic Affairs, Industry and Competitiveness, sign an agreement to provide EUR100 million for energy efficiency improvement projects in the hospitality sector and for small and medium-sized enterprises and large companies in the industrial and commercial sectors.²⁷⁸

On 7 November 2017, the European Commission announced its participation in the International Energy Agency's "Clean Energy Transitions" Program, along with twelve other countries including Germany, Canada, and the United Kingdom.²⁷⁹ The European Commission will contribute EUR3.5 million. The program will involve "deep and sustained partnerships with governments and will include collaborative analytical work, technical co-operation, training and capacity building, strategic dialogues, secondments and implementation of joint work programs."²⁸⁰

On 8 November 2017, the European Commission proposed to enforce and increase incentives within the EU to transit to low and zero emission vehicles.²⁸¹ The new clean mobility package includes new CO2 standards for manufacturers, clean vehicles directive, action plan and investment solutions for the trans-European deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure.²⁸² The proposed

²⁷⁴State aid: Commission approves Hungarian support scheme for renewable electricity, European Commission (Brussels) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-1983_en.htm.

²⁷⁵Member States to benefit from over €222 million investments for environment, nature and climate action, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3429_en.html.

²⁷⁶Member States to benefit from over €222 million investments for environment, nature and climate action, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3429_en.html.

²⁷⁷Member States to benefit from over €222 million investments for environment, nature and climate action, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3429_en.html.

²⁷⁸Energia in conjunction with ICO and the EIB launches energy efficiency credit line for hospitality SMEs and large companies in the industrial and commercial sectors, European Investment Bank (Luxembourg) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 3 November 2017. <http://www.eib.org/infocentre/press/releases/all/2017/2017-280-energia-in-conjunction-with-ico-and-the-eib-launches-energy-efficiency-credit-line-for-hospitality-smes-and-large-companies-in-the-industrial-and-commercial-sector.html>.

²⁷⁹IEA launches the Clean Energy Transitions Programme to support clean-energy development, IEA (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/november/iea-launches-the-clean-energy-transitions-programme-to-support-clean-energy-devel.html>.

²⁸⁰IEA launches the Clean Energy Transitions Programme to support clean-energy development, IEA (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/november/iea-launches-the-clean-energy-transitions-programme-to-support-clean-energy-devel.html>.

²⁸¹Energy Union: Commission takes action to reinforce EU's global leadership in clean vehicles, European Commission (Brussels) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4242_en.html.

²⁸²Proposal for post-2020 CO2 targets for cars and vans, European Commission (Brussels) 25 November 2017, Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/transport/vehicles/proposal_en.

framework would require manufacturers of more than 1000 registered vehicles per year to reach a 30 per cent decrease in new car emissions by 2030 compared to 2021.²⁸³ The proposal is under consideration at the European Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.²⁸⁴

On 12 November 2017, the EU attended the 23rd Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, and along with other G20 members, apart from the United States due to its withdrawal, met to further discuss implementation guidelines for the Paris Agreement.²⁸⁵

On 16 November 2017, Miguel Arias Canete, Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy, launched new EU strategic partnerships for the implementation of the Paris Agreement to scale up European climate policy collaboration with other major economies.²⁸⁶ The program will be co-funded by EU's Partnership Instrument, which will provide EUR20 million, and the German International Climate Initiative, which will provide EUR5 million.²⁸⁷

On 16 November 2017, the EIB and the Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget signed a EUR150 million loan agreement to support renewable energy and energy efficiency measures in Swedish forestry as well as forest restoration.²⁸⁸

On 17 November 2017, the European Commission ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol and triggered its entry into force.²⁸⁹ The Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol aims at the phase-down of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) and will take effect in January 2019.²⁹⁰ HFCs are mainly used in refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment, and as propellant in foams. This amendment aims at the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions, and may create further incentives for energy efficient appliances.²⁹¹

On 23 November 2017, the EU and Switzerland signed an agreement to link their emissions trading system. This cap-and-trade system will allow participants in the EU's Emissions Trading System (EU

²⁸³ Proposal for post-2020 CO2 targets for cars and vans, European Commission (Brussels) Last Updated: 25 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/transport/vehicles/proposal_en.

²⁸⁴ Proposal for post-2020 CO2 targets for cars and vans, European Commission (Brussels) 25 November 2017, Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/transport/vehicles/proposal_en.

²⁸⁵ Analysis: Which countries have sent the most delegates to COP23, Carbon Debrief 6 November 2017. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.carbonbrief.org/analysis-which-countries-sent-most-delegates-cop23>.

²⁸⁶ EU scales up cooperation with other major economies to implement Paris Agreement, promote global energy transition, European Commission (Brussels) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-countries-trigger-entry-force-kigali-amendment-montreal-protocol_en.

²⁸⁷ EU scales up cooperation with other major economies to implement Paris Agreement, promote global energy transition, European Commission (Brussels) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-countries-trigger-entry-force-kigali-amendment-montreal-protocol_en.

²⁸⁸ EIB supports SCA's energy efficiency and forestry investment, European Investment Bank (Luxemburg) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.eib.org/infocentre/press/releases/all/2017/2017-318-eib-supports-scas-energy-efficiency-and-forestry-investments.html>.

²⁸⁹ EU countries trigger entry force Kigali amendment to Montreal protocol, European Commission (Brussels) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-countries-trigger-entry-force-kigali-amendment-montreal-protocol_en.

²⁹⁰ EU countries trigger entry force Kigali amendment to Montreal protocol, European Commission (Brussels) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-countries-trigger-entry-force-kigali-amendment-montreal-protocol_en.

²⁹¹ EU countries trigger entry force Kigali amendment to Montreal protocol, European Commission (Brussels) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-countries-trigger-entry-force-kigali-amendment-montreal-protocol_en.

ETS) to use allowances from the Swiss system for compliance and vice versa.²⁹² The EU ETS allows the EU to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, certain energy-intensive industry, and flights within the EU.²⁹³

On 11 December 2017, the EU launched the Platform for Coal Regions in Transition to facilitate the development of projects and long-term strategies in coal-regions.²⁹⁴ This initiative will facilitate the development of projects and long-term strategies in coal regions to start the transition process and respond to environmental and social challenges.²⁹⁵

On 12 December 2017, the European Commission unveiled its Action Plan for the Planet.²⁹⁶ This plan includes ten initiatives for a modern and clean economy.²⁹⁷ The initiatives target EU's internal and external commitments.²⁹⁸ It aims at putting the financial sector at the service of the climate, mobilizing youth on the topic of climate change, supporting urban investment in European cities, structural support action for coal and carbon intensive regions, investing in smart buildings, investing in clean industrial technology as well as mobility.²⁹⁹ Furthermore, the plan aims at investing in opportunities for Africa and the EU neighborhood as well as clean energy for islands.³⁰⁰ There will also be a EU rulebook for investment in energy performance of buildings.³⁰¹

On 19 December 2017, negotiators from the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission reached a new agreement on rules for improving the energy performance of buildings.³⁰² The new rules aim at strengthening energy performance of new buildings as well as accelerate the rate of building renovation towards more energy efficient systems.³⁰³ This could result

²⁹² EU and Switzerland sign agreement to link emissions trading systems, European Commission (Brussels) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-and-switzerland-sign-agreement-link-emissions-trading-systems_en.

²⁹³ EU and Switzerland sign agreement to link emissions trading systems, European Commission (Brussels) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/eu-and-switzerland-sign-agreement-link-emissions-trading-systems_en.

²⁹⁴ No region left behind: launch of the platform for coal regions in transition, European Commission (Strasbourg) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5165_en.html.

²⁹⁵ No region left behind: launch of the platform for coal regions in transition, European Commission (Strasbourg) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5165_en.html.

²⁹⁶ Commission unveils action plan for the planet, European Commission (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5163_en.html.

²⁹⁷ Commission unveils action plan for the planet, European Commission (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5163_en.html.

²⁹⁸ Commission unveils action plan for the planet, European Commission (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018.

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5163_en.html.

²⁹⁹ Commission unveils action plan for the planet, European Commission (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018.

http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5163_en.html.

³⁰⁰ Commission unveils action plan for the planet, European Commission (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5163_en.html.

³⁰¹ Commission unveils action plan for the planet, European Commission (Paris) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5163_en.html.

³⁰² Commission welcomes agreement on energy performance of buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 9 November 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5129_en.html.

³⁰³ Commission welcomes agreement on energy performance of buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 9 November 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5129_en.html.

in significant increase in energy efficiency as the building sector is the single largest energy consumer.³⁰⁴

On 17 January 2018, EU members reached an agreement with the European Parliament with relation to the implementation of the Paris agreement.³⁰⁵ Under the effort sharing regulation, a binding climate target trajectory will be set out for each member state that will culminate in their national 2030 target.³⁰⁶

On 8 February 2018, the European Commission approved an investment package of EUR98.2 million to Europe's transition to low-carbon, circular economy under the LIFE program for the Environment and Climate Action.³⁰⁷ A mid-term evaluation of the LIFE program in December 2017 found that this program is efficient and effective to the EU's objective to protect the environment as well as fight and adapt to climate change.³⁰⁸

On 10 March 2018, the European Investment Bank signed a loan agreement with India for a second line of credit.³⁰⁹ The EUR150 million line of credit will be allocated towards funding "renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in India."³¹⁰

The European Union has taken decisive steps towards incentivizing green technology and sustainable energy innovation, improving energy efficiency as well as the mitigation of the greenhouse gas emissions.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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³⁰⁴ Commission welcomes agreement on energy performance of buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 19 December 2019. Access Date: 9 November 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5129_en.html.

³⁰⁵ Europe is moving forward with the implementation of the Paris Agreement, BMU (Berlin) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/europa-geht-voran-bei-der-umsetzung-des-pariser-abkommens/>.

³⁰⁶ Europe is moving forward with the implementation of the Paris Agreement, BMU (Berlin) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/europa-geht-voran-bei-der-umsetzung-des-pariser-abkommens/>.

³⁰⁷ Annex: 10 new projects under the LIFE funding programme for the Environment and Climate Action, European Commission (Brussels) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-672_en.html.

³⁰⁸ LIFE programme enhances environmental and climate benefits and provides value for money, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/pdf/20_12_2017_news_en.pdf.

³⁰⁹ IREDA & European Investment Bank sign Eur 150 million Loan Agreement for Renewable Energy Financing in India, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 March 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

³¹⁰ IREDA & European Investment Bank sign Eur 150 million Loan Agreement for Renewable Energy Financing in India, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (New Delhi) 10 March 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=28>.

2. Corruption: Resilience

“We commit to organising our public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia		0	
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany	-1		
India		0	
Indonesia			+1
Italy		0	
Japan		0	
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa	-1		
Turkey	-1		
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union		0	
Average Score		+0.25	

Background

The G20 first committed to addressing crime and corruption at the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, where they agreed “to maintain the momentum in dealing with tax havens, money laundering, proceeds of corruption, terrorist financing, and prudential standards.”³¹¹ At the 2010 Toronto Summit, G20 leaders called for all countries to ratify and fully implement the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), and to fully implement reviews in accordance with its provisions.³¹² They also established the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG), tasking it with recommending to the members better ways of engaging in international efforts to combat corruption.³¹³

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group principles for denial of entry to corrupt officials.³¹⁴ The following year, at the 2013 St. Petersburg

³¹¹ The G20 Pittsburgh Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2009. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis/commitments-09-pittsburgh.html>.

³¹² The G20 Toronto Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2010. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicate.html>.

³¹³ The G20 Toronto Summit Commitments, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2010. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communicate.html>.

³¹⁴ G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date 1 November 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>.

Summit, it endorsed the High-Level Principles on Mutual Legal Assistance.³¹⁵ At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, the G20 implemented the G20 High-Level Principles on Beneficial Ownership Transparency,³¹⁶ which outlined best practices for “improving the transparency of legal persons and arrangements.”³¹⁷

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 High-Level Principles on Integrity and Transparency in the Private Sector, G20 Anti-Corruption Open Data Principles and the G20 Principles for Promoting Integrity in Public Procurement.³¹⁸ In particular, the Open Data Principles recognized the potential for “leveraging open data as a crucial tool to enable a culture of transparency, accountability and access to information.”³¹⁹ The following year, at the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 High Level Principles on Cooperation on Persons Sought for Corruption and Asset Recovery.³²⁰

The G20 continued to address crime and corruption at the 2017 Hamburg Summit. Leaders endorsed four sets of High Level Principles: on Organizing Against Corruption, on the Liability of Legal Persons for Corruption, on Countering Corruption in Customs, and on Combatting Corruption Related to Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products.³²¹ Regarding the first set of principles, G20 members specifically committed to “organising [its] public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.”³²²

G20 leaders recognized that “corruption hampers the efficient and effective operation of government, its fairness and impartiality of decision-making and the delivery of government services.”³²³ Moreover, they noted the value of resilient public administrations in “[fostering] citizens’ trust” and increasing “the attractiveness of a country as a business location.”³²⁴ Importantly, the G20 members sought to address a gap in existing measures for addressing public sector

³¹⁵ G20 Leaders’ Declaration St. Petersburg (Intensifying Fight Against Corruption), G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html#corruption>.

³¹⁶ G20 Leaders’ Communique Brisbane, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1116-communique.html>.

³¹⁷ G20 High-Level Principles on Beneficial Ownership Transparency, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2014. Access Date 1 November 2017. http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/g20_high-level_principles_beneficial_ownership_transparency.pdf.

³¹⁸ G20 Leaders’ Communique Antalya, Turkey, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>.

³¹⁹ G20 Anti-Corruption Open Data Principles, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2015. Access Date: 2 November 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Anti-Corruption-Open-Data-Principles.pdf>.

³²⁰ G20 Leaders’ Communique: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 27 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

³²¹ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

³²² G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

³²³ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³²⁴ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

transparency, noting that “corruption prevention measures with regard to the organizational structure and workflow management are also essential.”³²⁵

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment is “organising [its] public administrations to be more resilient against corruption.”³²⁶ This commitment consists of six core areas, each defined in the G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption:³²⁷

1. Administration:

- G20 members must conduct periodic risk analyses to identify positions, tasks, and processes in the public administration which are particularly vulnerable to corruption.³²⁸ They must take appropriate and effective measures to address the risks identified.³²⁹ Suggested actions include providing public services online to minimize opportunities for corrupt behaviour, transitioning from cash payments to secure and traceable digital payments, and defining fixed processing periods for the completion and delivery of public services.³³⁰

2. Human resources:

- G20 members must create a merit-based professional public administration based on public service values and good governance.³³¹ They must promote adequate remuneration and be accountable for the composition of salaries, including for top-level management.³³² Suggested actions include conducting pre-employment screening and recognizing behaviour of integrity among officials.³³³

³²⁵ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³²⁶ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

³²⁷ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³²⁸ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

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³³⁰ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³¹ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³² Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³³ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

3. Training and awareness:

- G20 members must invest in a culture of integrity within their organizations through personal leadership, appropriate training, guidance, and advice for their staff.³³⁴ They must provide the public service with clear and up-to-date information about their organization's policies, rules, and administrative procedures relevant to corruption prevention.³³⁵ Where appropriate, G20 members must inform the public about their corruption prevention measures and policies.³³⁶

4. Monitoring and transparency:

- G20 members must train and hold senior officials accountable for managing corruption risks within their organization.³³⁷ They must establish systems and methods to regularly monitor the implementation of their corruption prevention rules, relying on external audit institutions if appropriate and releasing findings to the public.³³⁸ They must also promote the transparency of relevant public data, consistent with data protection and national security considerations.³³⁹ As well, they must ensure that all credible allegations of corruption and followed-up in a timely manner in accordance with their domestic legal and administrative system.³⁴⁰

5. Coordination:

- G20 members must designate specific unit(s) and/or contact person(s) responsible for coordinating corruption prevention measures within public entities, tasking them with advising, training, and keeping management, staff, and the public informed about corruption prevention measures and integrity policies.³⁴¹ Suggested actions include strengthening the function of existing units/persons through legal measures (including whistleblowing

³³⁴ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³⁵ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³⁶ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³⁷ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³⁸ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³³⁹ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³⁴⁰ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³⁴¹ Annex to G20 Leaders' Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

protection for their informants), and providing a mechanism for anonymous reporting where appropriate.³⁴²

6. International cooperation:

- G20 members must continue to exchange best practices on corruption prevention with other members, especially providing technical assistance to States Parties to the UNCAC.³⁴³

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must act in five or all of the six aforementioned core areas to organize its public administrations against corruption. Acting in two to four areas will count as partial compliance. If a member only acts in one of the areas or fails to act in any of them, it will receive a score of noncompliance (-1).

Action in five areas suffices for full compliance because it demonstrates an effort to holistically address most elements of the High Level Principles identified as crucial for organizing against corruption. Action in two to four areas suffices only for partial compliance because as noted in the High Level Principles, organization measures “should not only focus on administrative procedures, but also on awareness-raising amongst public officials at all levels and on human resources management.”³⁴⁴ Action in one or none of the areas suffices for non-compliance because it demonstrates little to no effort to address the High Level Principles identified as crucial for organizing against corruption.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member has taken action in one OR none of the six core areas to organize against corruption.
0	G20 member has taken action in two TO four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.
+1	G20 member has taken action in five OR all of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

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Lead Analyst: Christopher Sims*

Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 29 September 2017, Director of the Agency for Access to Public Information Eduardo Bertoni affirmed the importance of the Law on the Right of Access to Public Information, which includes improved organization of public archives.³⁴⁵ The law, which entered into force on 29 September

³⁴² Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³⁴³ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³⁴⁴ Annex to G20 Leaders’ Declaration: G20 High Level Principles on Organizing Against Corruption, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-acwg-anti-corruption.html>.

³⁴⁵ Finally, Argentina Has a Law on Access to Public Information, Inter Press Service (Buenos Aires) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.ipsnews.net/2017/09/finally-argentina-law-access-public-information/>.

2017, facilitates access to all citizens through a digital platform and establishes an independent body to enforce the access to information legislation.³⁴⁶

On 1 November 2017, Minister of Production Francisco Cabrera, Minister of Modernization Andrés Ibarra, and Legal and Technical Secretary Pablo Clusellas announced the principles and next steps of the State Simplification Plan, which aims to promote transparency, agility, and federalization.³⁴⁷ It is based on international best practices of the State's relationship with citizens and includes initiatives such as electronic document management and simplified administrative procedures.³⁴⁸ Next steps for implementation include the development of digital corporate books and the use of digital files across the national public service.³⁴⁹

On 8 November 2017, the National Congress of Argentina passed a bill creating a criminal liability regime for entities involved in corruption.³⁵⁰ The Corporate Liability Bill allows courts to fine companies an amount of up to five times greater than the quantity the company acquired fraudulently, and also permits companies to be blacklisted from public contracts.³⁵¹ The new statute, modelled after other major global anti-corruption laws, addresses Argentina's commitments under the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business.³⁵² Despite these legal reforms, the judiciary in Argentina remains subject to criticisms of limited judicial oversight and judicial inaction on corruption convictions, as "final convictions in corruption cases remain the exception."³⁵³

On 21 to 22 November 2017, the Argentine government, along with civil society members, jointly hosted the Open Government Partnership Americas Regional Meeting in Buenos Aires.³⁵⁴ The meeting promoted an exchange of good practices among more than 70 member countries and addressed issues such as citizen participation, protection of civic space, anti-corruption, and

³⁴⁶ New Law on Access to Public Information, Ministry of the Interior (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/accesoalainformacion/nuevaleay>.

³⁴⁷ The State Simplification Plan Was Presented, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: December 6, 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-presento-el-plan-de-simplificacion-del-estado>.

³⁴⁸ The State Simplification Plan Was Presented, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: December 6, 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-presento-el-plan-de-simplificacion-del-estado>.

³⁴⁹ The Argentine Government Presents the Simplification Plan of the State (Buenos Aires) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://ph.invertalia.net/news/the-argentine-government-presents-the-simplification-plan-of-the-state-11891>.

³⁵⁰ Argentina Passes New Anti-Corruption Statute, HK Law (Miami) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.hklaw.com/publications/Argentina-Passes-New-Anti-Corruption-Statute-11-14-2017/>.

³⁵¹ Argentina: Congress Passes Corporate Corruption Bill, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.occrp.org/en/27-ccwatch/cc-watch-briefs/7236-argentina-congress-passes-corporate-corruption-bill>.

³⁵² Argentina Passes New Anti-Corruption Statute, HK Law (Miami) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.hklaw.com/publications/Argentina-Passes-New-Anti-Corruption-Statute-11-14-2017/>.

³⁵³ Corruption Arrests in Argentina Raise Hope, and Skepticism, New York Times (Buenos Aires), 18 January 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/world/americas/argentina-corruption.html>.

³⁵⁴ Regional Meeting of the Americas of the Alliance for the Open Government 2017, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/encuentro-regional-de-las-americas-de-la-alianza-para-el-gobierno-abierto-2017>.

accountability.³⁵⁵ In his opening address, President Mauricio Macri stressed the importance of a State that is accountable, at the service of citizens, and has transparent public institutions.³⁵⁶

Argentina has taken action in administration by continuing its State Simplification Plan; in training and awareness and international cooperation by hosting the Open Government Partnership Americas Regional Meeting; and in monitoring and transparency through the Corporate Liability Bill and the Law on the Right of Access to Public Information. These actions fulfill four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kamara Jeffrey

Australia: 0

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 23 October 2017, the 2017 National Integrity Commission Bill was introduced.³⁵⁷ The bill establishes an independent statutory agency to investigate and prevent corruption in all areas of the public administration and provide “independent advice to ministers and parliamentarians on conduct, ethics and matters of propriety.”³⁵⁸

On 14-16 November 2017, the Australian Public Sector partnered with the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman to hold the 2017 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference.³⁵⁹ The conference focused on “innovations, strategies and future directions in preventing corruption.”³⁶⁰

On 5 December 2017, the Government of Australia proposed new laws regarding foreign interference in domestic affairs such as foreign donations in political campaigns and creating a public register where foreign lobbyists must declare who they are working for.³⁶¹ According to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, there have been “‘disturbing reports’ of Chinese influence” in Australian

³⁵⁵ Macri and Ibarra inaugurated the Regional Meeting for Open Government, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/macri-e-ibarra-inauguraron-el-encuentro-regional-para-el-gobierno-abierto>.

³⁵⁶ Macri and Ibarra inaugurated the Regional Meeting for Open Government, Ministry of Modernization (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/macri-e-ibarra-inauguraron-el-encuentro-regional-para-el-gobierno-abierto>.

³⁵⁷ National Integrity Commission Bill 2017, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r6002.

³⁵⁸ National Integrity Commission Bill 2017, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=r6002.

³⁵⁹ Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSAAC) 2017, Commonwealth Ombudsman (Canberra) No publication date given. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/news-and-media/other-resources/australian-public-sector-anti-corruption-conference-apsacc-2017>.

³⁶⁰ Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference (APSAAC) 2017, Commonwealth Ombudsman (Canberra) No publication date given. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/news-and-media/other-resources/australian-public-sector-anti-corruption-conference-apsacc-2017>.

³⁶¹ Australia Unveils Laws to Prevent Foreign Interference, BBC News (London) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-australia-42232178>.

affairs.³⁶² Such influence includes previous Labour Party Senator Sam Dastyari's involvement with Chinese billionaire Huang Xiangmo, who has links to the Chinese government.³⁶³ Dastyari allowed Huang Xiangmo to pay for one of his legal bills and 'tipped him off,' stating that his phone was probably being taped by security agencies.³⁶⁴ Due to Dastyari's corrupt behavior, Labor Party Leader Bill Shorten asked him to step down from his position.³⁶⁵

On 28 January 2018, Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce stated that Australia does not need an "independent anti-corruption watchdog to oversee federal politics" as the Senate suffices in performing such function.³⁶⁶ This statement is in response to many Australians requesting the establishment of an independent anti-corruption watchdog.³⁶⁷

Australia has taken action in training and awareness by hosting the 2017 Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference; monitoring and transparency by cracking down on foreign interference in Australian domestic affairs; and coordination by introducing the 2017 National Integrity Commission Bill. These actions fulfil three of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Tyler Rae McMurdo

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 28 July 2017, the Governments of Brazil and the United States signed a bilateral agreement to provide additional resources for the fight against transnational crime.³⁶⁸ The Federal Police (PF) also confirmed they have rejoined Ameripol, a cooperative policing community across the Americas.³⁶⁹

³⁶² Sam Dastyari Quits as Labor Senator Over China Connections, The Guardian (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/dec/12/sam-dastyari-quits-labor-senator-china-connections>.

³⁶³ Sam Dastyari Quits as Labor Senator Over China Connections, The Guardian (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/dec/12/sam-dastyari-quits-labor-senator-china-connections>.

³⁶⁴ Sam Dastyari Told to Resign from Senate Positions After China Revelation, The Guardian (London) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/nov/30/sam-dastyari-told-to-resign-from-senate-positions-after-china-revelation>.

³⁶⁵ Sam Dastyari Told to Resign from Senate Positions After China Revelation, The Guardian (London) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2017/nov/30/sam-dastyari-told-to-resign-from-senate-positions-after-china-revelation>.

³⁶⁶ Barnaby Joyce: Federal ICAC Unnecessary as Senate has Anti-Corruption Powers, The Guardian (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/jan/28/barnaby-joyce-federal-icac-unnecessary-as-senate-has-anti-corruption-powers>.

³⁶⁷ Barnaby Joyce: Federal ICAC Unnecessary as Senate has Anti-Corruption Powers, The Guardian (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/jan/28/barnaby-joyce-federal-icac-unnecessary-as-senate-has-anti-corruption-powers>.

³⁶⁸ Brazil and US Intensify Fight Against Transnational Crime, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/brazil-and-us-intensify-fight-against-transnational-crime>.

³⁶⁹ Brazil and US Intensify Fight Against Transnational Crime, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/brazil-and-us-intensify-fight-against-transnational-crime>.

American intelligence and police units also agreed to train their Brazilian counterparts as part of an agreement signed with the US Department of State.³⁷⁰

As of 3 August 2017, President Michel Temer will not face a corruption trial as the Congress failed to obtain the two-thirds majority to send the case to the Supreme Court.³⁷¹ While the president suffers from a low approval rating amongst the general population, he still receives widespread support from senior politicians and businessmen.³⁷² President Temer was accused of receiving USD12 million from the Brazilian meat packing company, JBS S.A.³⁷³ He subsequently criticized the Brazilian judiciary ahead of its announcement of additional corruption charges against him as basing their claims on unsubstantiated information.³⁷⁴ In a statement, President Temer claims “reputations are shattered in conversations founded on clandestine actions ... bandits concoct versions based on hearsay in exchange for impunity or to obtain a pardon, even partial, for their innumerable crimes.”³⁷⁵

On 29 August 2017, Minister of Agriculture Blairo Maggi addressed the Chamber of Deputies to discuss proposed changes to the meat inspection process that would improve the quality control systems in light of the food safety crisis in March 2017, in which the police conducted investigations into alleged bribery of food sanitation inspectors under Operation Weak Flesh.³⁷⁶ However, details of the proposed changes have yet to be announced.³⁷⁷ Minister Maggi updated the Chamber of Deputies on 31 October 2017 to state that the country has recovered from the damage incurred by Operation Weak Flesh, and took the opportunity to review the proposed changes to ban political appointments of civil servants to certain ministerial-level appointments.³⁷⁸

On 4 September 2017, Brazil participated in the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.³⁷⁹ As a part of the summit, Brazil reaffirmed its commitment to cooperating in the fight against corruption, namely through the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.³⁸⁰

³⁷⁰ Brazil and US Intensify Fight Against Transnational Crime, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/brazil-and-us-intensify-fight-against-transnational-crime>.

³⁷¹ Brazil's President Temer Survives Corruption Vote, BBC News (London) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-40809826>.

³⁷² Brazil's President Temer Survives Corruption Vote, BBC News (London) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-40809826>.

³⁷³ Brazil's President Temer Survives Corruption Vote, BBC News (London) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-40809826>.

³⁷⁴ Brazilian corruption scandal: President Temer slams judiciary, BBC News (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41248075>.

³⁷⁵ Brazilian corruption scandal: President Temer slams judiciary BBC News UK Edition (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41248075>.

³⁷⁶ Brazil overhauls meat oversight, quality control systems in wake of Weak Flesh probe, Reuters (Sao Paulo) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFSON1IR00P>.

³⁷⁷ Brazil overhauls meat oversight, quality control systems in wake of Weak Flesh probe, Reuters (Sao Paulo) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFSON1IR00P>.

³⁷⁸ Maggi: Brazil Fully Recovered from Effects of Operation Weak Flesh, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/maggi-brazil-fully-recovered-from-effects-of-operation-weak-flesh>.

³⁷⁹ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

³⁸⁰ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

On 8 September 2017, former Cabinet Minister Geddel Vieira Lima was arrested after his fingerprints were found on bags containing more than BRL51 million (USD16.52 million) in cash.³⁸¹ The former minister had been placed under house arrest in July after being charged with obstruction of justice.³⁸² His offices were raided on 24 November 2017 by police investigating the discovery of several million USD found in an apartment used by a former minister in President Temer's cabinet.³⁸³

On 15 September 2017, Chief Prosecutor Rodrigo Janot charged President Temer with obstruction of justice and racketeering.³⁸⁴ In this round of charges, President Temer is accused of accepting USD190 million in bribes from companies bidding for government contracts.³⁸⁵ He is also charged with being the "leader of a criminal organization" that was comprised of senior members of his ruling Brazilian Democratic Movement Party.³⁸⁶

On 20 September 2017, Minister of Transportation, Ports and Civil Aviation Mauricio Quintella and Minister of Mines and Energy Fernando Coelho Filho met with foreign investors and shared recent changes to the Investment Partnership Programme (PPI) that aims to facilitate clearer and more competitive rules for investors.³⁸⁷

On 19 October 2017, a Brazilian congressional committee voted to reject the latest round of corruption charges against President Temer for obstruction of justice and racketeering.³⁸⁸

On 26 October 2017, the National Agency for Petroleum, Biofuels and Natural Gas (ANP) announced pre-salt auction rounds under the new PPI guidelines with a view to facilitating additional transparency between public-private partnerships.³⁸⁹ Pre-salt layers are geological formations where petroleum deposits can be found.³⁹⁰

Brazil has taken action in administration by addressing the past bribing of food sanitation inspectors; in training and awareness by engaging in United States efforts to train Brazilian police; in coordination through announcing greater cross-agency collaboration against transnational crime; in

³⁸¹ Brazil Police Arrest Ex-Minister Vieira Lima After Cash Seizure, Reuters (Brasilia) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-corruption/brazil-police-arrest-ex-minister-vieira-lima-after-cash-seizure-idUSKCN1BJ2DW>.

³⁸² Brazil Police Arrest Ex-Minister Vieira Lima After Cash Seizure, Reuters (Brasilia) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-corruption/brazil-police-arrest-ex-minister-vieira-lima-after-cash-seizure-idUSKCN1BJ2DW>.

³⁸³ Brazil Police Raid Offices of Ruling Party Lawmaker, Latin American Herald Tribune (Brasilia) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.laht.com/article.asp?CategoryId=14090&ArticleId=2444800>.

³⁸⁴ Brazil President Michel Temer Faces More Criminal Charges, BBC News (Sao Paolo) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41275822>.

³⁸⁵ Brazil President Michel Temer Faces More Criminal Charges, BBC News (Sao Paolo) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41275822>.

³⁸⁶ Brazil President Michel Temer Faces More Criminal Charges, BBC News (Sao Paolo) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41275822>.

³⁸⁷ Ministers Highlight Potential of PPI Projects, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/ministers-highlight-potential-of-ppi-projects>.

³⁸⁸ Brazil's President Temer escapes corruption charges in Congress committee BBC News UK Edition (London) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-41675111>.

³⁸⁹ Facts You Should Know About Pre-Salt, Presidency of the Republic of Brazil (Brasilia) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/10/facts-you-should-know-about-pre-salt>.

³⁹⁰ Pre-Salt (Rio de Janeiro) 2008. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.petrobras.com.br/en/our-activities/performance-areas/oil-and-gas-exploration-and-production/pre-salt/>.

monitoring and transparency by arresting senior government officials and implementing clearer rules surrounding investment in the PPI; and in international cooperation through reaffirming participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Karen Power

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 18 October 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland adopted the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Acts and amendments to the Special Economic Measures Act (SEMA).³⁹¹ These acts enable the government to take new actions such as asset freezes and travel bans on perpetrators and accomplices, and economic sanctions on foreign states, in response to cases of human rights violations and major acts of corruptions abroad.³⁹²

On 20 October 2017, the Government of Canada made changes to the appointments process for federal judges.³⁹³ It began reconstituting all Judicial Advisory Committees (JACs) to make them more representative of Canadian diversity.³⁹⁴ A public application process for the Public Representative positions was launched, and diversity and unconscious bias training was implemented.³⁹⁵

On 30 October 2017, the Government of Canada repealed the facilitation payment exception in the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act.³⁹⁶ This repeal criminalizes the act of facilitation payments to foreign government officials to speed up routine transactions like permits, for example.³⁹⁷

On 7 November 2017, Canadian Senior Deputy Commissioner of Competition Matthew Boswell delivered a speech to public servants on “bid-rigging detection and prevention: ensuring a competitive and innovative procurement process.”³⁹⁸ Highlighting the harm of bid-rigging in public

³⁹¹ Canada Adopts Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_adopts_justiceforvictimsofcorruptforeignofficialsact0.html.

³⁹² Canada Adopts Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_adopts_justiceforvictimsofcorruptforeignofficialsact0.html.

³⁹³ Changes to the Appointments Process for Federal Judges, Department of Justice (Ottawa) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/scapq-pncsq.html>.

³⁹⁴ Changes to the Appointments Process for Federal Judges, Department of Justice (Ottawa) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/scapq-pncsq.html>.

³⁹⁵ Changes to the Appointments Process for Federal Judges, Department of Justice (Ottawa) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/scapq-pncsq.html>.

³⁹⁶ Canada Repeals Facilitation Payments Exception in Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_repeals_facilitationpaymentsexceptionincorruptionofforeig.html.

³⁹⁷ Canada Repeals Facilitation Payments Exception in Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_repeals_facilitationpaymentsexceptionincorruptionofforeig.html.

³⁹⁸ Bid-rigging Detection and Prevention: Ensuring a Competitive and Innovative Procurement Process (Ottawa) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/bid-rigging_detectionandpreventionensuringacompetitiveandinnovat.html.

and private sectors, he explained this corrupt behavior in public procurement is proven to be harmful to taxpayers.³⁹⁹

On 16 November 2017, the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) launched a free subscription service for Canadian taxpayers to stay updated on CRA enforcement activities.⁴⁰⁰ Canadians who subscribe will be informed through notifications on convictions, the execution of searches, and the laying of criminal charges.⁴⁰¹ This service increases transparency of CRA enforcement activities and raises awareness of the consequences of tax fraud.⁴⁰²

On 20 November 2017, the Government of Canada announced the members of the non-partisan and independent selection committee for a new Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Commissioner.⁴⁰³ This is part of the government's changes to make the selection process for all Governor-in-Council appointments more meritocratic and transparent.⁴⁰⁴

On 22 November 2017, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue Kamal Khera presented the Taxpayers' Ombudsman 2016-17 Annual Report in the House of Commons.⁴⁰⁵ The report examined systemic issues that affect a large number of Canadians or a segment of the population, as well as the CRA's procedures in warning taxpayers before taking legal action to collect unpaid taxes.⁴⁰⁶ The report concluded that the Ombudsman made important efforts across Canada to educate taxpayers regarding their rights, raise awareness about services available, and explore prevalent service issues.⁴⁰⁷

On 23 November 2017, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau presented the 2017 Annual Report of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada (FINTRAC).⁴⁰⁸ The report

³⁹⁹ Bid-rigging Detection and Prevention: Ensuring a Competitive and Innovative Procurement Process (Ottawa) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/bid-rigging_detectionandpreventionensuringacompetitiveandinnovat.html.

⁴⁰⁰ New Enforcement Notifications, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new_enforcement_notifications.html.

⁴⁰¹ New Enforcement Notifications, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new_enforcement_notifications.html.

⁴⁰² New Enforcement Notifications, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2017/11/new_enforcement_notifications.html.

⁴⁰³ Government of Canada Announces Committee Members Involved in the Selection of New RCMP Commissioner, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2017/11/government_of_canadaannouncescommitteemembersinvolvedintheselect.html.

⁴⁰⁴ Government of Canada Announces Committee Members Involved in the Selection of New RCMP Commissioner, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/public-safety-canada/news/2017/11/government_of_canadaannouncescommitteemembersinvolvedintheselect.html.

⁴⁰⁵ Taxpayers' Ombudsman 2016-2017 Annual Report Tabled in Parliament, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/taxpayers-ombudsman/news/2017/11/taxpayers_ombudsman2016-2017annualreporttabledinparliament.html.

⁴⁰⁶ Taxpayers' Ombudsman 2016-2017 Annual Report Tabled in Parliament, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/taxpayers-ombudsman/news/2017/11/taxpayers_ombudsman2016-2017annualreporttabledinparliament.html.

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⁴⁰⁸ Maximizing Results Through Collaboration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-transactions-reports-analysis/news/2017/11/maximizing_resultsthroughcollaboration.html.

summarizes important operations and tasks conducted by the center in 2016-2017 that protect Canadians and the integrity of the Canadian financial system.⁴⁰⁹ FINTRAC detects and limits opportunities for financial corruption in the public and private sector.⁴¹⁰

On 14 December 2017, Minister of Defense Harjit Sajjan announced new Ministerial Directions for the Department of National Defense, Canadian Armed Forces, and Communications Security Establishment.⁴¹¹ The directions are aimed to avoid complicity in mistreatment by foreign entities and to encourage transparency.⁴¹²

On 15 December 2017, Minister of National Revenue Diane Lebovthillier announced changes to the Voluntary Disclosures Program (VDP) to ensure greater tax fairness.⁴¹³ The VDP is a way for taxpayers to correct errors in their taxes, though it has been used by wealthy individuals and corporations as a means to avoid consequences of their aggressive tax planning.⁴¹⁴ The changes planned to come into effect on 1 March 2018, include a Limited Program that offers limited relief to those evading tax payments, require payments as a condition for the program, cancel relief if the application is discovered to be incomplete because of misrepresentation, and eliminate the process of disclosures on a no-name basis.⁴¹⁵

On 20 December 2017, Conflict of Interest Commissioner Mary Dawson concluded in a report that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau violated multiple conflict laws in accepting a family vacation at Bells Cay in December 2016.⁴¹⁶ The Prime Minister was blamed for taking a private aircraft organized by

⁴⁰⁹ Maximizing Results Through Collaboration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-transactions-reports-analysis/news/2017/11/maximizing_resultsthroughcollaboration.html.

⁴¹⁰ Maximizing Results Through Collaboration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-transactions-reports-analysis/news/2017/11/maximizing_resultsthroughcollaboration.html.

⁴¹¹ Statement from Defence Minister Sajjan on Bringing Openness, Transparency, and Clarity to New Ministerial Directions, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018.

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/news/2017/12/statement_from_defenceministersajjanonbringingopennesstransparen.html.

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⁴¹³ Minister Lebovthillier announces tightening of the Voluntary Disclosures Program to ensure greater tax fairness, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018.

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⁴¹⁶ Trudeau violated multiple conflict laws when he accepted family holiday to Aga Khan's island: ethics commissioner, Toronto Star (Toronto) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018.

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/20/trudeau-violated-conflict-of-interest-rules-with-vacation-to-aga-khans-island-ethics-commissioner-says.html>.

Aga Khan's staff with his family despite knowing the extent of the federal government's official dealings with Aga Khan.⁴¹⁷

On 8 January 2018, Minister Leboutheillier announced the launch of new telephone filing system called "File my Return."⁴¹⁸ The new tax filing system will be eligible to 950,000 Canadians with low income or a fixed income that remains unchanged year-to-year.⁴¹⁹ The system processes income tax and benefit returns by asking a series of short questions and requesting the disclosure of some personal information.⁴²⁰

On 27 January 2018, the Governments of Canada, the United States, and Mexico concluded the chapter on anti-corruption in the North American Free Trade Agreement Talks (NAFTA) talks.⁴²¹ The three countries agreed on anti-corruption measures such as increasing transparency in their laws, encouraging due process in legal cases, and promoting integrity among public officials.⁴²²

Canada has taken action in administration by making changes to the Voluntary Disclosures Program and launching the "File my Return" program; in human resources by making the appointment process for judges more reflective of the Canadian population and making Governor-in-Council appointments more transparent; in training and awareness through new Ministerial Directions by the Minister of Defence; in monitoring and transparency by launching a subscription service detailing CRA enforcement activities; and in international cooperation by adopting the Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Acts and amending older legislation to better combat international corruption, criminalizing facilitation payments made to foreign officials abroad, and strengthening anti-corruption measures in the renegotiated NAFTA deal. These actions fulfil five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

⁴¹⁷ Trudeau violated multiple conflict laws when he accepted family holiday to Aga Khan's island: ethics commissioner, Toronto Star (Toronto) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/12/20/trudeau-violated-conflict-of-interest-rules-with-vacation-to-aga-khans-island-ethics-commissioner-says.html>.

⁴¹⁸ Minister Leboutheillier announces improvements to tax filing services for Canadians, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/news/2018/01/minister_leboutheillierannouncesimprovementstotaxfilingservicesfo0.html.

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⁴²¹ Nafta Said to Gain Steam With Agreement on Anti-Corruption Moves, Bloomberg (London) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-27/nafta-said-to-gain-steam-with-agreement-on-anti-corruption-moves>.

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On 4 September 2017, China hosted the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.⁴²³ As a part of the summit, these countries affirmed their cooperation in fighting corruption, namely through participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.⁴²⁴

On 12 September 2017, the website of the Central Committee for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the state-run media China Central Television released a TV documentary “The Sword of Inspection” revealing stories of President Xi Jinping’s anti-corruption campaign that launched in 2012 and exposing details on how corrupt officials are brought to justice by the country’s graft watchdog.⁴²⁵

On 18 September 2017, as part of a frugality and anti-corruption campaign, 5,149 officials were punished by the top anti-graft body of the CPC for violating party austerity rules, including giving or accepting gifts, awarding unauthorized bonuses, and misusing public vehicles.⁴²⁶

On 6 November 2017, President Xi’s “war on graft” was furthered through the release of the first public draft of a law giving a nascent super-ministry powers to detain, investigate, and punish public servants.⁴²⁷ The creation of this National Supervision Commission will expand the power of the existing anti-graft body and will be empowered to investigate, interrogate, and detain government employees.⁴²⁸

On 6 November 2017, at the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, Assistant Foreign Minister Qian Hongshan called for deeper international cooperation in anti-corruption efforts, and pushed for the development of a reference guideline document for states formulating a legal instrument dedicated to asset recovery.⁴²⁹ China has increased efforts to detain individuals suspected of corruption who have fled overseas and has recovered over CNY9 billion in assets according to a report released in June 2017.⁴³⁰

On 11 November 2017, Secretary of the CCDI Zhao Leji announced new anti-corruption supervision commissions to be subjected to the centralized and unified leadership of the Party.⁴³¹

⁴²³ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

⁴²⁴ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

⁴²⁵ China Focus: TV Documentary Exposes Untold Stories of Anti-Corruption Campaign, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/12/c_136604381.htm.

⁴²⁶ China Punishes 5,419 Officials in Frugality Campaign, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/18/c_136619038.htm.

⁴²⁷ China Releases Draft Law to Expand Power of New Anti-Graft Body, Reuters (Beijing) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-corruption/china-releases-draft-law-to-expand-power-of-new-anti-graft-body-idUSKBN1D619S>.

⁴²⁸ China Releases Draft Law to Expand Power of New Anti-Graft Body, Reuters (Beijing) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-corruption/china-releases-draft-law-to-expand-power-of-new-anti-graft-body-idUSKBN1D619S>.

⁴²⁹ China Calls for Asset Recovery Guidelines in Global Anti-Corruption Efforts, The State Council (Beijing) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/11/07/content_281475934616598.htm.

⁴³⁰ China Calls for Asset Recovery Guidelines in Global Anti-Corruption Efforts, The State Council (Beijing) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/11/07/content_281475934616598.htm.

⁴³¹ China Starts Extending Supervisory System Reform to Nationwide, Xinhuanet (Taiyuan) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c_136745245.htm.

Secretary Zhao declared that party committees and discipline agencies should recognize the importance of the reform as an active measure to implement strict governance in order to be more resilient against corruption.⁴³² These new commissions will incorporate existing supervisory, corruption prevention, and control agencies within the government.⁴³³

On 30 November 2017, the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee passed a regulation to promote transparency in party affairs.⁴³⁴ President Xi and the general secretary of the CPC emphasized the necessity to promote transparency in party affairs as part of the “spirit” of the 19th National Congress, embodying President Xi’s new guiding ideology of socialism.⁴³⁵ The regulation will advance strict party governance and strengthen intra-party supervision.⁴³⁶

On 4 December 2017, China’s central authorities called to set up supervisory commissions on village affairs to curb corruption, promote stability, and improve governance in villages.⁴³⁷ The commissions will be made up of three to five peoples who specialize in management and accounting and will be elected by the villager’s assembly.⁴³⁸ Their duties include supervising village affairs and financial management, ensuring fair decision making processes that are in accordance with standard procedures, and overseeing poverty alleviation funds.⁴³⁹

On 9 December 2017, the CPC launched its first training session for provincial and ministerial officials aiming to help leading officials better implement President Xi’s vision for the CPC and the anti-corruption spirit of the 19th CPC National Congress.⁴⁴⁰ The training sessions will allow senior officials to gain a systematic understanding of the Congress spirit to better advance reform since provincial and ministerial officials play a key role in the country’s governance and the enforcement of policies.⁴⁴¹

On 22 December 2017, the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC) received a draft from China’s top legislature on international criminal judicial assistance, which will promote international cooperation in hunting fugitives and recovering assets through intelligence gathering and investigations.⁴⁴² Chairperson of the NPC Foreign Affairs Committee Fu Ying emphasized the

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⁴³³ China Starts Extending Supervisory System Reform to Nationwide, Xinhuanet (Taiyuan) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/11/c_136745245.htm.

⁴³⁴ CPC to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c_136790903.htm.

⁴³⁵ CPC to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c_136790903.htm.

⁴³⁶ CPC to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-11/30/c_136790903.htm.

⁴³⁷ China to Enhance Supervision of Village Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136799965.htm.

⁴³⁸ China to Enhance Supervision of Village Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136799965.htm.

⁴³⁹ China to Enhance Supervision of Village Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/04/c_136799965.htm.

⁴⁴⁰ Intensive CPC Training Program to Improve Governance in New Era, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/09/c_136813602.htm.

⁴⁴¹ Intensive CPC Training Program to Improve Governance in New Era, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/09/c_136813602.htm.

⁴⁴² Draft Law Highlights International Cooperation in Hunting Corrupt Fugitives, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/22/c_136846180.htm.

importance of cooperation between China and other countries in fighting transnational crime and hunting for corrupt fugitives.⁴⁴³

On 25 December 2017, the CPC Central Committee publicly announced a regulation to promote transparency in party affairs.⁴⁴⁴ Transparency in party affairs entails firmly upholding full and strict governance and improving the party's ability to govern and lead.⁴⁴⁵ This will contribute to recognizing behaviours of integrity among officials. According to the regulation, party organizations are required to disclose affairs concerning party leadership among CPC members.⁴⁴⁶ Additionally, plans on local economic and social development, major reform events, responses to major emergencies, CPC theories, principles, and policies, speeches by President Xi, and the appointment and removal of officials should all be publicized.⁴⁴⁷

On 31 January 2018, the CCDI named several low-ranking officials implicated in the abuse of poverty relief funds.⁴⁴⁸ Eight cases were investigated and involved bribe-taking, embezzlement of poverty relief funds, and fraudulently obtaining subsistence allowance.⁴⁴⁹ The CPC issued a statement ordering harsher punishments for corrupt officials who interfere with China's goal of poverty alleviation.⁴⁵⁰

On 4 February 2018, China's National Supervision Commission introduced new "weapons" to enhance supervision, including the seizure of assets.⁴⁵¹ Other "weapons" include interrogation, inquiries, acquisitions, searches, inspections, and examinations.⁴⁵² China's supervision power "has been legalized, regulated, and institutionalized, and is based on better power disposition."⁴⁵³

On 12 February 2018, the CCDI reported that leaders of the supervision commissions in 31 Chinese provinces have thus far been elected in accordance with legal procedure.⁴⁵⁴ The new supervision

⁴⁴³ Draft Law Highlights International Cooperation in Hunting Corrupt Fugitives, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/22/c_136846180.htm.

⁴⁴⁴ CPC Unveils Regulation to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 25 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c_136851503.htm.

⁴⁴⁵ CPC Unveils Regulation to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 25 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c_136851503.htm.

⁴⁴⁶ CPC Unveils Regulation to Promote Transparency in Party Affairs, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 25 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-12/25/c_136851503.htm.

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⁴⁴⁸ China's Graft Watchdog Exposes Corruption in Poverty Relief, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c_136939739.htm.

⁴⁴⁹ China's Graft Watchdog Exposes Corruption in Poverty Relief, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c_136939739.htm.

⁴⁵⁰ China's Graft Watchdog Exposes Corruption in Poverty Relief, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-01/31/c_136939739.htm.

⁴⁵¹ 12 Graft-Busing "Weapons" to Arm National Supervision Commission, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136948773.htm.

⁴⁵² 12 Graft-Busing "Weapons" to Arm National Supervision Commission, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136948773.htm.

⁴⁵³ 12 Graft-Busing "Weapons" to Arm National Supervision Commission, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 4 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/04/c_136948773.htm.

⁴⁵⁴ Leaders of Provincial Supervision Commissions Elected, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c_136969684.htm.

commissions will share offices with discipline inspection commissions to supervise those exercising public powers and have the duties of supervision, investigation, and punishment.⁴⁵⁵

On 24 February 2018, the CCDI reported that all 15 discipline inspection teams have been sent to 30 provincial-level regions, ministry-level agencies, and state-owned enterprises to mark the start of the first round of inspections conducted by the 19th CPC Committee.⁴⁵⁶ According to the CCDI, more than 50 per cent of investigations into centrally-administered officials were a result of information discovered by discipline inspectors.⁴⁵⁷

China has taken action in human resources by promoting transparency in CPC and recognizing integrity among officials; in training and awareness by producing media helping the public understand state anti-corruption efforts and running workshops for senior officials to understand the government's priorities; in monitoring and transparency by disciplining corrupt officials, introducing measures to improve transparency within the CPC, introducing new "weapons" to enhance supervision, and deploying CCDI officials to public enterprises across China; in coordination by establishing the National Supervision Commission, new anti-corruption supervision commissions, and improved anti-corruption institutions in village government; and in international cooperation by improving legislation on international criminal judicial assistance and participating in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 20 July 2017, the National Cashless Payments Committee, established by the French Central Bank, published its first activity report.⁴⁵⁸ In this they outlined their priorities and the actions they took to promote the use of innovative, secure and efficient electronic payment instruments.⁴⁵⁹ The efforts have focused on three main axes: diversifying the range of payment methods available in the public sector, encouraging businesses to use Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA) electronic payments (a payment-integration initiative of the European Union), and encouraging the general public to

⁴⁵⁵ Leaders of Provincial Supervision Commissions Elected, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/12/c_136969684.htm.

⁴⁵⁶ China Starts New Round of Discipline Inspections, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 24 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/24/c_136997263.htm.

⁴⁵⁷ China Starts New Round of Discipline Inspections, Xinhuanet (Beijing) 24 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-02/24/c_136997263.htm.

⁴⁵⁸ The National Cashless Payments Committee publishes its first activity report, Banque de France 20 July 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/communique-de-presse/national-cashless-payments-committee-publishes-its-first-activity-report>.

⁴⁵⁹ The National Cashless Payments Committee publishes its first activity report, Banque de France 20 July 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/communique-de-presse/national-cashless-payments-committee-publishes-its-first-activity-report>.

adopt fast, secure and accessible electronic payment methods, including for small value transactions.⁴⁶⁰

On 19 September 2017, President Emmanuel Macron called on the members of the UN to strengthen their transparency in the management of public services.⁴⁶¹ He also stressed the application of open government principles for the implementation of public services.⁴⁶²

On 2 October 2017, the General Directorate of Public Finances (DGFip) and President Macron's Etalab mission for open data, published the records of the computerized cadastral plan, which is a map that shows the boundaries and ownership of land parcels in France.⁴⁶³ It consisted of approximately 600,000 sheets, each representing a section or part of a cadastral section.⁴⁶⁴ The database includes data on the parcels and rights of way of buildings in over 32,800 French municipalities.⁴⁶⁵

On 6 November 2017, in the 7th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption, France, Morocco and the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) organized a joint side event dedicated to the practical implementation of the Marrakech declaration on the prevention of corruption and the creation of robust frameworks and structures against corruption.⁴⁶⁶

As of 6 November 2017, President Macron requires Members of Parliament publish their expenses relating to purchases using their state-given allowance.⁴⁶⁷ This was taken further on the 29th of November when the office of the National Assembly decided on a framework for the allowance received by each deputy and senator in France to cover their expenses of representation, also known as the IRFM.⁴⁶⁸ They imposed a fixed list of eligible expenses (permanent rentals, communication, transport, etc.) as well as what are considered unauthorized expenses (any funding, direct or indirect,

⁴⁶⁰ The National Cashless Payments Committee publishes its first activity report, Banque de France 20 July 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.banque-france.fr/en/communique-de-presse/national-cashless-payments-committee-publishes-its-first-activity-report>.

⁴⁶¹ Press: At the UN, the President of the Republic passes the co-presidency of the PGO and renews the French commitment to democratic innovation, Etalab (Paris) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <https://www.etalab.gouv.fr/a-lonu-le-president-de-la-republique-passe-le-relais-de-la-co-presidence-du-pgo-et-renouvele-lengagement-francais-envers-linnovation-democratique>.

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⁴⁶³ Press: Computerized Cadastral Plan (PCI), Etalab (Paris) 27 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/plan-cadastral-informatise-pci/#_.

⁴⁶⁴ Press: Computerized Cadastral Plan (PCI), Etalab (Paris) 27 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://www.data.gouv.fr/en/datasets/plan-cadastral-informatise-pci/#_.

⁴⁶⁵ Press: Public service data, Etalab (Paris) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.etalab.gouv.fr/service-public-de-la-donnee-les-donnees-du-cadastre-sont-maintenant-disponibles-sur-data-gouv-fr>.

⁴⁶⁶ Press: 7th Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Permanent Mission of France (Vienna) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://onu-vienne.delegfrance.org/7th-Session-of-the-Conference-of-the-States-Parties-to-the-United-Nations>.

⁴⁶⁷ Macron tells MPs to justify expenses, The Times (Paris) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018 <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/no-more-high-life-for-french-mps-with-president-macron-jbfffz6q5m>.

⁴⁶⁸ MEPs validate new rules for their mandate costs, Acteurs publics (Paris) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.acteurspublics.com/2017/11/29/les-deputes-valident-de-nouvelles-regles-pour-leurs-frais-de-mandat>.

of a political party; the purchase of real estate or the rental of real estate property owned by the Member or his family; any expenditure deducted from taxable income).⁴⁶⁹

On 17 November 2017, Chief Executive Officer of Open Government Partnership Sanjay Pradhan, informed Minister of State for the Digital Sector Mounir Mahjoubi that France had not complied with the OGP Articles of Governance by missing its deadline by over four months.⁴⁷⁰ The OGP Articles of Governance states that all participating countries are expected to make concrete commitments, as part of a country action plan, that are ambitious and go beyond a country's current practice.⁴⁷¹

On 19 December 2017, Head of the Anti-Corruption Agency (AFA) Charles Duchaine said he believes that France “does not have means of investigation against corruption” due to it being understaffed and underfunded.⁴⁷² He argued that the organization only employs 70 people with a budget of EUR10 to EUR15 million; in comparison, the equivalent of his agency in Italy employs 300 people for an annual budget of EUR60 million.⁴⁷³

On 22 December 2017, the AFA released formal guidelines to help public and private sector entities prevent and detect different forms of corruption.⁴⁷⁴ These guidelines, although non-binding, are closely monitored by the AFA and are inspired by international standards such as those incorporated by the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the United Kingdom's Bribery Act.⁴⁷⁵ The guidelines also provide clarification on the measures that relevant organizations should implement in order to comply with the new compliance duty.⁴⁷⁶

France has taken action in administration by promoting the use of secure digital payments for public sector payments; in training and awareness and international cooperation by co-hosting a forum on implementing the Marrakech declaration; in human resources through establishing the IRFM to monitor representation expenses; and in monitoring and transparency through releasing the computerized cadastral plan and new AFA anti-corruption guidelines. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rakan Al Nemri

⁴⁶⁹ MEPs validate new rules for their mandate costs, Acteurs publics (Paris) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.acteurspublics.com/2017/11/29/les-deputes-valident-de-nouvelles-regles-pour-leurs-frais-de-mandat>.

⁴⁷⁰ Document: OGP Letter — France, Open Government Partnership (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/documents/ogp-letter-france-november-2017>.

⁴⁷¹ Document: OGP Letter — France, Open Government Partnership (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.opengovpartnership.org/documents/ogp-letter-france-november-2017>.

⁴⁷² Why does corruption still exist in France?, Le Journal du Dimanche (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.lejdd.fr/politique/pourquoi-la-corruption-existe-t-elle-toujours-en-france-3525728>.

⁴⁷³ Why does corruption still exist in France?, Le Journal du Dimanche (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.lejdd.fr/politique/pourquoi-la-corruption-existe-t-elle-toujours-en-france-3525728>.

⁴⁷⁴ French anti-corruption agency provides guidance on Sapin II compliance, Lexology 23 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=d9d485e0-48e8-45ca-9e3b-1b1b443f2415>.

⁴⁷⁵ French anti-corruption agency provides guidance on Sapin II compliance, Lexology 23 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=d9d485e0-48e8-45ca-9e3b-1b1b443f2415>.

⁴⁷⁶ French anti-corruption agency provides guidance on Sapin II compliance, Lexology 23 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=d9d485e0-48e8-45ca-9e3b-1b1b443f2415>.

Germany: -1

Germany has failed to comply with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 26 February 2018, the Council of Europe published a report recommending Germany address seven outstanding issues regarding transparency in campaign financing, including lowering the threshold for requiring disclosure of a political donation.⁴⁷⁷ The Group of States Against Corruption also recommended that Germany ban anonymous donations to political parties.⁴⁷⁸

On 15 March 2016, Minister of Health Jens Spahn announced his intention to digitalize the public health system during his tenure.⁴⁷⁹ Similarly, Minister of Transportation and Digital Infrastructure Andreas Scheuer expressed his wish to digitalize infrastructure in efforts to “create better and fairer living conditions for the country.”⁴⁸⁰ Additionally, Minister of Education and Research Anja Karliczek proposed that she would “attach new importance especially to digital teaching facilities.”⁴⁸¹ Despite these announcements, there have been no specific proposals towards the digitalization of public administration.

Germany has taken no actions towards its commitment against corruption.

Thus, Germany receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Tyler Kanoff

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 31 July 2017, the Indian government requested that each ministry prepare files on employees containing any complaints, enquiries, and service records by August 5.⁴⁸² This move is meant to identify corrupt government officials so the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) can engage in a crackdown.⁴⁸³

⁴⁷⁷ Germany's Campaign Financing Not Transparent Enough, Report Finds, Deutsche Welle (Bonn) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/germanys-campaign-financing-not-transparent-enough-report-finds/a-42737958>.

⁴⁷⁸ Germany's Campaign Financing Not Transparent Enough, Report Finds, Deutsche Welle (Bonn) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/germanys-campaign-financing-not-transparent-enough-report-finds/a-42737958>.

⁴⁷⁹ Germany's new gov't eyes digitalization, Xinhua (Berlin) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c_137042145.htm.

⁴⁸⁰ Germany's new gov't eyes digitalization, Xinhua (Berlin) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c_137042145.htm.

⁴⁸¹ Germany's new gov't eyes digitalization, Xinhua (Berlin) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2018-03/16/c_137042145.htm.

⁴⁸² Modi govt prepares list of corrupt officials, plans crackdown from August 15, International Business Times (New Delhi) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/modi-govt-prepares-list-corrupt-officials-plans-crackdown-august-15-736677>.

⁴⁸³ Modi govt prepares list of corrupt officials, plans crackdown from August 15, International Business Times (New Delhi) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/modi-govt-prepares-list-corrupt-officials-plans-crackdown-august-15-736677>.

On 4 September 2017, India took part in the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.⁴⁸⁴ As a part of the summit, these countries affirmed their cooperation in fighting corruption, namely through participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.⁴⁸⁵

On 8 September 2017, the CVC released Vigilance Manual 2017, a seventh-edition document detailing new procedures aiming to increase the efficacy of investigations.⁴⁸⁶ Specifically, the CBI will now be able to engage in joint surprise checks of corrupt officials with the CVC.⁴⁸⁷

On 25 October 2017, the CVC announced a pilot project called the Integrity Index.⁴⁸⁸ To be launched by January 2018, this tool will start by examining the performance and internal processes of 25 governmental departments and ministries, as well as public organizations.⁴⁸⁹ The project intends to assess public perceptions of integrity as a preemptive and prohibitive measure against corruption.⁴⁹⁰

On 30 October 2017, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni confirmed their commitment to making the public and private sectors more transparent through bilateral cooperation and assistance while continuing to implement the G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan of 2017-18.⁴⁹¹

On 23 November 2017, Prime Minister Modi announced the launch of the Unified Mobile Application for New-Age Governance (UMANG) during the fifth annual Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCCS).⁴⁹² The app provides a platform for the use of central and local government

⁴⁸⁴ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

⁴⁸⁵ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

⁴⁸⁶ To check corruption, conduct joint surprise checks: CVC to CBI, The Times of India (New Delhi) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/to-check-corruption-conduct-joint-surprise-checks-cvc-to-cbi/articleshow/60422269.cms>.

⁴⁸⁷ To check corruption, conduct joint surprise checks: CVC to CBI, The Times of India (New Delhi) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/to-check-corruption-conduct-joint-surprise-checks-cvc-to-cbi/articleshow/60422269.cms>.

⁴⁸⁸ Central Vigilance Commission to rank government departments on anti-corruption measures, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/central-vigilance-commission-to-rank-government-departments-on-anti-corruption-measures/articleshow/61220144.cms>.

⁴⁸⁹ CVC may roll out Integrity Index by January next year, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cvc-may-roll-out-integrity-index-by-january-next-year/articleshow/61487111.cms>.

⁴⁹⁰ CVC may roll out Integrity Index by January next year, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/cvc-may-roll-out-integrity-index-by-january-next-year/articleshow/61487111.cms>.

⁴⁹¹ India-Italy Joint Statement during the visit of Prime Minister of Italy to India (October 30, 2017), Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/29068/indiaitaly+joint+statement+during+the+visit+of+prime+minister+of+italy+to+india+october+30+2017>.

⁴⁹² Coordination among security agencies essential to counter cyber threats: Modi, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/jam-trinity-have-greatly-helped-reduce-corruption-bring-transparency-pm-modi/articleshow/61763719.cms>.

services (like managing finances, employment, and public grievances) by citizens, thereby better regulating these processes for corruption.⁴⁹³

On 29 November 2017, Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) RS Sharma expressed the organization's support for net neutrality.⁴⁹⁴ This position prioritizes fair and equal access to internet for the public over the interests of the market.⁴⁹⁵

On 5 December 2017, Prime Minister Modi's ruling party revealed plans for an overhaul of the tax assessment system, involving digitization to reduce the length of the process and variation in returns caused by employee discretion.⁴⁹⁶ The Indian government intends to use the new system to more carefully assess India's top 500 companies for corrupt business practices after February 2018.⁴⁹⁷

On 6 January 2018, Leader of the Opposition Lalu Prasad Yadav was sentenced by a court to three-and-a-half years in prison for his involvement in a USD157 million fodder scam.⁴⁹⁸ As a part of this scam, Yadav fraudulently withdrew USD140,000 from the state treasury on the pretense of getting fodder for the livestock of farmers in his constituency — a crime he has previously been convicted of in 2013.⁴⁹⁹

On 23 February 2018, Transparency International released its Corruption Perceptions Index, which ranks countries "according to perceived levels of public sector corruption according to experts and businesspeople."⁵⁰⁰ On a scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean), India received a score of 40, leaving it ranked 81st out of 180 countries.⁵⁰¹

India has taken action in administration by launching the Integrity Index pilot project, UNAMG, and overhauling the tax assessment system; in human resources by identifying problematic employees to the CVC; in coordination by improving the efficacy of investigations through the Vigilance Manual

⁴⁹³ PM Modi announces Umang app: What is it, how it works and everything you should know, India Today (New Delhi) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/technology/story/pm-modi-announces-umang-app-what-is-it-how-it-works-and-everything-you-should-know/1/1096136.html>.

⁴⁹⁴ India's communications regulator endorses net neutrality, The Guardian (Delhi) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/29/india-communications-regulator-endorses-net-neutrality-telecom-internet>.

⁴⁹⁵ India's communications regulator endorses net neutrality, The Guardian (Delhi) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2017/nov/29/india-communications-regulator-endorses-net-neutrality-telecom-internet>.

⁴⁹⁶ Top 500 companies in India likely to face electronic tax scrutiny: Report, International Business Times (New Delhi) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/top-500-companies-india-likely-face-electronic-tax-scrutiny-report-751939>.

⁴⁹⁷ Top 500 companies in India likely to face electronic tax scrutiny: Report, International Business Times (New Delhi) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.ibtimes.co.in/top-500-companies-india-likely-face-electronic-tax-scrutiny-report-751939>.

⁴⁹⁸ Top Indian politician jailed over corruption scam, The Jakarta Post (New Delhi) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/06/top-indian-politician-jailed-over-corruption-scam.html>.

⁴⁹⁹ Top Indian politician jailed over corruption scam, The Jakarta Post (New Delhi) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/06/top-indian-politician-jailed-over-corruption-scam.html>.

⁵⁰⁰ 'Perceived corruption' list ranks India at 81 among 180, The Indian Express (New Delhi) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/perceived-corruption-list-ranks-india-81st-among-180-5074770/>.

⁵⁰¹ 'Perceived corruption' list ranks India at 81 among 180, The Indian Express (New Delhi) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/perceived-corruption-list-ranks-india-81st-among-180-5074770/>.

2017; and in international cooperation by participating in the Xiamen BRICS summit and confirming its anti-corruption partnerships with Italy. These actions fulfil four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alina Butt

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 17 July 2017, the Corruption Eradication Committee (KPK) implicated Setya Novanto, former Head of the Legislative Assembly of the People's Representative Council, in a corruption scandal.⁵⁰² He is the fifth person to be questioned over his alleged involvement in skimming USD170 million from the USD440 million electronic identity card system in 2011.⁵⁰³ A warrant for his arrest was issued on 15 November 2017.⁵⁰⁴ His case is set to go to trial on 11 January 2018.⁵⁰⁵

On 19 July 2017, the KPK, Ministry of Health, and Social Insurance Administration Organization issued a joint statement outlining a proposed set of inter-agency guidelines on how to prevent, detect, and settle cases of healthcare fraud.⁵⁰⁶

On 31 August 2017, President Joko Widodo promised to build a centralized application system for business licenses by March 2018.⁵⁰⁷ The current system varies by region and requires coordination between multiple agencies, so this move to create a one-step process would increase the government service's efficiency and transparency.⁵⁰⁸

On 9 October 2017, the KPK and Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that Yemen and Ghana will be acting as reviewers for the second round of five-year reviews required to assess the Indonesian government's implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).⁵⁰⁹

⁵⁰² Indonesia's Parliament speaker Setya Novanto named suspect in corruption scandal, Hindustan Times (Jakarta) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/indonesia-s-parliament-speaker-setya-novanto-named-suspect-in-corruption-scandal/story-6YXCKTUQRANTB1ZF3LO0YJ.html>.

⁵⁰³ Indonesia's Parliament speaker Setya Novanto named suspect in corruption scandal, Hindustan Times (Jakarta) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/indonesia-s-parliament-speaker-setya-novanto-named-suspect-in-corruption-scandal/story-6YXCKTUQRANTB1ZF3LO0YJ.html>.

⁵⁰⁴ Top Indonesian politician embroiled in huge corruption case goes missing, The Guardian (Jakarta) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/16/top-indonesian-politician-corruption-case-missing>.

⁵⁰⁵ Court rejects Setya's demurrer, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/04/court-rejects-setyas-demurrer.html>.

⁵⁰⁶ KPK-Kemenkes-BPJS Kesehatan Bentuk Tim Gabungan Berantas Kecurangan, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta), 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/siaran-pers/4017-kpk-kemenkes-bpjs-kesehatan-bentuk-tim-gabungan-berantas-kecurangan>.

⁵⁰⁷ Presidential Regulation to Cut Red Tape, Fast-Track Business Licensing, Jakarta Globe (Jakarta) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://jakartaglobe.id/business/new-presidential-order-to-rule-all-business-licensing/>.

⁵⁰⁸ Editorial: Redesigning Business Licensing, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/09/06/editorial-redesigning-business-licensing.html>.

⁵⁰⁹ KPK Jadikan Review UNCAC Momentum Menambal Celah, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 9 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/siaran-pers/4085-kpk-jadikan-review-uncac-momentum-menambal-celah>.

On 8 November 2017, the KPK announced its plan to extend its Teacher Supercamp, a program to educate teachers in anti-corruption and produce educational materials for students about corruption, to madrasas.⁵¹⁰ The madrasa school system is privately-run and focuses on providing instruction in and based on Islamic teachings.⁵¹¹

On 13 November 2017, Indonesia joined the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to take part in the twentieth annual ASEAN-China Summit in Manila, Philippines.⁵¹² The summit affirmed the importance of transnational cooperation to preventing and combating corruption like money laundering.⁵¹³

On 16 November 2017, the KPK established the Institute for Certification of Extension Agents, a “standardization of [the] anti-corruption counselor profession.”⁵¹⁴ The certification is meant to legitimize the work of existing officials while also drawing in new professionals to increase their knowledge of and competence in dealing with corruption.⁵¹⁵

On 9 December 2017, the KPK and Australia Indonesia Partnership for Justice (AIJP) were awarded the 2017 Anti-Corruption Excellence Award for Youth Creativity and Engagement because of their Saya Perempuan Anti Korupsi (SPAK) program.⁵¹⁶ SPAK took a family-based approach to fighting corruption by using games to instill values like fairness and responsibility in children and by encouraging parents to teach their children to be honest.⁵¹⁷

On 2 March 2018, criticism emerged over a new out-of-court settlement policy, which states that corruption cases can be terminated “if an alleged perpetrator is willing to return ... embezzled money

⁵¹⁰ Mengasah Inovasi Antikorupsi lewat Madrasah, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4108-mengasah-inovasi-antikorupsi-lewat-madrasah>.

⁵¹¹ Mengasah Inovasi Antikorupsi lewat Madrasah, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4108-mengasah-inovasi-antikorupsi-lewat-madrasah>.

⁵¹² ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Comprehensively Strengthening Effective Anti-Corruption Cooperation, ASEAN (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://asean.org/storage/2017/11/ASEAN-China-Joint-Statement-on-Comprehensively-Strengthening-Effective-A-.pdf>.

⁵¹³ ASEAN-China Joint Statement on Comprehensively Strengthening Effective Anti-Corruption Cooperation, ASEAN (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://asean.org/storage/2017/11/ASEAN-China-Joint-Statement-on-Comprehensively-Strengthening-Effective-A-.pdf>.

⁵¹⁴ Lembaga Sertifikasi Penyuluh Antikorupsi Diresmikan, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4118-lembaga-sertifikasi-penyuluh-antikorupsi-diresmikan>.

⁵¹⁵ Lembaga Sertifikasi Penyuluh Antikorupsi Diresmikan, Komisi Pemberantasan Korupsi (Jakarta) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.kpk.go.id/id/berita/berita-kpk-kegiatan/4118-lembaga-sertifikasi-penyuluh-antikorupsi-diresmikan>.

⁵¹⁶ ‘Saya Perempuan Anti Korupsi’ Raih Penghargaan Internasional, CNN Indonesia (Jakarta) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.cnnindonesia.com/nasional/20171209173631-20-261334/saya-perempuan-anti-korupsi-raih-penghargaan-internasional>.

⁵¹⁷ ACE Award Winners 2017, Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al International Anti-Corruption Excellence Award (Doha), 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://www.aceaward.com/en/pages/winners>.

to the authority,” for letting criminals go.⁵¹⁸ However, this policy is meant to cut back on the cost of investigations and is only meant to apply to misadministration, not crime.⁵¹⁹

Indonesia has taken action in administration by introducing measures to combat healthcare fraud, centralizing the business license application system, and introducing the innovative SPAK program; in human resources by establishing the Institute for Certification of Extension Agent; in training and awareness by instituting the Teacher Supercamp; in monitoring and transparency by implicating Setya Novanto in a multi-million dollar corruption scandal; and in international cooperation by agreeing to have foreign observers assess the implementation of the UNCAC and affirming the importance of anti-corruption measures at its first ASEAN summit. These actions fulfil five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alina Butt

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 15 November 2017, the Italian legislature passed a law aimed to protect whistleblowers.⁵²⁰ The law extends protections in place for public sector employees such as protection from retribution to those employees of public companies, economic public entities, and private companies that provide goods and services to public bodies, provided that the whistleblower’s claims are not completely unfounded.⁵²¹

On 31 January 2018, senior anti-corruption officials from Italy met with Indian anti-corruption officials to discuss “mutual cooperation in investigations” and more effective communication channels.⁵²²

On 14 February 2018, approximately 10 Members of Parliament from the Five Star Movement party were accused of having misspent portions of their government salaries that were supposed to go to charity, despite being a vehemently anti-corruption party.⁵²³

⁵¹⁸ ICW slams out-of-court settlement policy for corruption cases, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/03/02/icw-slams-out-of-court-settlement-policy-for-corruption-cases.html>.

⁵¹⁹ ICW slams out-of-court settlement policy for corruption cases, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/03/02/icw-slams-out-of-court-settlement-policy-for-corruption-cases.html>.

⁵²⁰ A Victory for Transparency International, Civil Society, and Whistleblowers in Italy, Transparency International (Berlin) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://voices.transparency.org/a-victory-for-transparency-international-civil-society-and-whistleblowers-in-italy-ef720f5d46ad>.

⁵²¹ At Last, A Whistleblowing Law Is Adopted in Italy, Osborne Clarke (London) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.osborneclarke.com/insights/at-last-a-whistleblowing-law-is-adopted-in-italy/>.

⁵²² Italian Anti-Corruption Officials to Meet Indian Counterparts, The Hindu (New Delhi) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/italian-anti-corruption-officials-to-meet-indian-counterparts/article22613491.ece>.

⁵²³ Italy's 'Anti-Corruption' Five Star Movement Embroiled in Money Scandal Over Missing 1 Million EUR, The Local Euro AB (Stockholm) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 05 March 2018. <https://www.thelocal.it/20180214/five-star-movement-italy-money-scandal-million-corruption>.

Italy has taken actions in coordination through the enhanced whistleblower protection legislation; and in international cooperation through the meeting with Indian anti-corruption officials. These actions fulfil two of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Tyler Kanoff

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 27 July 2017, the Department of Defence released findings from an investigation alleging that Minister of Defense Tomomi Inada hid sensitive defense documents regarding Japanese troops serving the UN peacekeeping mission in South Sudan.⁵²⁴ There are concerns that Japan's Self Defence Force may have engaged in combat in South Sudan during a conflict that arose in the capital city of Juba and that these logs recorded this engagement.⁵²⁵ Following the allegations of Inada hiding these documents, she resigned.⁵²⁶

On 31 July 2017, Yasunori Kagoike, head of the Moritomo Gakuen preschool, was arrested due to being suspected of illegally receiving subsidies from the Japanese Government.⁵²⁷ He was also said to have corrupt ties with Akie Abe, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's wife.⁵²⁸ Akie Abe was set to have become Moritomo Gakuen's 'honorary principal.'⁵²⁹

On 3 August 2017, Prime Minister Abe reshuffled his Cabinet with a goal to improve public opinion after recent government scandals, such as in the Ministries of Defence and of Finance.⁵³⁰ Prime

⁵²⁴ Japan's defense minister and one-time rising political star resigns, CNN (New York) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/27/asia/tomomi-inada-japan-defense-minister/index.html>. Defense Minister Inada to resign amid allegations of a cover-up of SDF's South Sudan mission logs, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/07/27/national/politics-diplomacy/gsdg-chief-expected-resign-peacekeeper-data-coverup-allegations/#.Wh5On0qnHIU>.

⁵²⁵ Editorial: Inada must clarify involvement regarding hidden SDF logs, The Mainichi (Tokyo) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20170720/p2a/00m/0na/012000c>.

⁵²⁶ Japan's defense minister and one-time rising political star resigns, CNN (New York) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/07/27/asia/tomomi-inada-japan-defense-minister/index.html>.

⁵²⁷ Japan arrests former head of school operator with ties to PM Abe's wife: media, Reuters (London) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-politics/japan-arrests-former-head-of-school-operator-with-ties-to-pm-abes-wife-media-idUSKBN1AG1JD>.

⁵²⁸ Japan arrests former head of school operator with ties to PM Abe's wife: media, Reuters (London) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-politics/japan-arrests-former-head-of-school-operator-with-ties-to-pm-abes-wife-media-idUSKBN1AG1JD>.

⁵²⁹ Japan arrests former head of school operator with ties to PM Abe's wife: media, Reuters (London) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-politics/japan-arrests-former-head-of-school-operator-with-ties-to-pm-abes-wife-media-idUSKBN1AG1JD>.

⁵³⁰ Abe looks for rebound with make-or-break Cabinet reshuffle, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/08/03/national/politics-diplomacy/abe-poised-reshuffle-cabinet-support-slides-tap-kono-top-envoy/#.Wh5LrkqnHIU>.

Minister Abe stated that “[the Cabinet] would like to take steps — one by one — toward reviving the public trust.”⁵³¹

On 1 September 2017, Japan hosted a five-day ‘study visit’ where government officials of 10 ASEAN Member States met to share “best practices” in their respective public administrations and human resource management.⁵³² Japan and ASEAN Member States shared knowledge “on issues of merit-based recruitment system, . . . enforcement of code of ethics and code of conduct.”⁵³³

Japan has taken action in monitoring and transparency by releasing the findings from the investigation into Japanese peacekeepers, arresting the head of the Moritomo Gakuen school, and reshuffling the cabinet to restore public trust in the government; and in training and awareness and international cooperation by hosting the ASEAN study visit. These actions fulfil three of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Tyler Rae McMurdo

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 17 July 2017, the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ACRC) launched an Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be conducted on certain public organizations.⁵³⁴ ACRC Chairperson Pak Un Jong announced that the Integrity Assessment has begun for 701 public organizations and the Anti-Corruption Initiative has begun for 257 public organizations.⁵³⁵ The assessments involve evaluating the public organization’s integrity levels, identifying corruption-causing factors, improving corruption-prone areas, and operating improper solicitation prevention measures.⁵³⁶

On 21 July 2017, the ACRC met with civic organizations in efforts to rebuild an anti-corruption network through public-private cooperation in attempt to recover from the national crisis that

⁵³¹ Abe looks for rebound with make-or-break Cabinet reshuffle, The Japan Times (Tokyo) 3 August 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/08/03/national/politics-diplomacy/abe-poised-reshuffle-cabinet-support-slides-tap-kono-top-envoy/#.Wh5LrkqnHIU>.

⁵³² ASEAN to enhance skills of public services, ASEAN (Jakarta) 1 September 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://asean.org/asean-to-enhance-skills-of-public-services/>.

⁵³³ ASEAN to enhance skills of public services, ASEAN (Jakarta) 1 September 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://asean.org/asean-to-enhance-skills-of-public-services/>.

⁵³⁴ Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be Conducted on Public Organizations, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=66094>.

⁵³⁵ Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be Conducted on Public Organizations, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=66094>.

⁵³⁶ Integrity Assessment and Anti-Corruption Initiative Assessment to be Conducted on Public Organizations, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=66094>.

impeached former President Park Geun-Hye for corruption.⁵³⁷ The meeting was attended by nine major anti-corruption civic organizations including Citizens' Coalition for Economic Justice (CCEJ), Transparency International Korea, HungSaDan Transparency Movement, and others.⁵³⁸ Strategies of developing sustainable anti-corruption practice between public and private sectors were discussed.⁵³⁹

On 18 September 2017, a Ministry of Justice reform committee composed of civil servants proposed an establishment of a massive investigation agency to deal exclusively with corruption and other crimes involving senior officials.⁵⁴⁰ The proposed agency would have precedence over police and public prosecution when investigations overlap.⁵⁴¹ The creation of this agency was part of President Moon Jae-In's campaign promises to a nation that had been long plagued with corruption by high level officials of central and local governments.⁵⁴² All government employees and public servants could be subject to the agency's investigation.⁵⁴³

On 28 September 2017, ACRC Chairperson Pak Un Jong announced the passing of the Act on the Protection of Public Interest Whistleblowers amendment in the National Assembly, the unicameral national legislature of Korea.⁵⁴⁴ The amendment was intended to expand areas of protection for public interest whistleblowers and enhance the handling of public interest violation reports.⁵⁴⁵ ACRC

⁵³⁷ Through Public-Private Cooperation, ACRC is to Rebuild Anti-Corruption Network, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=65677>.

⁵³⁸ Through Public-Private Cooperation, ACRC is to Rebuild Anti-Corruption Network, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=65677>.

⁵³⁹ Through Public-Private Cooperation, ACRC is to Rebuild Anti-Corruption Network, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=65677>.

⁵⁴⁰ Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

⁵⁴¹ Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

⁵⁴² Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

⁵⁴³ Ministry Committee Calls for Powerful Investigation Agency Handling High-Level Corruption, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20170918006200315>.

⁵⁴⁴ Protection for Public Interest Whistleblowers to be Significantly Strengthened, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67072>.

⁵⁴⁵ Protection for Public Interest Whistleblowers to be Significantly Strengthened, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67072>.

officials reported that the amendment will “contribute to enhanced public safety and transparency in Korean society.”⁵⁴⁶

On 23 October 2017, President Moon called for a thorough inspection of all public enterprises to identify and rescind out any patronage appointments to powerful political and economic figures.⁵⁴⁷ President Moon stated “recent reports on illicit employment in public organizations make it clear that such corruption has become engrained in daily life,” and asked the government to “address the issues with firm determination to end the cycle of foul-play and privilege.”⁵⁴⁸ The President also asserted that those who facilitated patronage appointments will face criminal charges and damage suits from their organizations.⁵⁴⁹

On 9 November 2017, the Financial Supervisory Services (FSS) announced efforts to reform its hiring practices after a series of irregularities emerged involving new employees being affiliated with influential figures.⁵⁵⁰ The FSS had been under scrutiny after state auditors found that senior FSS officials gave special favors to some job candidates who were related to politicians and senior financial executives.⁵⁵¹ FSS proposes to abolish the resume and cover letter screening process and require all job candidates to take a written test in its first stage of hiring.⁵⁵²

On 15 November 2017, the ACRC held the regional Anti-Corruption Conference of the Asia Development Bank and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.⁵⁵³ ACRC Chairperson Pak reaffirmed Korea’s leading role in the efforts to nurture anti-corruption culture in the Asia Pacific.⁵⁵⁴ The regional conference brought together 350 leaders and ministers of member

⁵⁴⁶ Protection for Public Interest Whistleblowers to be Significantly Strengthened, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017.
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67072>.

⁵⁴⁷ Moon Orders Inspection of all Public Firms to Eradicate Solicited Jobs, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171023007300315>.

⁵⁴⁸ Moon Orders Inspection of all Public Firms to Eradicate Solicited Jobs, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171023007300315>.

⁵⁴⁹ Moon Orders Inspection of all Public Firms to Eradicate Solicited Jobs, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017.
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171023007300315>.

⁵⁵⁰ Financial Regulator Pledges Reform in Hiring Practices after Scandals, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 9 December 2017.
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171109003951320>.

⁵⁵¹ Financial Regulator Pledges Reform in Hiring Practices after Scandals, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 9 December 2017.
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171109003951320>.

⁵⁵² Financial Regulator Pledges Reform in Hiring Practices after Scandals, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 9 December 2017.
<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171109003951320>.

⁵⁵³ ACRC hosted the regional anti-corruption conference for Asia and the Pacific, ACRC (Seoul) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 16 April 2018.
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=67615>

⁵⁵⁴ ACRC hosted the regional anti-corruption conference for Asia and the Pacific, ACRC (Seoul) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 16 April 2018.
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=67615>

states and discussed the enactment of the 2016 Improper Solicitation and Graft Act as an example of effective anti-corruption policy as well as its achievements and future priorities.⁵⁵⁵

On 16 November 2017, prosecutors arrested two Korean spy chiefs who served under former President Park on charges of illegally channelling tens of thousands of US dollars per month from their agency's secret budgets for Park's private use.⁵⁵⁶ The arrests were part of President Moon's campaign to root out collusive ties between the President's Office and the National Intelligence Service.⁵⁵⁷

On 24 November 2017, the ACRC joined the Korean government in actively supporting relevant agencies in managing and supervising public institutions and in improving institutional frameworks to reduce employing corrupt personnel.⁵⁵⁸ This effort was in conjunction with the special body to counter public institutions corruption in personnel affairs and recruitment set up by the government.⁵⁵⁹ The ACRC will contribute by carrying out examinations on the entire employment process of 271 public service-related organizations.⁵⁶⁰

On 29 November 2017, Minister of Defense Song Young-Moo met with Director of Transparency International's Defense and Security Programme Katherine Dixon to pledge continued cooperation to fight corruption in the defense and security domains.⁵⁶¹ The Defense and Security Programme compiles an index gauging the level of corruption in human resources, budget execution, and other categories in the defense and security fields, while providing possible solutions and codes of conduct.⁵⁶²

⁵⁵⁵ ACRC hosted the regional anti-corruption conference for Asia and the Pacific, ACRC (Seoul) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 16 April 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=67615>

⁵⁵⁶ Ex-Spy Chiefs Arrested in South Korea on Corruption Charges, New York Times (Seoul) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/16/world/asia/south-korea-spy-corruption.html>.

⁵⁵⁷ Ex-Spy Chiefs Arrested in South Korea on Corruption Charges, New York Times (Seoul) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/16/world/asia/south-korea-spy-corruption.html>.

⁵⁵⁸ ARCR to Join Government-Wide Efforts to Root Out Corruption in Personnel Affairs and Recruitment, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67609>.

⁵⁵⁹ ARCR to Join Government-Wide Efforts to Root Out Corruption in Personnel Affairs and Recruitment, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67609>.

⁵⁶⁰ ARCR to Join Government-Wide Efforts to Root Out Corruption in Personnel Affairs and Recruitment, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 December 2017. <http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=0205&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=1&boardNum=67609>.

⁵⁶¹ Defense Chief Discusses Transparency Enhancement with NGO Official, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/11/29/0302000000AEN20171129010700315.html>.

⁵⁶² Defense Chief Discusses Transparency Enhancement with NGO Official, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 6 December 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/11/29/0302000000AEN20171129010700315.html>.

On 30 November 2017, the Defense Acquisition Program Administration held the 2017 International Conference on Anti-Corruption in Defense Acquisition in Seoul.⁵⁶³ Domestic and foreign anti-corruption experts discussed measures to prevent corruption in defence acquisition.⁵⁶⁴

On 7 December 2017, the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) launched an innovation committee to enhance transparency of the organization and improve its reputation, which had been tarnished by multiple scandals.⁵⁶⁵ The former chief of KOICA stepped down amid allegations of his affiliation with Choi Soon Sil, a close confidante of the former President Park, for having heavy influence over corrupt practices of the administration.⁵⁶⁶ The committee is mandated to collect opinions and hold debates about reform strategies for the organization.⁵⁶⁷

On 2 January 2018, the Act on Anti-Corruption and the Establishment and Operations of ACRC was amended to strengthen the protection of corruption reporters and to strengthen the reward for corruption reporters.⁵⁶⁸ The provisions include prohibiting anyone from interfering with filing corruption reports and compensation relief funds for corruption reporters to be introduced.⁵⁶⁹

On 19 January 2018, a Cabinet meeting made an amendment to the Code of Conduct for Public Officials in attempt to prevent conflict of interests and to prohibit improper solicitation to private citizens.⁵⁷⁰ The new provision included the prohibition of directing parties or subordinates to do personal affairs, prohibition of acts to gain private interests related to public duties, restriction of

⁵⁶³ DAPA Hosts International Conference on Anti-Corruption in Defense Acquisition 2017, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68153>.

⁵⁶⁴ DAPA Hosts International Conference on Anti-Corruption in Defense Acquisition 2017, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68153>.

⁵⁶⁵ KOICA Launches 'Innovation Committee' to Reform Organization, Raise Transparency, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/12/07/0302000000AEN20171207002600315.html>.

⁵⁶⁶ KOICA Launches 'Innovation Committee' to Reform Organization, Raise Transparency, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/12/07/0302000000AEN20171207002600315.html>.

⁵⁶⁷ KOICA Launches 'Innovation Committee' to Reform Organization, Raise Transparency, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/12/07/0302000000AEN20171207002600315.html>.

⁵⁶⁸ Measures to Strengthen the Protection and Reward System for Reporters to be Taken "In No Time", Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=68146>.

⁵⁶⁹ Measures to Strengthen the Protection and Reward System for Reporters to be Taken "In No Time", Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=68146>.

⁵⁷⁰ Improper Solicitation to Private Citizens will be Prohibited, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&conflId=62&conConflId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=68261>.

employment of family members of high ranking officials and personnel management officers, and others.⁵⁷¹

On 28 February 2018, the ACRC established anti-corruption policies based on its Four Free Anti-Corruption Policy Agenda, which includes being “free from improper solicitations, free from tolerance for corrupt acts, free from corrupt ties between bureaucrats and businesses, and free from false claims for easy money.”⁵⁷² These policies were part of the 2018 Anti-Corruption Policy Enforcement Guideline.⁵⁷³

Korea has taken action in administration by launching integrity and anti-corruption assessments for public organizations, and investigating and rescinding patronage appointments at public organizations; in human resources by reinforcing meritocratic hiring practices at FSS and throughout Korean public organizations; in training and awareness by promoting the Four Free Anti-Corruption Policy Agenda; in monitoring and transparency by arresting and sentencing individuals closely involved in the corrupt presidency of former president Park (including Park herself); in coordination by rebuilding anti-corruption networks damaged by the high-profile impeachment of former president Park, creating a proposed investigation agency to handle public sector corruption, expanding whistleblower protection, and strengthening protections for reporting on corruption; and in international cooperation by hosting numerous regional anti-corruption conferences. These actions fulfill all six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nancy Ji

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

In July 2017, the Secretary of Public Administration published its Model Program for Corporation Integrity to provide interpretation of Articles 21 and 25 of the General Law of Administrative Responsibilities (GLAR), which entered into force on 19 July 2017.⁵⁷⁴ The GLAR introduced the concept of a whistleblower in the anti-corruption space and sets out provisions to punish both individuals and legal entities for the bribery of public officials at any level of government in

⁵⁷¹Improper Solicitation to Private Citizens will be Prohibited, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&confId=62&conConfId=62&conTabId=0&currPageNo=2&boardNum=68261>.

⁵⁷²The ACRC Held a Meeting to Convey ‘The 2018 Anti-Corruption Policy Enforcement Guideline’, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68665>.

⁵⁷³The ACRC Held a Meeting to Convey ‘The 2018 Anti-Corruption Policy Enforcement Guideline’, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission (Seoul) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018.
<http://www.acrc.go.kr/en/board.do?command=searchDetail&method=searchDetailViewInc&menuId=020501&boardNum=68665>.

⁵⁷⁴New Mexican Anti-Corruption Law Enters into Force July 19, 2017, Global Compliance News (Mexico City) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://globalcompliancenews.com/new-mexican-anti-corruption-law-20170713/>.

Mexico.⁵⁷⁵ The Model Program provides recommendations for compliance programs and policies, including measures to promote accountability.⁵⁷⁶

On 3 December 2017, the Secretariat of Public Function (SFP) launched an Anti-Corruption Week, which took place in Mexico City from 3 to 9 December 2017, with the goal of raising awareness, reflecting, and dialoguing with citizens related to combatting corruption.⁵⁷⁷ SFP hosted the Dialogues Against Corruption event in advance of Anti-Corruption Week.⁵⁷⁸ The dialogue table aimed to establish common themes related to the fight against corruption and participants included specialists in access to public information and the costs of corruption.⁵⁷⁹

On 21 February 2018, the 2017 Corruption Perceptions Index ranked Mexico in 135th place on the list of 180 countries.⁵⁸⁰ Mexico received a final score of 29, one point less than the previous year.⁵⁸¹

Mexico has taken action in training and awareness by launching an Anti-Corruption week; and in coordination by promoting accountability and anti-corruption compliance with GLAR. These actions fulfil two of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kamara Jeffrey

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 28 July 2017, United Russia, the majority party in parliament and party of President Vladimir Putin, drafted a motion to limit its membership fees and require political parties to reveal the names of political sponsors.⁵⁸² The Central Elections Commission would be tasked with deciding and updating the maximum size of donations, entry fees, and membership fees.⁵⁸³ Additionally, the party

⁵⁷⁵ New Mexican Anti-Corruption Law Enters into Force July 19, 2017, Global Compliance News (Mexico City) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://globalcompliancenews.com/new-mexican-anti-corruption-law-20170713/>.

⁵⁷⁶ New Mexican Anti-Corruption Law Enters into Force July 19, 2017, Global Compliance News (Mexico City) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <https://globalcompliancenews.com/new-mexican-anti-corruption-law-20170713/>.

⁵⁷⁷ SFP Carries Out Anticorruption Week, Vertigo Político (Mexico City) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2017. <http://www.vertigopolitico.com/articulo/50656/SFP-realiza-la-Semana-Anticorrupcion>.

⁵⁷⁸ With the Participation of All, an Effective Fight Against Corruption will be Achieved: SPF, Secretariat of Public Function (Mexico City) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sfp/articulos/con-la-participacion-de-todos-se-lograra-un-eficaz-combate-a-la-corrupcion-sfp-137806?idiom=es>.

⁵⁷⁹ With the Participation of All, an Effective Fight Against Corruption will be Achieved: SPF, Secretariat of Public Function (Mexico City) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 5 December 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sfp/articulos/con-la-participacion-de-todos-se-lograra-un-eficaz-combate-a-la-corrupcion-sfp-137806?idiom=es>.

⁵⁸⁰ No Improvement on the Corruption Index, Mexico News Daily (Mexico City) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/no-improvement-on-the-corruption-index/>.

⁵⁸¹ No Improvement on the Corruption Index, Mexico News Daily (Mexico City) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://mexiconewsdaily.com/news/no-improvement-on-the-corruption-index/>.

⁵⁸² United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

⁵⁸³ United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

would have to disclose its sources of money in its annual official report.⁵⁸⁴ The current law limits the size of donations but does not regulate the entry or membership fees paid by party members.⁵⁸⁵ The proposed changes are in line with the recommendations issued by the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), the anti-corruption monitoring body of the Council of Europe.⁵⁸⁶

On 4 September 2017, Russia committed to cooperating with member states regarding anti-corruption at the 2017 BRICS Summit in the Xiamen Declaration.⁵⁸⁷ Section 20 of the Declaration reaffirms that corruption, including illicit money and financial flows, and ill-gotten wealth stashed in foreign jurisdictions, impedes economic development.⁵⁸⁸ BRICS countries also committed in the Declaration to cooperate and coordinate anti-corruption measures, and to prevent and combat corruption on the basis of the UN Convention against Corruption and other relevant international legal instruments.⁵⁸⁹

On 6 September 2017, Russian law enforcement services arrested Minister of Defence Alexander Vakulin for purportedly accepting over USD100,000 in bribes.⁵⁹⁰ The Minister worked as head of the food supply management department of the defense ministry.⁵⁹¹

On 25 October 2017, the Russian government mandated that cryptocurrencies and initial coin offerings (ICO) legislation will be completed by July 2018.⁵⁹² President Vladimir Putin has formally issued five orders regarding the use of digital technologies in the country's financial division.⁵⁹³ These orders include the Russian Federation developing legislation on cryptocurrency and drafting proposals on financial technologies with the Bank of Russia.⁵⁹⁴

On 8 November 2017, the Tverskoy District Court in Moscow rejected a lawsuit filed by opposition activist and founder of the non-governmental organization, Fighting Corruption, Alexey Navalny.⁵⁹⁵

⁵⁸⁴ United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

⁵⁸⁵ United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

⁵⁸⁶ United Russia Pushes for Greater Transparency of Political Sponsors, Russia Today (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/politics/397845-united-russia-pushes-for-greater/>.

⁵⁸⁷ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration: Full Text, The Times of India (New Delhi) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/brics-leaders-xiamen-declaration-full-text/articleshow/60359120.cms>.

⁵⁸⁸ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration: Full Text, The Times of India (New Delhi) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/brics-leaders-xiamen-declaration-full-text/articleshow/60359120.cms>.

⁵⁸⁹ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration: Full Text, The Times of India (New Delhi) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/brics-leaders-xiamen-declaration-full-text/articleshow/60359120.cms>.

⁵⁹⁰ Russian Colonel Arrested for \$6.4mn Bribe, Biggest in MoD History, Russia Today (Moscow) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/news/404665-russian-colonel-bribery-mod/>.

⁵⁹¹ Russian Colonel Arrested for \$6.4mn Bribe, Biggest in MoD History, Russia Today (Moscow) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/news/404665-russian-colonel-bribery-mod/>.

⁵⁹² Kremlin Considers Crypto-Ruble & Use of Blockchain in Public Service, Russia Today (Moscow) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/business/400728-blockchain-russia-ruble-cryptocurrency/>.

⁵⁹³ Putin Mandates Crypto and ICO Regulation be Finalized by July 2018, Bitcoin News 25 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://news.bitcoin.com/putin-mandates-cryptocurrency-ico-regulation-july/>.

⁵⁹⁴ List of instructions for the meeting on the use of digital technologies in the financial sphere, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Moscow) 21 October 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://kremlin.ru/acts/assignments/orders/55899>.

⁵⁹⁵ Moscow court rejects Navalny lawsuit against Putin, Russia Today (Moscow) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/409244-moscow-court-rejects-navalnys-lawsuit/>.

The lawsuit claims that President Putin encouraged regional authorities to ban hundreds of requests for public rallies arbitrarily.⁵⁹⁶ Navalny and his lawyer plan to appeal the decision and promised “exhaustive evidence that city and town administrations across the country are acting in an organized and synchronized way, and apparently on directions from Moscow.”⁵⁹⁷

On 10 November 2017, Member of Parliament Pyotr Tolstoy urged that all nations adopt uniform standards for election monitoring at a meeting with the head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.⁵⁹⁸ He stated Russia’s commitment to ensure maximum transparency and legitimacy for upcoming presidential elections in March 2018.⁵⁹⁹

On 23 November 2017, the State Duma Committee for Security and Countering Corruption approved a draft law offering state protection to those who reveal facts of corruption to law enforcement agencies.⁶⁰⁰ It includes crimes in federal, regional or municipal power bodies or in state-run organizations.⁶⁰¹ The draft protects the individual who reports corruption by ensuring the report remains confidential, providing free legal advice, and offering protection from unlawful sanctions at work and other infringement of their rights.⁶⁰²

On 29 December 2017, President Putin signed a bill requiring all officials fired from their posts over involvement in corruption be placed on a nationwide internet register to prevent them from re-entering the public service, coming into full effect 1 January 2018.⁶⁰³

On 12 March 2018, Upper House Chair Valentina Matviyenko stated that the upcoming 2018 Russian federal elections will be the most transparent in Russia’s history.⁶⁰⁴ Polling stations in territory populated by 80 to 95 per cent of Russian residents are equipped with monitoring video cameras that will observe voting and ballot count, and a large number of foreign monitors are

⁵⁹⁶ Moscow court rejects Navalny lawsuit against Putin, Russia Today (Moscow) 8 November 2017 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/409244-moscow-court-rejects-navalnys-lawsuit/>.

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⁵⁹⁸ Snr Russian MP urges uniform standards for election monitoring in all nations, Russia Today (Moscow) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018 <https://www.rt.com/politics/409441-top-russian-mp-urges-osce/>.

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⁶⁰⁰ Lower House committee passes bill on protection for citizens reporting corruption, Russia Today (Moscow) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/410765-lower-house-committee-oks-russian/>.

⁶⁰¹ Lower House committee passes bill on protection for citizens reporting corruption, Russia Today (Moscow) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/410765-lower-house-committee-oks-russian/>.

⁶⁰² Lower House committee passes bill on protection for citizens reporting corruption, Russia Today (Moscow) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/410765-lower-house-committee-oks-russian/>.

⁶⁰³ Putin signs law establishing register of officials sacked over corruption, Russia Today (Moscow) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/414522-putin-signs-law-ordering-unified/>.

⁶⁰⁴ Top senator describes forthcoming elections as most transparent in modern Russia’s history, Russia Today (Moscow) 12 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/421023-russian-senator-describes-elections/>.

expected at the forthcoming polls.⁶⁰⁵ 80 per cent of all Russian voters will be using stations equipped with these systems.⁶⁰⁶ To date, just under USD50 million has been spent on such measures.⁶⁰⁷

Russia has taken action in human resources by creating a registry of former officials who were convicted of corruption and barring those listed from seeking new public-sector employment; in monitoring and transparency by prosecuting senior government officials and implementing greater transparency in the upcoming 2018 federal elections; in coordination by strengthening legal protections for whistleblowers; and in international cooperation by affirming its commitment to combat corruption at the BRICS Xiamen summit. These actions fulfill four of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Turina Simanduyev

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 18 September 2017, anti-corruption commission Nazaha and the UN Office on Drugs and Crime hosted a workshop in Riyadh for four days that aimed to review the implementation of the UN Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) by providing government officials with technical experience based on the convention's provisions.⁶⁰⁸

As of 4 November 2017, a new Supreme Anti-Corruption Committee was formed by Royal Order No. A/38.⁶⁰⁹ The committee will be led by Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman and possesses wide-ranging powers, including the ability to issue arrest warrants, freeze assets, and impose travel bans.⁶¹⁰ Attorney General Saud al-Mojeb described the new committee as “part of an overhaul to ensure transparency, openness and good governance.”⁶¹¹ The committee revealed that an ongoing 3-year investigation estimated that at least USD100 billion had been misused due to systematic corruption and embezzlement over several decades; those accused of corruption, including several

⁶⁰⁵ Top senator describes forthcoming elections as most transparent in modern Russia's history, Russia Today (Moscow) 12 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/421023-rusian-senator-describes-elections/>.

⁶⁰⁶ Top senator describes forthcoming elections as most transparent in modern Russia's history, Russia Today (Moscow) 12 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/421023-rusian-senator-describes-elections/>.

⁶⁰⁷ Top senator describes forthcoming elections as most transparent in modern Russia's history, Russia Today (Moscow) 12 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.rt.com/politics/421023-rusian-senator-describes-elections/>.

⁶⁰⁸ Nazaha, UNODC organizing workshop on curbing corruption, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 15 May 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://saudigazette.com.sa/article/517438/SAUDI-ARABIA/Nazaha>.

⁶⁰⁹ Press: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Anti-Corruption Proceeding's Status, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington, D.C) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/kingdom-saudi-arabia-s-anti-corruption-proceedings-status>.

⁶¹⁰ Press: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's Anti-Corruption Proceeding's Status, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington, D.C) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/kingdom-saudi-arabia-s-anti-corruption-proceedings-status>.

⁶¹¹ Saudi Arabia releases most detainees in corruption probe, The Washington Post (Riyadh) 30 January 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/middle_east/saudi-arabia-releases-most-detainees-in-corruption-probe-after-settlements-totaling-nearly-107-billion/2018/01/30/969d4d5a-05cb-11e8-aa61-f3391373867e_story.html?utm_term=.18e2308fa3a7.

ministers, were subpoenaed.⁶¹² The senior ministers who were sacked include Prince Miteb bin Abdullah, the Head of the National Guard, and Minister of the Economy Adel Faqih.⁶¹³

On 6 November 2017, the Government of Saudi Arabia attended the seventh session for the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the UN Convention Against Corruption.⁶¹⁴ Nazaha leader Dr. Khaled bin Abdulmohsen Al-Muhaisen invited all the delegates to a workshop that will focus on making “the most use of the intergovernmental meetings under the CoSP to the UN Convention Against Corruption.”⁶¹⁵

On 6 November 2017, Dr. Al-Muhaisen revealed the Saudi Arabian government’s current initiatives that were being taken to further prevent corruption: the establishment of Nazaha clubs in universities, the launch of the Tahqok program that monitors corruption in government entities, and the development of an e-procurement system designed to detect cases of collusion, forgery, irregular exceptions, administrative abuse and abuse of public money.⁶¹⁶

On 7 November 2017, Nazaha and the Ministries Justice, Interior, and Education, and the Public Prosecution held a workshop entitled “Experiences of states parties in making use of the best practices of the CoSP.”⁶¹⁷ In this they reviewed the current experiences and methods of coordination between government entities in order to implement the necessary initiatives outlined by the CoSP.⁶¹⁸

On 27 November 2017, the Shura Council, a high-level advisory body to the monarch that has the ability to draft and interpret laws, approved a draft regulation for financial and administrative whistleblowers and for the protection of eyewitnesses.⁶¹⁹

On 20 January 2018, the National Center for Performance Measurement (ADAA) announced the launch of its website and Twitter account.⁶²⁰ ADAA spokesperson Mohammed Al-Nafeesa said that the centre measures the performance of public bodies by applying standardized models, approaches,

⁶¹² Press: The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia’s Anti-Corruption Proceeding’s Status, Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington, D.C) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/kingdom-saudi-arabia-s-anti-corruption-proceedings-status>.

⁶¹³ Saudi Arabia princes detained and ministers dismissed, Aljazeera 5 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/11/saudi-ministers-national-guard-economy-dismissed-171104190619900.html>.

⁶¹⁴ Press: Speech of the Kingdom in the CoSP to the U.N Convention against Corruption, Nazaha Agency (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nazaha.gov.sa/en/Media/News/Pages/news1060.aspx>.

⁶¹⁵ Press: Speech of the Kingdom in the CoSP to the U.N Convention against Corruption, Nazaha Agency (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nazaha.gov.sa/en/Media/News/Pages/news1060.aspx>.

⁶¹⁶ Press: Speech of the Kingdom in the CoSP to the U.N Convention against Corruption, Nazaha Agency (Vienna) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nazaha.gov.sa/en/Media/News/Pages/news1060.aspx>.

⁶¹⁷ Press: Saudi Arabia and the United States review their experiences in implementing the UNCAC, Nazaha Agency 8 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nazaha.gov.sa/en/Media/News/Pages/news1061.aspx>.

⁶¹⁸ Press: Saudi Arabia and the United States review their experiences in implementing the UNCAC, Nazaha Agency 8 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nazaha.gov.sa/en/Media/News/Pages/news1061.aspx>.

⁶¹⁹ Shoura approves draft law on whistleblower protection, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) November 27 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://saudigazette.com.sa/article/522909/SAUDI-ARABIA/Shoura-approves-draft-law-on-whistleblower-protection>.

⁶²⁰ New to center to rate Saudi Arabia’s public services, Arab News (Jeddah) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1230191/saudi-arabia>.

and tools to support their adequacy and effectiveness.⁶²¹ He added that the ADAA adopts measurement methodologies based on the best international practices of government monitoring.⁶²²

On 30 of January 2018, the Government of Saudi Arabia revealed that so far 381 individuals have been subpoenaed as part of the Supreme Anti-Corruption Committee's investigations, many of whom were called to testify or cite evidence of their innocence.⁶²³ Currently, 56 people still remain in custody awaiting trial; the rest were released either when allegations against them did not have sufficient evidence, or after they agreed to a settlement.⁶²⁴ The Attorney General announced that the government recuperated over USD106 billion in various type of assets during the anti-corruption purge.⁶²⁵

Saudi Arabia has taken action in administration by launching the website and social media accounts of the ADAA; in training and awareness by organizing workshops to review the implementation of the UNCAC and CoSP; in monitoring and transparency by establishing the Supreme Anti-Corruption Committee; in coordination by hosting joint events between Nazaha and various government ministries and introducing new laws to protect whistleblowers; and in international cooperation by participating in the international CoSP summit. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Rakan Al Nemri

South Africa: -1

South Africa has failed to comply with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 8 August 2017, President Jacob Zuma defeated a non-confidence vote that was brought to parliament by opposition parties including the Democratic Alliance and the Economic Freedom Fighters.⁶²⁶ The motion was brought forth due to the increase in corruption allegations and incriminating evidence against President Zuma and his administration, including a recent cabinet reshuffle that dismissed popular finance minister Pravin Gordhan.⁶²⁷ Leader of the Opposition

⁶²¹ New to center to rate Saudi Arabia's public services, Arab News (Jeddah) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1230191/saudi-arabia>.

⁶²² New to center to rate Saudi Arabia's public services, Arab News (Jeddah) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1230191/saudi-arabia>.

⁶²³ Press: Attorney General: Total number of subpoenaed individuals reached 381, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1714970>.

⁶²⁴ Press: Attorney General: Total number of subpoenaed individuals reached 381, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1714970>.

⁶²⁵ Saudi Arabia says it has seized over \$100 billion in corruption purge, Reuters (Riyadh) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-arrests-corruption/saudi-arabia-says-it-has-seized-over-100-billion-in-corruption-purge-idUSKBN1FJ28E>.

⁶²⁶ Jacob Zuma narrowly survives no-confidence vote in South African parliament, The Guardian (Johannesburg) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/08/jacob-zuma-survives-no-confidence-vote-south-african-president>.

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Mmusi Maimane criticized this shuffle, saying that “the president was playing Russian roulette with the economy.”⁶²⁸ Although the motion was defeated, the margin was narrow (198 votes to 177).⁶²⁹

On 4 September 2017, South Africa took part in the ninth annual Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) Summit in Xiamen, China.⁶³⁰ As a part of the summit, these countries affirmed their cooperation in fighting corruption, namely through participation in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group.⁶³¹

On 13 October 2017, the Supreme Court of Appeal upheld a 2009 ruling that reinstated 782 counts of corruption and fraud charges against President Zuma.⁶³² Since the charges were controversially dropped one week before the President took office,⁶³³ the Court ruled that the prosecutors irrationally and inexcusably dropped the charges.⁶³⁴

On 14 December 2017, the Public Protector, South Africa’s corruption watchdog, released a report detailing the mismanagement of USD22 million that was spent on the funeral of former President Nelson Mandela.⁶³⁵ The report outlines the unreasonable purchases made by many of the officials from the Eastern Cape provinces in charge of planning the funeral, such as spending money meant for social development on t-shirts and catering.⁶³⁶

On 14 December 2018, at least 14 people and entities linked to the Gupta brothers corruption scandal were identified in a preservation order obtained in North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria.⁶³⁷ The order sought to recover assets worth an estimated ZAR1.6 billion from the Gupta brothers, who are long-time business partners of Zuma’s family.⁶³⁸ The brothers are accused of looting USD2

⁶²⁸ Jacob Zuma narrowly survives no-confidence vote in South African parliament, *The Guardian* (Johannesburg) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/08/jacob-zuma-survives-no-confidence-vote-south-african-president>.

⁶²⁹ Jacob Zuma Beats Back No-Confidence Vote in South Africa, *The New York Times* (Cape Town) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/08/world/africa/jacob-zuma-south-africa-no-confidence-vote.html>.

⁶³⁰ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

⁶³¹ BRICS Leaders Xiamen Declaration, BRICS Information Centre (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.brics.utoronto.ca/docs/170904-xiamen.html>.

⁶³² Zuma Dealt Blow as Court Upholds Ruling on 783 Counts of Corruption, *Financial Times* (Johannesburg) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017.

⁶³³ Zuma Dealt Blow as Court Upholds Ruling on 783 Counts of Corruption, *Financial Times* (Johannesburg) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017.

⁶³⁴ South Africa’s Zuma loses court battle on bribery charges, *The Globe and Mail* (Johannesburg) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://beta.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/south-africas-zuma-loses-court-battle-on-bribery-charges/article36583789/?ref=http://www.theglobeandmail.com&>.

⁶³⁵ South Africa watchdog: \$22M misspent on Nelson Mandela’s funeral, *UPI* (Pretoria) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 4 January 2018. <https://www.upi.com/South-Africa-watchdog-22M-misspent-on-Nelson-Mandelas-funeral/1341512416674/>.

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⁶³⁷ Gupta-Linked Companies, Individuals to Have Assets Frozen, *Huffington Post* (Johannesburg) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. http://www.huffingtonpost.co.za/2018/01/16/gupta-linked-companies-and-individuals-assets-to-be-frozen_a_23334972/.

⁶³⁸ Prosecutors allege wrongdoing by Gupta family in growing South African corruption scandal, *The Globe and Mail* (Johannesburg) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/prosecutors-allege-wrongdoing-by-gupta-family-in-growing-south-african-corruption-scandal/article37678522/>.

million from a farm project aimed at providing aid to poor farmers.⁶³⁹ Prosecutors have claimed that “the farm was a mere façade to allow fraud, theft, and money laundering,” which the Gupta family profited from by placing the assets into bank accounts and companies under their control.⁶⁴⁰

On 18 December 2017, Cyril Ramaphosa was elected as Leader of the African National Congress (ANC) for a five-year term.⁶⁴¹ On 21 December 2017, the new leader made his first speech vowing to adopt a policy of “radical economic transformation” which will help combat corruption, poverty, unemployment, and inequality for South African people.⁶⁴²

On 14 February 2018, President Zuma resigned.⁶⁴³ ANC members had increasingly pressured him to step down amid corruption allegations or face a no confidence motion in parliament.⁶⁴⁴

On 21 February 2018, Transparency International released their annual scores on its Corruption Perceptions Index.⁶⁴⁵ South Africa scored 71 out of 180 countries, with a point score of 43 out of 100.⁶⁴⁶ In comparison to the 2016 index, South Africa’s score has deteriorated from last year where they received a point score of 45 out of 100.⁶⁴⁷

South Africa has taken action in international cooperation by participating in the BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group. This action fulfills one of the six core areas to organize against corruption. South Africa has also undermined anti-corruption efforts by failing to properly hold national leaders accountable for corrupt actions.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of –1.

Analyst: Nina Jabbari

⁶³⁹ Prosecutors allege wrongdoing by Gupta family in growing South African corruption scandal, The Globe and Mail (Johannesburg) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/prosecutors-allege-wrongdoing-by-gupta-family-in-growing-south-african-corruption-scandal/article37678522/>.

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⁶⁴¹ Cyril Ramaphosa chosen to lead South Africa's ruling ANC party, The Guardian (Johannesburg) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 4 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/18/cyril-ramaphosa-chosen-to-lead-south-africas-ruling-anc-party>.

⁶⁴² Ramaphosa pledges corruption crackdown in first speech as ANC leader, The Guardian (Johannesburg) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 4 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/dec/21/cyril-ramaphosa-stamp-out-corruption-south-africa-anc>.

⁶⁴³ South African President Jacob Zuma resigns after years of corruption scandals, Toronto Star (Johannesburg) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/world/2018/02/14/south-african-president-jacob-zuma-resigns-after-years-of-corruption-scandals.html>.

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⁶⁴⁵ The yearly corruption perceptions index just came out. Who got the gold medal?, The Washington Post (Washington) 21 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/02/21/the-yearly-corruption-perceptions-index-just-came-out-who-got-the-gold-medal/?utm_term=.082ffa59b407.

⁶⁴⁶ SA ranks 71 out of 180 countries on corruption, Times Live (Johannesburg) 23 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2018-02-23-sa-ranks-71-out-of-180-countries-on-corruption/>.

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Turkey: -1

Turkey has failed to comply with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 1 October 2017, President Recep Erdoğan announced reforms to clarify the separation of powers between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of government.⁶⁴⁸ Under the proposed structure, Parliament will appoint seven of the 13 Council of Judges and Prosecutors, and the President will appoint four members.⁶⁴⁹ The remaining two council members will serve the Minister of Justice and Undersecretary of the Ministry of Justice.⁶⁵⁰ The move aims to eliminate the uneven legislative power experienced under the current system that favours the ruling party or coalition.⁶⁵¹

On 15 March, the Council of Europe's Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) stressed concerns that "the contentious and much discussed constitutional change appears to put the configuration of Board of Judges and Prosecutors (HSK) even more under the control of the executive branch."⁶⁵² GRECO also criticized the lack of transparency of parliament's legislative process, noting that "there are no rules governing the organization of public consultations in the legislative process, beyond the possibility of inviting experts or civil society to hearings during the early stages of the preparation of legislation."⁶⁵³

Turkey has taken no action to meet its commitment against corruption. Turkey has also undermined anti-corruption efforts by placing more judicial appointment power in the hands of the executive and failing to reform its opaque legislative process.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Karen Power

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 4 September 2017, Solicitor General Robert Buckland delivered a speech at the 35th Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, summarizing the efforts put in place by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and the Serious Fraud Office in 2016 to 2017 to tackle fraud and corruption including

⁶⁴⁸ In the New System, Legislative Power Is Completely Entrusted to the Members of Parliament, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (Ankara) 1 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/84725/yeni-sistemle-yasama-yetkisi-tamamen-milletvekillerimizin-uhdesine-birakiliyor.html>.

⁶⁴⁹ In the New System, Legislative Power Is Completely Entrusted to the Members of Parliament, Presidency of the Republic of Turkey (Ankara) 1 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.tccb.gov.tr/en/news/542/84725/yeni-sistemle-yasama-yetkisi-tamamen-milletvekillerimizin-uhdesine-birakiliyor.html>.

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⁶⁵² Constitutional amendment undermines judiciary, no progress in anti-corruption fight: CoE, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 15 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/constitutional-amendment-undermines-judiciary-no-progress-in-anti-corruption-fight-coe-128820>.

⁶⁵³ Constitutional amendment undermines judiciary, no progress in anti-corruption fight: CoE, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 15 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/constitutional-amendment-undermines-judiciary-no-progress-in-anti-corruption-fight-coe-128820>.

fraud within the public sector.⁶⁵⁴ One such measure is the introduction of Deferred Prosecution Agreements, which allow an organization to benefit from the suspension of a prosecution for a fixed period of time as long as it meets specific conditions.⁶⁵⁵ In his speech, the solicitor general indicated that “many of the cases that the CPS deals with relate to fraud within the public sector.”⁶⁵⁶

On 12 September 2017, the UK government confirmed funding for police and prison officers within existing budgets.⁶⁵⁷ Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss indicated in a written statement that “they, like everyone else, deserve to have fulfilling jobs that are fairly rewarded.”⁶⁵⁸ Police officers will receive a 1 per cent pay increase and an additional 1 per cent bonus and all prison staff will receive a pay increase of 1.7 per cent on average — “recognizing the need to help recruit and retain staff with the right experience and expertise to keep our prisons safe and secure.”⁶⁵⁹ Such an initiative is a step towards promoting adequate remuneration which provides a secure livelihood to public officials.⁶⁶⁰

On 4-6 December 2017, the Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR), co-hosted by the UK and United States, was held in Washington, DC.⁶⁶¹ The forum provided opportunities for international partnership and cooperation in the fight against economic crime, and “a platform to empower the investigators and prosecutors charged with identifying and tracing assets and getting necessary cooperation with financial centres in recovering and returning them.”⁶⁶²

On 11 December 2017, the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Home Office published the 2017-2022 Anti-Corruption Strategy in an effort to reduce corruption both in the private and public sector.⁶⁶³ One of the six priorities outlined by the strategy is to “promote

⁶⁵⁴ Solicitor General’s speech at the Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, Attorney General’s Office (Cambridge) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/solicitor-generals-speech-at-cambridge-symposium-on-economic-crime>.

⁶⁵⁵ Solicitor General’s speech at the Cambridge Symposium on Economic Crime, Attorney General’s Office (Cambridge) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/solicitor-generals-speech-at-cambridge-symposium-on-economic-crime>.

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⁶⁵⁷ Address by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss, UK Parliament (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-09-12/HCWS127/>.

⁶⁵⁸ Address by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Elizabeth Truss, UK Parliament (London) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2017-09-12/HCWS127/>.

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⁶⁶¹ Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR), Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://star.worldbank.org/star/about-us/global-forum-asset-recovery-gfar>.

⁶⁶² Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR), Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <https://star.worldbank.org/star/about-us/global-forum-asset-recovery-gfar>.

⁶⁶³ UK anti-corruption strategy 2017 to 2022, Department for International Development and Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-anti-corruption-strategy-2017-to-2022>.

integrity across the public and private sectors.”⁶⁶⁴ By including long-term goals such as “greater public sector resilience against the threat of corruption” and a more “open government that is trusted by citizens, with robust protections for whistleblowers,” the government hopes to increase and build public confidence in its institutions and to reduce corruption within the government.⁶⁶⁵

On 11 December 2017, Home Secretary Amber Rudd announced a series of new steps aimed at reducing corruption, including the Prime Minister’s appointment of Member of Parliament John Penrose as the new Anti-corruption Champion.⁶⁶⁶ Part of his role will consist of “promoting the UK’s response to corruption both domestically and internationally.”⁶⁶⁷

On 6 February 2018, DFID published a new Transparency Agenda.⁶⁶⁸ The Agenda aims to allow the international and British public to be aware of the department’s aid allocation decisions and to create a more transparent system of aid distribution.⁶⁶⁹

The UK taken action in administration through announcing a five-year anti-corruption plan; in human resources through improving police and prison officer compensation; in monitoring and transparency through introducing DFID’s new Transparency Agenda; in coordination through appointing a designated anti-corruption champion in parliament; and in international cooperation co-hosting the GFAR. These actions fulfill five of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Assana Bakary

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 21 August 2017, President Donald Trump put forth strategies to resolve the lengthy conflict in Afghanistan, claiming that the American government would provide military and economic

⁶⁶⁴ UK anti-corruption strategy 2017 to 2022, Department for International Development and Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-anti-corruption-strategy-2017-to-2022>.

⁶⁶⁵ UK anti-corruption strategy 2017 to 2022, Department for International Development and Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-anti-corruption-strategy-2017-to-2022>.

⁶⁶⁶ Home Secretary announces new national economic crime centre to tackle high level fraud and money laundering, Home Office (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-new-national-economic-crime-centre-to-tackle-high-level-fraud-and-money-laundering>.

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⁶⁶⁸ UK leading transparency revolution for empowerment and growth, Department for International Development (London) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leading-transparency-revolution-for-empowerment-and-growth>.

⁶⁶⁹ UK leading transparency revolution for empowerment and growth, Department for International Development (London) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leading-transparency-revolution-for-empowerment-and-growth>.

assistance, but making the aid dependent on steps from the Afghan government to actively promote anti-corruption efforts.⁶⁷⁰

On 10 October 2017, the Office of Government Ethics issued a reminder to the heads of executive branch agencies of their critical role in promoting ethical culture.⁶⁷¹ The memo outlines that, “it is essential to the success of our republic that citizens can trust that your decisions and the decisions made by your agency are motivated by the public good and not by personal interests.”⁶⁷²

On 2 November 2017, the US withdrew from the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which aims at combating corruption by promoting government accountability and transparency in the natural resource industry.⁶⁷³ Director of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue Gregory J. Gould wrote that “while the US remains committed to fighting corruption it is clear that domestic implementation of EITI does not fully account for the US legal framework.”⁶⁷⁴

On 1 December 2017, former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn was charged with one count of lying to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).⁶⁷⁵ Flynn admitted to lying in an FBI interview in 2016 regarding his discussions with Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak.⁶⁷⁶ As a result, he has agreed to co-operate with special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation regarding Russia’s involvement in the 2016 presidential election.⁶⁷⁷

On 4 December 2017, the US co-hosted the first Global Forum on Asset Recovery (GFAR) with the United Kingdom.⁶⁷⁸ The two-day event, which was aimed at the commitment to prevent and combat

⁶⁷⁰ Trump Outlines New Afghanistan War Strategy With Few Details, New York Times (Washington) 21 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/21/world/asia/afghanistan-troops-trump.html?rref=collection%2Fsectioncollection%2Fus>.

⁶⁷¹ OGE’s Acting Director Issues Memo to Agency Heads about the Importance of Ethical Leadership, United States Office of Government Ethics (Washington) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News%20Releases/B81D82338A7E7BDE852581B5004F6BA0?opendocument>.

⁶⁷² OGE’s Acting Director Issues Memo to Agency Heads about the Importance of Ethical Leadership, United States Office of Government Ethics (Washington) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News%20Releases/B81D82338A7E7BDE852581B5004F6BA0?opendocument>.

⁶⁷³ US withdraws from extractive industries anti-corruption effort, Reuters (New York) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-eiti/u-s-withdraws-from-extractive-industries-anti-corruption-effort-idUSKBN1D2290>.

⁶⁷⁴ US withdraws from extractive industries anti-corruption effort, Reuters (New York) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-eiti/u-s-withdraws-from-extractive-industries-anti-corruption-effort-idUSKBN1D2290>.

⁶⁷⁵ Trump denies collusion as Michael Flynn pleads guilty to lying to FBI, The Globe and Mail (Washington and New York) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 25 January 2018. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/us-politics/flynn-charged-with-lying-to-fbi-plea-hearing-set-for-friday-court-filing/article37163624/>.

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⁶⁷⁸ The Global Forum on Asset Recovery: Assistance for Combatting Corruption in Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Ukraine, CNBC Africa (Johannesburg) 6 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.cnbc.com/africa/apo/2017/12/06/the-global-forum-on-asset-recovery-assistance-for-combatting-corruption-in-nigeria-sri-lanka-tunisia-and-ukraine/>.

corruption globally, was hosted shortly before International Anti-Corruption Day.⁶⁷⁹ The Department of State and US Agency for International Development emphasized their support for a variety of foreign assistance programs to aid in anti-corruption efforts, including “investing in the ability of civil society and journalists to hold governments accountable; supporting investigations and prosecutions for corruption offenses; and promoting measures to prevent corruption, foster oversight, and promote government integrity and transparency.”⁶⁸⁰

On 14 December 2017, the US government suspended aid to Somalia’s armed forces over corruption concerns.⁶⁸¹ According to confidential correspondence between the two countries, the Somali military failed to systematically account for the food and fuel support being given to them.⁶⁸² This lack of oversight fails to meet American accountability standards, although the US will continue to support small, Somali special forces units, which will be mentored by American personnel to ensure their aid is used effectively.⁶⁸³

On 21 December 2017, the US government introduced new sanctions to combat human right abusers and corrupt actors globally, building on the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act passed by Congress in 2016.⁶⁸⁴ These sanctions are being placed on 13 people, including the former president of Gambia and a Myanmar general.⁶⁸⁵ In addition to these sanctions, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) has imposed sanctions on 39 affiliated individuals and entities.⁶⁸⁶

On 5 January 2018, OFAC labelled four Venezuelan government officials as corrupt and oppressive within Venezuela.⁶⁸⁷ As such, the US government has sanctioned these officials by freezing all their American assets and prohibiting them from dealing with the US.⁶⁸⁸

⁶⁷⁹ The Global Forum on Asset Recovery: Assistance for Combatting Corruption in Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Ukraine, CNBC Africa (Johannesburg) 6 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018.

<https://www.cnbc.com/africa/apo/2017/12/06/the-global-forum-on-asset-recovery-assistance-for-combatting-corruption-in-nigeria-sri-lanka-tunisia-and-ukraine/>.

⁶⁸⁰ United States and United Kingdom Host Global Forum on Asset Recovery, United States Department of State (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018.

<https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/12/276225.htm>.

⁶⁸¹ Exclusive: US suspends aid to Somalia's battered military over graft, Reuters (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-military-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-suspends-aid-to-somalias-battered-military-over-graft-idUSKBN1E81XF>.

⁶⁸² Exclusive: US suspends aid to Somalia's battered military over graft, Reuters (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-somalia-military-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-suspends-aid-to-somalias-battered-military-over-graft-idUSKBN1E81XF>.

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⁶⁸⁴ United States Sanctions Human Rights Abusers and Corrupt Actors Across the Globe, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0243>.

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⁶⁸⁷ Treasury Sanctions Four Venezuelan Government Officials Associated with Corruption and Oppression, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0247>.

On 16 January 2018, President Trump's former campaign officials Paul Manafort and Rick Gates returned to court to discuss and set possible trials dates regarding their involvement in the allegations of Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election.⁶⁸⁹ Both men face a combined 12 charges related to money laundering, lying on federal records regarding their lobbying and business affairs, and conspiracy against the US.⁶⁹⁰ On 22 February 2018, a grand jury indicted them of a new set of 32 charges, which included financial and bank fraud crimes.⁶⁹¹ The men have yet to enter in a plea for the new charges, but did enter a plea of not guilty for the former 12 charges filed in the fall.⁶⁹²

On 31 January 2018, the US government issued subpoenas in an investigation involving international sports corruption.⁶⁹³ The Department of Justice has begun to explore the possibility of racketeering, money laundering, and fraud charges in two track and field world championship events and the involvement of business executive bids in other competitions.⁶⁹⁴

On 21 February 2018, Transparency International released their annual scores on its Corruption Perceptions Index.⁶⁹⁵ The US scored 16th place of 180 countries, with a score of 70 out of 100.⁶⁹⁶ In comparison to the 2016 index, the US has improved slightly from last year where it placed 18th with a score of 74 out of 100.⁶⁹⁷

The United States has taken action in monitoring and transparency through issuing various indictments and subpoenas to senior officials and political advisors in the Trump administration, and in international cooperation through supporting of anti-corruption efforts in Afghanistan and Somalia, sanctioning corrupt individuals and groups worldwide, and co-hosting the GFAR. These actions fulfill two of the six core areas to organize against corruption. The United States has also impaired anti-corruption efforts by withdrawing from the EITI.

⁶⁸⁸ Treasury Sanctions Four Venezuelan Government Officials Associated with Corruption and Oppression, United States Department of the Treasury (Washington) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm0247>.

⁶⁸⁹ A judge at Paul Manafort and Rick Gates's hearing pushed their trial date to fall, right before the 2018 midterms, Business Insiders (Washington) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/paul-manafort-and-rick-gates-will-stand-trial-right-before-the-midterms-2018-1>.

⁶⁹⁰ Flynn pleads guilty to lying to FBI, is cooperating with Mueller, CNN (Washington) 1 December 2017, Access Date: 21 January 2018. <http://www.cnn.com/2018/01/15/politics/manafort-gates-muller-court/index.html>.

⁶⁹¹ Robert Mueller's new indictment of Paul Manafort and Rick Gates, explained, Vox (Washington) 22 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.vox.com/2018/2/22/17042594/paul-manafort-gates-mueller-indictment>.

⁶⁹² Robert Mueller's new indictment of Paul Manafort and Rick Gates, explained, Vox (Washington) 22 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.vox.com/2018/2/22/17042594/paul-manafort-gates-mueller-indictment>.

⁶⁹³ Justice Dept. Escalates Inquiry on Global Sports Corruption, New York Times (New York) 31 January 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/31/sports/fifa-ioc-usoc-iaaf.html>.

⁶⁹⁴ Justice Dept. Escalates Inquiry on Global Sports Corruption, New York Times (New York) 31 January 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/31/sports/fifa-ioc-usoc-iaaf.html>.

⁶⁹⁵ The yearly corruption perceptions index just came out. Who got the gold medal?, The Washington Post (Washington) 21 February 2018, Access Date: 4 March 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/02/21/the-yearly-corruption-perceptions-index-just-came-out-who-got-the-gold-medal/?utm_term=.082ffa59b407.

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Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nina Jabbari

European Union: 0

The European Union has partially complied with its commitment to organize its public administration to be more resilient against corruption.

On 15 November 2017, the European Commission released a report evaluating the progress made on the 17 recommendations it issued in January 2017 under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM).⁶⁹⁸ The CVM was set up when the Bulgaria and Romania joined the EU in 2007 as a measure to improve and monitor their progress in deficient sectors, such as countering organized crime and enacting judicial reform.⁶⁹⁹ The report outlines the efforts and steps taken by the two countries to address their shortcomings in specific areas.⁷⁰⁰

On 24 January 2018, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and First Vice-President Frans Timmermans issued a joint statement as a follow-up to the progress report.⁷⁰¹ The statement sent a warning to Romania and “calls on the Romanian Parliament to rethink the course of action proposed, to open up the debate in line with the Commission’s recommendations and to build a broad consensus on the way forward.”⁷⁰²

On 20 October 2017, the Digital Whistleblower Project (DIGIWHIST), in collaboration with the YourDataStories project, held a joint event in Athens.⁷⁰³ One of the goals of this gathering was to work towards improving transparency of public administration.⁷⁰⁴ DIGIWHIST is an EU-funded project, based in the United Kingdom, tasked with increasing the transparency and efficiency of public spending within Europe.⁷⁰⁵

On 13 September 2017, President Juncker indicated that he was enacting a new Code of Conduct for Commissioners and stated that “the new Code will of course strengthen the integrity requirements

⁶⁹⁸ Joint Statement of European Commission President Juncker and First Vice-President Timmermans on the latest developments in Romania, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-18-423_en.htm.

⁶⁹⁹ Joint Statement of European Commission President Juncker and First Vice-President Timmermans on the latest developments in Romania, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-18-423_en.htm.

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⁷⁰³ DIGIWHIST and YourDataStories Hackathon Workshop, DIGIWHIST (Athens) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://digiwhist.eu/events/digiwhist-and-yourdatastories-hackathon-and-workshop/>.

⁷⁰⁴ DIGIWHIST and YourDataStories Hackathon Workshop, DIGIWHIST (Athens) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://digiwhist.eu/events/digiwhist-and-yourdatastories-hackathon-and-workshop/>.

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for Commissioners.”⁷⁰⁶ Each commissioner is responsible for one determined portfolio such as Trade, Health and Food Safety or International Cooperation and Development.⁷⁰⁷

As of 14 January 2018, Executive Director of the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) José Carreira is being investigated by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) for “alleged misconduct in procurement procedures, irregularities in management of human resources and possible breaches of data protection at the Malta-based EASO.”⁷⁰⁸

On 8 February 2018, OLAF investigated a series of EU-funded Hungarian projects.⁷⁰⁹ The investigation concerns 35 public lighting projects, which were managed by a company previously controlled by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban’s son-in-law.⁷¹⁰ The organization indicated that its investigation “revealed not only serious irregularities in most of the projects, but also conflict of interest.”⁷¹¹

The European Union has taken action in administration through the DIGIWHIST project; in training and awareness through introducing the new Code of Conduct for Commissioners; and in monitoring and transparency through publishing the CVM report on Bulgaria and Romania, investigating José Carreira, and investigating potential conflicts of interest in Hungarian public works projects. These actions fulfil three of the six core areas to organize against corruption.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of 0.

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⁷⁰⁶ State of the Union Address by President of European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, European Commission (Brussels) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-17-3165_en.htm.

⁷⁰⁷ State of the Union Address by President of European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, European Commission (Brussels) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_SPEECH-17-3165_en.htm.

⁷⁰⁸ Anti-fraud office investigates EU asylum agency director, Politico (City unknown) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.politico.eu/article/jose-carreira-olaf-anti-fraud-office-investigates-eu-asylum-agency-director/>.

⁷⁰⁹ Hungarian police investigating fraud in EU-funded projects, Reuters Business News (Budapest) February 8, 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hungary-eu-funds-prosecutors/hungarian-police-investigating-fraud-in-eu-funded-projects-idUSKBN1FS1TQ>.

⁷¹⁰ Hungarian police investigating fraud in EU-funded projects, Reuters Business News (Budapest) February 8, 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hungary-eu-funds-prosecutors/hungarian-police-investigating-fraud-in-eu-funded-projects-idUSKBN1FS1TQ>.

⁷¹¹ Hungarian police investigating fraud in EU-funded projects, Reuters Business News (Budapest) February 8, 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-hungary-eu-funds-prosecutors/hungarian-police-investigating-fraud-in-eu-funded-projects-idUSKBN1FS1TQ>.

3. Digitalization: Digital Economy

“We aim to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.95		

Background

Less than half of the world’s population is connected to the Internet, two-thirds of whom live in developed and developing countries.⁷¹² Those who come from underrepresented or disadvantaged groups are particularly vulnerable to missing the wave of the tide of growth and development the digital economy brings.⁷¹³ Women are particularly vulnerable to this divide as there are 250 million fewer women than men are online today.⁷¹⁴ An estimated 80 per cent of the online content was

⁷¹² Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 13 December 2015. Access Date: 30 October 2017.

<http://workspace.unpan.org/sites/Internet/Documents/UNPAN95735.pdf>.

⁷¹³ G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration: Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/g20-digital-economy-ministerial-declaration-english-version.pdf>.

⁷¹⁴ G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration: Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/g20-digital-economy-ministerial-declaration-english-version.pdf>.

available in only one of 10 languages.⁷¹⁵ This non-participation represents a significant missed opportunity to bring more participants to the digital economy.

The G20 first recognized the importance of the intersection of the online world and the economy at the 2015 Antalya Summit.⁷¹⁶ The leaders committed to “bridge the digital divide”⁷¹⁷ and to “help ensure an environment in which all actors are able to enjoy the benefits of secure use of [information and communications technologies (ICT)].”⁷¹⁸ The “digital divide” is the gap between individuals, households, businesses and geographic areas at different socio-economic levels with regard to both their opportunities to access information and communication technologies (ICTs) and to their use of the Internet for a wide variety of activities.”⁷¹⁹

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 reaffirmed its commitment to the digital economy. The leaders recognized impact of innovation and multi-dimensional partnerships on the digital economy.⁷²⁰ The G20 also established the G20 Digital Economy Development and Cooperation Initiative to address the opportunities and challenges of the increasingly digital world.⁷²¹ The purpose of this Initiative is to “foster favorable conditions for [the] development [of the digital economy] and to address digital divide, including through expanded and better and affordable broadband access, flow of information for economic growth, trust and security, while ensuring respect for privacy and personal data protection, investment in the ICT sector, entrepreneurship, digital transformation, e-commerce cooperation, enhanced digital inclusion and development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).”⁷²² The G20 Task Force on the Digital Economy was created to follow through with this Initiative.⁷²³

Under the German G20 Presidency, the first digital ministerial process was set up to signal the importance of digitalisation in the global agenda.⁷²⁴ During a two-day meeting in Düsseldorf,

⁷¹⁵ Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the overall review of the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, United Nations General Assembly (New York) 13 December 2015. Access Date: 30 October 2017.

<http://workspace.unpan.org/sites/Internet/Documents/UNPAN95735.pdf>.

⁷¹⁶ A Roadmap for Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future (Annex paper 1 to the Declaration of the Ministers responsible for the Digital Economy) G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170407-digitalization-annex1.html>.

⁷¹⁷ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Antalya) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 01 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.pdf>.

⁷¹⁸ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Information Centre (Antalya) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 01 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.pdf>.

⁷¹⁹ 2015 G20 Antalya Summit Final Compliance Report: Information and Communications Technologies: Digital Divide, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 10 December 2016. Access Date: 01 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/compliance/2015antalya-final/13-2015-g20-final-compliance-ict.pdf>.

⁷²⁰ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 01 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

⁷²¹ G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration: Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World, G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Conference (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/g20-digital-economy-ministerial-declaration-english-version.pdf>.

⁷²² G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 01 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

⁷²³ A Roadmap for Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future (Annex paper 1 to the Declaration of the Ministers responsible for the Digital Economy) G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Conference (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170407-digitalization-annex1.html>.

⁷²⁴ A Roadmap for Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future (Annex paper 1 to the Declaration of the Ministers responsible for the Digital Economy) G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170407-digitalization-annex1.html>.

Germany, the G20 Digital Ministers met and presented a joint plan as an international framework for action on 7 April 2017.⁷²⁵ The result of the meeting was the “G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration: Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World,” which included “Annex Paper 1: A Roadmap for Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future,” that was adopted at the Hamburg Summit on 8 July 2017.⁷²⁶ The Roadmap identifies 11 key policy areas for leaders to act on.⁷²⁷

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the G20 continued its work on digitalisation and made its first explicit commitment on the digital economy. To guide its work, the G20 stated that “the G20 Roadmap for Digitalisation will help us guide our future work.”⁷²⁸ The G20 leaders recognized that “digital transformation is a driving force of global, innovative, inclusive and sustainable growth and can contribute to reducing inequality and achieving the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. To this end, we need to bridge digital divides along multiple dimensions, including income, age, geography and gender.”⁷²⁹ Notably, the digital economy plays a significant role in accelerating economic development, enhancing productivity of existing industries, and cultivating new markets and industries.⁷³⁰ Given the G20’s commitment to “broaden the dialogue on key economic and financial policy issues among systemically significant economies and to promote cooperation to achieve stable and sustainable world growth that benefits all,” digitalisation is an important emerging issue.⁷³¹

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment is “to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.” The “digital economy” is understood as a “broad range of economic activities that include using digitized information and knowledge as the key factor of production, modern information networks as an important activity space, and the effective use of information and communication technology as an important driver of productivity growth and economic structural optimization.”⁷³² To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take global as well as domestic initiatives to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

Given the express support for the 11 principles outlined in the Roadmap, they are used here and are divided on its global and domestic dimensions. These 11 principles foster favourable conditions for

⁷²⁵ “Digitalisation must include everyone,” The Press and Information Office of the Federal Government (Berlin) 6 April 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/EN/Artikel/2017/04_en/2017-04-06-g20-digitalministerkonferenz_en.html.

⁷²⁶ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

⁷²⁷ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

⁷²⁸ G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration: Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/g20-digital-economy-ministerial-declaration-english-version.pdf>.

⁷²⁹ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

⁷³⁰ G20 Digital Economy Ministerial Declaration: Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/g20-digital-economy-ministerial-declaration-english-version.pdf>.

⁷³¹ John Kirton, “What is the G20?” G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 30 November 1999. Access Date 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/g20whatisit.html>.

⁷³² G20 Digital Economy Development and Cooperation Initiative, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-digital-economy-development-and-cooperation.pdf>.

the development of the digital economy. The number at the end of the action items below corresponds with the identifier for the principle in the roadmap.

Part One: Global Initiatives

Global initiatives leaders commit to undertake focus on the following:⁷³³

- Share information among leaders to identify good practices and access to technologies, including underrepresented or disadvantaged groups (1)
- Take action on the Global Infrastructure Connectivity Alliance Initiative (2)
- Co-operate to improve global economic development to help bridge the digital divides in the fields of infrastructure, data security and digital skills and capacity building (3)
- Work with the Development Working Group to build synergies with the G20 initiative on promoting skills development for the digital economy and employment prospects for women and girls, particularly in developing and emerging countries (7)

To achieve full compliance for this component of the commitment, G20 members must take action to implement global initiatives that foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy according to these principles stated in the roadmap.

Part Two: Domestic Initiatives

Among the many listed, the roadmap features the following domestic action items:⁷³⁴

- Encourage G20 countries to develop digital strategies that support the Connect 2020 Agenda to connect domestically all people by G20
- Work to extend coverage to underserved communities or individuals by expanding digital infrastructure
- Promote an entrepreneurial friendly environment by encouraging programmes such as angel investor networks and matchmaking services for small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs)
- Encourage co-operation between industry and academic, including increasing availability of financing
- Encourage centres of excellence, digital hubs (for Start-ups), and clusters to inform and support MSMEs to continue development on the Internet of Things
- Encourage and promote effective strategies on digital literacy and skills development for the digital economy enabling citizens, especially underrepresented or disadvantaged groups, to successfully adapt to the requirements of the digital economy and society
- Encourage development of national privacy strategies and promote consumer protection online to build trust among citizens using the internet

⁷³³ A Roadmap for Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future (Annex paper 1 to the Declaration of the Ministers responsible for the Digital Economy), G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170407-digitalization-annex1.html>.

⁷³⁴ A Roadmap for Digitalisation: Policies for a Digital Future (Annex paper 1 to the Declaration of the Ministers responsible for the Digital Economy), G20 Information Centre (Düsseldorf) 7 April 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170407-digitalization-annex1.html>.

- Gather, measure and analyse data related to the digital economy to determine progress
- Support initiatives to develop digital financial services that are accessible and appropriate for women, increase female participation in science, technology, engineering and math education and employment to bridge the digital gender divide

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through both global and domestic initiatives. To achieve partial compliance, G20 members must either foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives or through domestic initiatives. To achieve non-compliance, G20 members must not foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives or through domestic initiatives.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member did not foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives or through domestic initiatives
0	The G20 member either fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives OR through domestic initiatives
+1	The G20 member fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through both global and domestic initiatives.

On 9-11 October 2017, Minister of Production Francisco Cabrera and Secretary for International Economic Relations Horacio Reyser attended a Ministerial Meeting held in Marrakesh, Morocco, as part of the preparations for the 11th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO), to be held in Buenos Aires in December 2017.⁷³⁵ During the meeting, the Ministers acknowledged the importance of the 11th Ministerial Conference's special focus on the new forms of global trade and the international insertion of small and medium-sized enterprises, the promotion and facilitation of foreign investment, and digital trade.⁷³⁶

On 15 November 2017, Argentina was elected as host country of the International Expo 2023 by the Bureau International des Expositions.⁷³⁷ As the first Expo to be held in Latin America, Argentina chose "Creative Industries in Digital Convergence" as the theme, emphasizing industries based on knowledge and digital product development, in line with several promotion projects of this type of economy throughout the country, primarily in Buenos Aires.⁷³⁸ According to the Ministry of Foreign

⁷³⁵ WTO: Preparatory meeting in Morocco of 11th Ministerial Conference to be held in Buenos Aires, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/wto-preparatory-meeting-morocco-11th-ministerial-conference-be-held-buenos-aires>.

⁷³⁶ WTO: Preparatory meeting in Morocco of 11th Ministerial Conference to be held in Buenos Aires, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/wto-preparatory-meeting-morocco-11th-ministerial-conference-be-held-buenos-aires>.

⁷³⁷ Buenos Aires to host International Expo 2023, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/buenos-aires-host-international-expo-2023>.

⁷³⁸ Buenos Aires to host International Expo 2023, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/buenos-aires-host-international-expo-2023>.

Affairs and Worship, the Buenos Aires Expo 2023 will be an excellent opportunity for Argentina to be reinstated as the port of entry to the region and become a benchmark in the field of digital economy, a global USD4.3 billion business.⁷³⁹

On 11 December 2017, Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie delivered a speech at the Plenary Session of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference.⁷⁴⁰ He stated that Argentina believes it is important to make progress on the pending issues of the Doha agenda, such as agriculture, fisheries, services and development, as well as on other issues relating to the 21st century trading system, such as e-commerce, Micro and Medium-Sized Enterprises and Investment facilitation.⁷⁴¹

On 25 January 2018, Minister of Economy, Nicolas Dujovne, Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie and the Minister of Production, Francisco Cabrera attended the “G20 under the Argentine Presidency” conference in Davos.⁷⁴² During the conference, Dujovne explained two of the Argentine G20 Presidency’s priorities: the future of work and the development of infrastructure.⁷⁴³ Regarding the former, Argentina aims to achieve advances in the global discussion and the understanding of the potential impact of technological advancement on productivity, growth, employment and inequality, and to develop public policies that help guarantee that technological advancement is an inclusive opportunity for all.⁷⁴⁴ Regarding the latter, Dujovne stated, “there is a global infrastructure gap that needs to be closed. We want to promote the mobilization of private capital into infrastructure projects.”⁷⁴⁵

On 29 February 2018, Argentina ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of the WTO and submitted its Instrument of Acceptance to the WTO Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland.⁷⁴⁶ Argentina’s ratification of WTO TFA reflects its commitment to the multilateral trading system, as shown in the Declaration of Buenos Aires signed by President Macri and nine Latin American countries at the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference.⁷⁴⁷ This is expected to contribute to Argentina’s strategy of smart insertion into the world, generating a reliable, predictable and competitive business

⁷³⁹ Buenos Aires to host International Expo 2023, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/buenos-aires-host-international-expo-2023>.

⁷⁴⁰ Address by Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie at Plenary Session opening, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 10 February 2018. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/11th-wto-ministerial-conference-address-foreign-minister-jorge-faurie-plenary-session-opening>.

⁷⁴¹ Address by Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie at Plenary Session opening, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 10 February 2018. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/11th-wto-ministerial-conference-address-foreign-minister-jorge-faurie-plenary-session-opening>.

⁷⁴² Argentine ministers spoke about Argentina’s G20 in Davos (Buenos Aires) 25 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentine-ministers-spoke-about-argentinas-g20-davos>.

⁷⁴³ Argentine ministers spoke about Argentina’s G20 in Davos (Buenos Aires) 25 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentine-ministers-spoke-about-argentinas-g20-davos>.

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⁷⁴⁵ Argentine ministers spoke about Argentina’s G20 in Davos (Buenos Aires) 25 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentine-ministers-spoke-about-argentinas-g20-davos>.

⁷⁴⁶ Argentina ratifies WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentina-ratifies-wto-trade-facilitation-agreement>.

⁷⁴⁷ Argentina ratifies WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentina-ratifies-wto-trade-facilitation-agreement>.

environment for Argentine exporting and importing companies.⁷⁴⁸ As the world is increasingly interconnected by new technologies and value chains, the TFA will provide concrete benefits for Argentine companies, because it will “expedite the movement, release and clearance of goods, promote cooperation between customs authorities and facilitate the provision of technical assistance to developing countries.”⁷⁴⁹

On 8 February 2018, the 13th Meeting of the Argentina-Russia Intergovernmental Commission for Economic-Trade and Scientific-Technology Cooperation took place in Moscow, Russia, and focused on the bilateral trade relations in key areas as transport, agri-food industry and science and technology.⁷⁵⁰ Both countries addressed the importance of cooperation in science, technology and productive innovation. As a result, cooperation agreements will be signed between the Argentinian Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation and the Skolkovo Foundation, and between the Argentine Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA) and its Russian counterpart.⁷⁵¹

Argentina has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to fostering favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 4 August 2017, the Health Minister approved Australia’s National Digital Health Strategy (ADHA) 2018-2022.⁷⁵² It identified seven priority areas for digital health and will build on existing digital health care and support for consumers and clinicians to put the consumer at the center of their health care and provide choice, control, and transparency. The ADHA has an established Cyber Security Center to ensure Australian healthcare has the latest international data security.⁷⁵³

On 15 September 2017, Australia participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and

⁷⁴⁸ Argentina ratifies WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentina-ratifies-wto-trade-facilitation-agreement>.

⁷⁴⁹ Argentina ratifies WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentina-ratifies-wto-trade-facilitation-agreement>.

⁷⁵⁰ Argentina ratifies WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2017. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentina-ratifies-wto-trade-facilitation-agreement>.

⁷⁵¹ Argentina-Russia: Major advances in bilateral trade and in cooperation and investment projects, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship (Buenos Aires) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.mrecic.gov.ar/en/argentina-russia-major-advances-bilateral-trade-and-cooperation-and-investment-projects>.

⁷⁵² Australia’s National Digital Health strategy, Australian Government — Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) 4 August 2017. Date Access: 18 November 2017. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/about-the-agency/publications/australias-national-digital-health-strategy>.

⁷⁵³ Australia’s National Digital Health strategy, Australian Government — Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) 4 August 2017. Date Access: 18 November 2017. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/about-the-agency/publications/australias-national-digital-health-strategy>.

medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”⁷⁵⁴ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁷⁵⁵

On 19 September 2017, the Australian government published *The Digital Economy: Opening up the Conversation* in which it declared that it is committed to developing a national Digital Economy Strategy to improve the nation’s productivity and competitiveness.⁷⁵⁶ In the Ministerial Preface, the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science writes “the strategy will focus on ways governments, businesses and the community can adjust to seize the benefits of the digital transformation — including improving access to new and emerging technologies and digital infrastructure to grown Australian industry and jobs.”⁷⁵⁷ The paper announced the launch for public consultations with governments, businesses and the community with hopes of launching the strategy in the first half of 2018.⁷⁵⁸ The paper addressed the role of the government and the private sector; creating quality, affordable and reliable communication services for Australians; data-sharing; creating standards and regulations for the global digital economy; creating the Cyber Security Strategy to protect Australians and abroad; and empowering all Australians through digital skills and inclusion.⁷⁵⁹

On 4 October 2017, the Foreign Minister launched Australia’s first International Cyber Engagement Strategy.⁷⁶⁰ The paper outlines Australia’s ambitious cyber affairs agenda for the next three years.⁷⁶¹ “The Strategy is global in perspective and regional in focus. It is founded on private sector partnerships and is backed up by a practical plan of action.”⁷⁶² The paper contains chapters regarding digital trade, cyber security, cybercrime, international security and cyberspace, Internet governance and cooperation, human rights and democracy online, technology for development, and

⁷⁵⁴ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁷⁵⁵ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁷⁵⁶ *The Digital Economy: Opening up the Conversation*, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (Canberra) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.industry.gov.au/innovation/Digital-Economy/Documents/Digital-Economy-Strategy-Consultation-Paper.pdf>.

⁷⁵⁷ *The Digital Economy: Opening up the Conversation*, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (Canberra) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.industry.gov.au/innovation/Digital-Economy/Documents/Digital-Economy-Strategy-Consultation-Paper.pdf>.

⁷⁵⁸ *The Digital Economy: Opening up the Conversation*, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (Canberra) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.industry.gov.au/innovation/Digital-Economy/Documents/Digital-Economy-Strategy-Consultation-Paper.pdf>.

⁷⁵⁹ *The Digital Economy: Opening up the Conversation*, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (Canberra) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.industry.gov.au/innovation/Digital-Economy/Documents/Digital-Economy-Strategy-Consultation-Paper.pdf>.

⁷⁶⁰ Australia’s International Cyber Engagement Strategy, Australian Government — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/cyber-affairs/Pages/default.aspx>.

⁷⁶¹ Australia’s International Cyber Engagement Strategy, Australian Government — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/cyber-affairs/Pages/default.aspx>.

⁷⁶² Australia’s International Cyber Engagement Strategy, Australian Government — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/cyber-affairs/Pages/default.aspx>.

comprehensive coordinated cyber affairs.⁷⁶³ According to the executive summary, “Australia will cooperate internationally to reduce the risk of cybercrime and promote peace and stability in cyberspace.⁷⁶⁴ They will advocate for multi-stakeholder internet governance and respect for human rights and democratic principles online. They will also foster good cyber security practices and encourage the use of digital technologies to achieve sustainable development.”⁷⁶⁵

On 12 October 2017, the Australian government released its strategy to support the 5G rollout in Australia titled “5G: Enabling the Future Economy.”⁷⁶⁶ 5G follows the International Telecommunications Union that decides global spectrum allocation frameworks and harmonises international spectrum to ensure networks and connected devices can communicate seamlessly.⁷⁶⁷ The paper details the immediate actions the government will take, including actively engaging in international standardisation, streamlining arrangements to allow mobile carriers to deploy infrastructure faster and reviewing existing telecommunications regulatory arrangements to ensure they are fit for purpose.⁷⁶⁸ The government will also have working group discussions among representatives from across government and industries on regrading 5G issues.⁷⁶⁹ “Efficient rollout of 5G and uptake of the services it supports has the potential to produce far-reaching economic and social benefits and support growth of Australia’s digital economy,” the paper says.⁷⁷⁰

On 1 November 2017, Australia and Indonesia announced that they have committed to completing the Indonesia Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership (IA-CEPA) by the end of 2017.⁷⁷¹ The framework details the new era of closer economic engagement between Australia and Indonesia.⁷⁷² In particular, IA-CEPA objectives include increase connectivity within the digital economy, improving e-commerce capability and ensuring free flow of information and investment.⁷⁷³

⁷⁶³ Australia’s International Cyber Engagement Strategy, Australian Government — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/cyber-affairs/Pages/default.aspx>.

⁷⁶⁴ Australia’s International Cyber Engagement Strategy, Australian Government — Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/themes/cyber-affairs/Pages/default.aspx>.

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⁷⁶⁶ Australia announces 5G strategy, ZD Net (Canberra). 12 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.zdnet.com/article/australia-announces-5g-strategy/>.

⁷⁶⁷ Australia announces 5G strategy, ZD Net (Canberra). 12 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.zdnet.com/article/australia-announces-5g-strategy/>.

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⁷⁶⁹ 5G — Enabling the future economy, Australian Government — Department of Communications and the Arts, (Canberra) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.communications.gov.au/departmental-news/5g-enabling-future-economy>.

⁷⁷⁰ Australia announces 5G strategy, ZD Net (Canberra). 12 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.zdnet.com/article/australia-announces-5g-strategy/>.

⁷⁷¹ Australia and Indonesia commit to ongoing economic partnership, RMIT University (Canberra) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.rmit.edu.au/news/all-news/2017/local-news/australia-and-indonesia-commit-to-ongoing-economic-partnership>.

⁷⁷² Australia and Indonesia commit to ongoing economic partnership, RMIT University (Canberra) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.rmit.edu.au/news/all-news/2017/local-news/australia-and-indonesia-commit-to-ongoing-economic-partnership>.

⁷⁷³ Australia and Indonesia commit to ongoing economic partnership, RMIT University (Website) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.rmit.edu.au/news/all-news/2017/local-news/australia-and-indonesia-commit-to-ongoing-economic-partnership>.

In addition, further commitment to stronger capacity building and vocational training cooperation to improve competency standards and thus enable workers in both markets to access additional labour markets.⁷⁷⁴

On 12 November 2017, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea met and announced that Australia will help Papua New Guinea fund an undersea high speed telecommunications cable from Australia to Port Moresby.⁷⁷⁵ This is an effort to support the future digital economy in Papua New Guinea and strengthen economic and development benefits between the two countries.⁷⁷⁶

On 16 November 2017, the Digital Transformation Agency released a draft of its Trusted Digital Identify Framework for public feedback.⁷⁷⁷ The framework describes the rules and standards of the government's digital identify program, Govpass.⁷⁷⁸ Govpass enables citizens to access government services online by proving their identity online.⁷⁷⁹

On 4 December 2017, the Australian government announced the Small Business Digital Taskforce intended to help small businesses take advantage and opportunities offered by the digital economy and enable them to succeed.⁷⁸⁰ The Small Business Digital Taskforce will talk with small businesses across Australia and allow for idea exchange to inform and support small businesses to effectively utilize the digital economy.⁷⁸¹

On 23 January 2018 Australia attended a summit hosted by Japan with 11 countries including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam at negotiations in Tokyo to settle the terms of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. The CPTPP will replace the TPP, which failed after the withdrawal of the United States. This partnership will “promote the ease of data flows in the digital economy.”⁷⁸²

⁷⁷⁴ Australia and Indonesia commit to ongoing economic partnership, RMIT University (Website) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.rmit.edu.au/news/all-news/2017/local-news/australia-and-indonesia-commit-to-ongoing-economic-partnership>.

⁷⁷⁵ Working Together to Improve Telecommunications, Prime Minister of Australia — Media Release, (Australia) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.pm.gov.au/media/working-together-improve-telecommunications>.

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⁷⁷⁷ Have your say on our digital identify framework, Australian Government — Digital Transformation Agency (Australia) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.dta.gov.au/news/have-your-say-tdif/>.

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⁷⁸⁰ New Small Business Digital Taskforce, Australian Government — Business (Australia) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.business.gov.au/news/new-small-business-digital-taskforce>.

⁷⁸¹ New Small Business Digital Taskforce, Australian Government — Business (Australia) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.business.gov.au/news/new-small-business-digital-taskforce>.

⁷⁸² CPTPP a boost for Japan's regional trade leadership, East Asia Forum (Canberra) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/02/27/cptpp-a-boost-for-japans-regional-trade-leadership/>.

On 30 January 2018, the Australian government released “Australia 2030: Prosperity through Innovation — a Plan for Australia to Thrive in the Global Innovation Race.”⁷⁸³ It addresses the Australian economy and ways to keep their workforce strong by identifying societal challenges of the 21st century.⁷⁸⁴ The report addresses five strategic imperatives: education, industry, government, research & development and culture and ambition.⁷⁸⁵ Under industry and government imperatives, the government reference the importance of strengthening Australia’s digital economy and their role in fostering favourable conditions of digital technology.⁷⁸⁶

From 31 January 2018 to 1 February 2018, Australia and Indonesia jointly hosted the Indonesia-Australia Digital Forum in Jakarta, Indonesia.⁷⁸⁷ The conference objective is to foster new areas of cooperation, and create deeper commercial linkages between Australia and Indonesia’s digital economy.⁷⁸⁸ The two governments are currently working together to pilot the use of digital governance, new systems and big data to improve planning, decision-making, accountability and service delivery.⁷⁸⁹

On 23 February 2018, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo and the US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer jointly announced that Australia and the US “agree to intensify cooperation to support the growth of digital trade between our countries, ensure an open, free and secure Internet, and advocate the liberalization and facilitation of global digital trade.”⁷⁹⁰

Australia has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

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⁷⁸³ Australia 2030: Prosperity through innovation, Australian Government — Innovation and Science Australia (Canberra) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://industry.gov.au/Innovation-and-Science-Australia/publications/Documents/Australia-2030-Prosperity-through-innovation/index.html>.

⁷⁸⁴ Australia 2030: Prosperity through innovation, Australian Government — Innovation and Science Australia (Canberra) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://industry.gov.au/Innovation-and-Science-Australia/publications/Documents/Australia-2030-Prosperity-through-innovation/index.html>.

⁷⁸⁵ Australia 2030: Prosperity through innovation, Australian Government — Innovation and Science Australia (Canberra) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://industry.gov.au/Innovation-and-Science-Australia/publications/Documents/Australia-2030-Prosperity-through-innovation/index.html>.

⁷⁸⁶ Australia 2030: Prosperity through innovation, Australian Government — Innovation and Science Australia (Canberra) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://industry.gov.au/Innovation-and-Science-Australia/publications/Documents/Australia-2030-Prosperity-through-innovation/index.html>.

⁷⁸⁷ Indonesia-Australia Digital Forum, Smart Government, Australia Government — Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Canberra) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 31 January 2018. https://www.austrade.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=25208&m=0%7C0#/event?_k=vvnjrc.

⁷⁸⁸ Indonesia-Australia Digital Forum, Smart Government, Australia Government — Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Canberra) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 31 January 2018. https://www.austrade.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=25208&m=0%7C0#/event?_k=vvnjrc.

⁷⁸⁹ Indonesia-Australia Digital Forum, Smart Government, Australia Government — Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Canberra) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 31 January 2018.

https://www.austrade.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=25208&m=0%7C0#/event?_k=vvnjrc.

⁷⁹⁰ United States and Australia Intensify Cooperation on Digital Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2018/february/united-states-and-australia>.

Brazil: +1

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 18 July 2017, the fifth Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held in Hangzhou, China to reinforce cooperation and collaboration among the BRICS countries in areas of science, technology, and innovation.⁷⁹¹

On 8 September 2017, the Secretary of Foreign Trade, Foreign Trade and Services, Abrao Miguel Arabe Neto signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Uruguay's Undersecretary of Economy and Finance, Pablo Ferreri, which allows companies from two countries to use Digital Certificates of Origin (CO) to trade in their operations, and will reduce costs and deadlines on imports and exports.⁷⁹² In contrast to the current paper-based COs, which takes 24 hours on average, digital signing is expected to reduce the processing time to just 30 minutes.⁷⁹³

On 12 September 2017, Brazil was elected as a member of the Executive Council of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and vice-president of the UNWTO Regional Commission of the Americas, alongside Haiti.⁷⁹⁴ The Brazilian government defined "the development of collaborative economy and digital media" as one the three priority themes to consolidate tourism policies.⁷⁹⁵

On 26 October, the United States and Brazil jointly hosted the Digital Economy Conference in Sao Paul to bring together representatives of the public and private sectors to discuss the future of the digital economy, opportunities in Brazil and the challenges of creating methods that stimulate innovation.⁷⁹⁶

On 21 November 2017, the government launched the "digital platform Emprega Brazil programme, which offers internet apps and portals with services such as job vacancy lists, the digital Worker's Portfolio (the booklet that keeps record of a worker's formal employment contracts), applications for unemployment insurance and vocational training."⁷⁹⁷

On 21 November 2017, the Brazilian government introduced the Efficient Brazil programme, which aims to "increase the number of government services offered online and prevent citizens from

⁷⁹¹ Ninth BRICS Summit opens, BRICS 2017 (Hangzhou) 9 September 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018.

<https://www.brics2017.org/English/>.

⁷⁹² Brazil and Uruguay sign agreement to facilitate bilateral trade, BrazilGovNews (Brazil) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 3 December 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/brazil-and-uruguay-sign-agreement-to-facilitate-bilateral-trade>.

⁷⁹³ Brazil and Uruguay sign agreement to facilitate bilateral trade, BrazilGovNews (Brazil) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 3 December 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/brazil-and-uruguay-sign-agreement-to-facilitate-bilateral-trade>.

⁷⁹⁴ Brazil to Chair UNWTO Executive Council from 2020, BrazilGovNews (Brazil) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 3 December 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/brazil-to-chair-unwto-executive-council-from-2020>.

⁷⁹⁵ Brazil to Chair UNWTO Executive Council from 2020, BrazilGovNews (Brazil) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 3 December 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/brazil-to-chair-unwto-executive-council-from-2020>.

⁷⁹⁶ Technology companies discuss the future of the digital economy in Brazil, US Embassy & Consulates in Brazil (Sao Paulo) 26 October 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://br.usembassy.gov/technology-companies-discuss-future-digital-economy-brazil/>.

⁷⁹⁷ Temer: "Absolute sync" helps Brazil out of economic crisis, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 18 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/temer-absolute-sync-helps-brazil-out-of-economic-crisis>.

having to resubmit documents already in government databases.”⁷⁹⁸ The government hopes that this will bring “improvements and efficiency gains to erode barriers imposed on workers and entrepreneurs.”⁷⁹⁹

On 23 November 2017, the government introduced the Connected Education Innovation Policy, a bill which “aims to significantly expand the number of schools with access by 2024 and, throughout 2018, to provide quality broadband for up to 22.4 thousand public schools in Brazil, reaching 12.8 million students.”⁸⁰⁰ The Brazilian government aims to “encourage innovation and technology planning in state and municipal schools by promoting values, providing materials, training teachers and managers and coordinating partnerships with higher education institutions to increase the use of technology in basic education.”⁸⁰¹

Brazil has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Cameron Ting

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to take global as well as domestic initiatives to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 14 July 2017, Canada announced that the CanCode program will invest CAD50 million over two years, starting in 2017-18, to support initiatives providing educational opportunities for coding and digital skills development to Canadian youth from kindergarten to grade 12 (K-12).⁸⁰² The program aims to equip youth, including traditionally underrepresented groups, with the skills and study incentives they need to be prepared for technology and science related careers.⁸⁰³

On 5 September 2017, the Information and Communications Technology Council and Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, announced the official launch of the Student Work-Integrated Learning

⁷⁹⁸ Government modernises State to provide better public services, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 18 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-modernises-state-to-provide-better-public-services>.

⁷⁹⁹ Government modernises State to provide better public services, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 18 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-modernises-state-to-provide-better-public-services>.

⁸⁰⁰ Broadband access project to benefit nearly 13 million students, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 18 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/broadband-access-project-to-benefit-nearly-13-million-students>.

⁸⁰¹ Broadband access project to benefit nearly 13 million students, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 18 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/broadband-access-project-to-benefit-nearly-13-million-students>.

⁸⁰² CanCode from Science and Technology Partnerships, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 14 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/science-technology-partnerships/cancode.html>.

⁸⁰³ CanCode from Science and Technology Partnerships, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 14 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/science-technology-partnerships/cancode.html>.

Program to develop industry and innovation ready talent for the digital economy.⁸⁰⁴ This initiative, funded by the Government of Canada will provide 1,000 students across Canada with quality work integrated experiences in three fast growth sectors of the Canadian economy: Fintech, Advanced Manufacturing, and Intelligent Retail.⁸⁰⁵

On 15 September 2017, Canada participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”⁸⁰⁶ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free Small Medium Enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁸⁰⁷

On 28 September 2017, Mélanie Joly, Minister of Canadian Heritage, announced Creative Canada — A Vision for Canada’s Creative Industries, the first-ever federal strategy developed to help our creative industries thrive and succeed in the digital age.⁸⁰⁸

On 6 October 2017, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Navdeep Bains announced Canada will invest up to CAD37.1 million in a project to bring high speed internet access to Matawa First Nations in the Ring of Fire Region in Northern Ontario.⁸⁰⁹

On 6 October 2017, Minister Bains launched a consultation on how Canada can best use the airwaves over the next five years to make cell phone service more affordable for its citizens.⁸¹⁰ This project involves consulting Canadian businesses on the overall approach and planning activities related to the release of spectrum for commercial mobile services, license-exempt applications, satellite services, and wireless backhaul services over the years 2018 and 2022.⁸¹¹

On 10 October 2017, Minister Bains announced that over CAD4 million from the Government of Canada will go towards improving high-speed Internet coverage in six northwestern Ontario

⁸⁰⁴ Minister Patty Hajdu kicks off a unique nation wide student work-integrated learning program for the digital economy, Information and Communications Technology Council (Vancouver) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.ictc-ctic.ca/news-release-minister-patty-hajdu-kicks-off-unique-nation-wide-student-work-integrated-learning-program-digital-economy/>.

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⁸⁰⁶ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁸⁰⁷ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁸⁰⁸ Creative Canada, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 28 September 2017. Access Day: 21 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/creative-canada.html>

⁸⁰⁹ Expanding broadband infrastructure in remote Northern Ontario, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/10/expanding_broadbandinfrastructureinremotenorthernontario.html.

⁸¹⁰ Helping shape Canada’s digital future, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/10/helping_shape_canadasdigitalfuture.html.

⁸¹¹ Consultation on the Spectrum Outlook 2018 to 2022, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf11333.html>.

communities from Stratton to Kejick.⁸¹² This aims to help Canadians in these communities connect with people across Canada and across the world, participate in distance education, and seize new business opportunities and search for jobs online.⁸¹³

On 12 October 2017, Minister Bains announced the shortlisted applicants to the Innovation Superclusters Initiative (ISI).⁸¹⁴ The ISI is a program by the Government of Canada to invest up to CAD950 million between 2017-2022 to support business-led superclusters with the greatest potential to energize the economy.⁸¹⁵ In particular, Canada's Digital Technology Supercluster would make Canada faster, smarter and more collaborative in inventing, developing and applying digital technologies to the resource, precision health and manufacturing sectors.⁸¹⁶

On 20 October 2017, Bardish Chagger, Minister of Small Business and Tourism, and Blaine Pederson, Manitoba's Minister of Growth, announced that the Government of Canada and Manitoba have launched BizPaL in Winnipeg Beach.⁸¹⁷ BizPaL is a free online business permit and licence service that saves time and money for Canada's entrepreneurs and SMEs.⁸¹⁸

On 6 December 2017, Minister Bains launched the Accessible Technology Program, a new program that will co-fund innovative projects to develop new assistive and adaptive digital devices and technologies over the next five years. As a result of this new CAD22.3-million program, more Canadians with disabilities will have access to the digital tools they need to fully participate in society and get access to jobs.⁸¹⁹

⁸¹² Bridging the digital divide in six northwestern Ontario communities, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/10/bridging_the_digitaldivideinsixnorthwesternontariocommunities.html.

⁸¹³ Bridging the digital divide in six northwestern Ontario communities, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/10/bridging_the_digitaldivideinsixnorthwesternontariocommunities.html.

⁸¹⁴ Government of Canada promotes innovation for economic growth and jobs in British Columbia and Canada, Newswire (Vancouver) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-promotes-innovation-for-economic-growth-and-jobs-in-british-columbia-and-canada-650645133.html>.

⁸¹⁵ Innovation Superclusters Initiative, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/small-business-financing-growth/innovation-superclusters.html>.

⁸¹⁶ Innovation Superclusters Initiative, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/programs/small-business-financing-growth/innovation-superclusters.html>.

⁸¹⁷ Governments of Canada and Manitoba join forces to launch BizPaL in the Town of Winnipeg Beach, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Ottawa) 20 October 2017. Access Date: https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/10/governments_of_canadaandmanitobajoinforcestolaunchbizpalinthew.html.

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⁸¹⁹ Making digital technologies more accessible to Canadians with disabilities Français, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 6 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/making-digital-technologies-more-accessible-to-canadians-with-disabilities-662336213.html>.

On 13 December 2017, Canada joined a small group of World Trade Organization (WTO) countries that pledged to work toward new WTO e-commerce rules.⁸²⁰ The group pledged to hold an initial meeting in the first quarter of 2018 in order to highlight the importance of global e-commerce and the opportunities it creates for inclusive trade and development through open, transparent, non-discriminatory, and predictable regulatory environments.⁸²¹

On 14 December 2017, Minister Bains and Bardish Chagger announced the CAD100 million Innovative Solutions Canada program that invites Canadian small businesses to develop novel solutions to challenges proposed by federal departments and agencies.⁸²² This program will use procurement to help Canadian small businesses innovate and create employment opportunities for Canadians.⁸²³

On 18 December 2017, Minister Bains and Bardish Chagger launched the Venture Capital Catalyst Initiative (VCCI).⁸²⁴ VCCI will make CAD400 million available through the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) to increase late-stage venture capital funding for Canadian firms looking to grow, expand and compete globally.⁸²⁵ It enables companies to hire additional talent, market-test new products, and expand to new markets in Canada and abroad.⁸²⁶

On 2 January 2018, Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, on behalf of Navdeep Bains announced a joint federal-provincial investment of CAD28.45 million in high-speed internet.⁸²⁷ This funding will allow more than 1500 households in 70 rural and remote communities in Newfoundland and Labrador to do business online, participate in distance education, and take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the digital age.⁸²⁸ A large portion of federal funding is being allocated through Connect to Innovate, a federal program that aims to provide underserved communities with Internet access at speeds of five megabits per second

⁸²⁰ Some WTO members to push for e-commerce rules as broader deal fails, Reuters (London) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-trade-wto-digital/some-wto-members-to-push-for-e-commerce-rules-as-broader-deal-fails-idUSKBN1E72YV>.

⁸²¹ Some WTO members to push for e-commerce rules as broader deal fails, Reuters (London) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-trade-wto-digital/some-wto-members-to-push-for-e-commerce-rules-as-broader-deal-fails-idUSKBN1E72YV>.

⁸²² Government uses procurement to help small businesses grow and create jobs, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-uses-procurement-to-help-small-businesses-grow-and-create-jobs-664180953.html>.

⁸²³ Government uses procurement to help small businesses grow and create jobs, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-uses-procurement-to-help-small-businesses-grow-and-create-jobs-664180953.html>.

⁸²⁴ Federal government stimulates innovation by investing in great ideas and smart people, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/federal-government-stimulates-innovation-by-investing-in-great-ideas-and-smart-people-664997443.html>.

⁸²⁵ Federal government stimulates innovation by investing in great ideas and smart people, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/federal-government-stimulates-innovation-by-investing-in-great-ideas-and-smart-people-664997443.html>.

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⁸²⁷ Canadians in Newfoundland and Labrador will benefit from faster Internet, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canadians-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-will-benefit-from-faster-internet-667675083.html>.

⁸²⁸ Canadians in Newfoundland and Labrador will benefit from faster Internet, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canadians-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-will-benefit-from-faster-internet-667675083.html>.

or more.⁸²⁹ This program is enabling Canadians in every region of the country to participate fully in the digital economy, seize new business opportunities, and connect with friends and family around the world.⁸³⁰

On 9 January 2018, Minister Bains and Premier of Manitoba Brian Pallister announced a federal-provincial investment of CAD83.9 million that will improve high-speed internet coverage in Manitoba, enabling 112 rural and remote communities to get online and access high-speed internet. Of these 112 communities, 48 are First Nations and 21 are located in regions without year-round road access.⁸³¹

On 22 January 2018, Minister Bains announced the CAD50 million CanCode program that will help more than 1 million teachers and students from kindergarten to Grade 12 learn digital skills like coding.⁸³² The program aims to encourage more girls, Indigenous Canadians, and other under-represented groups to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math.⁸³³

On 23 January 2018 Canada attended a summit hosted by Japan with 11 countries including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam at negotiations in Tokyo to settle the terms of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership. The CPTPP will replace the TPP, which failed after the withdrawal of the United States. This partnership will “promote the ease of data flows in the digital economy.”⁸³⁴

On 15 February 2018, Minister Bains announced that the Government of Canada will be investing up to CAD950 million under the Innovation Superclusters Initiative in order to encourage Canadian businesses of all sizes to collaborate with other innovation actors to propose bold and ambitious strategies.⁸³⁵ Navdeep Bains announced Canada’s five superclusters: the Ocean Supercluster, the

⁸²⁹ Canadians in Newfoundland and Labrador will benefit from faster Internet, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canadians-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-will-benefit-from-faster-internet-667675083.html>.

⁸³⁰ Canadians in Newfoundland and Labrador will benefit from faster Internet, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canadians-in-newfoundland-and-labrador-will-benefit-from-faster-internet-667675083.html>.

⁸³¹ More than 100 rural communities in Manitoba will benefit from faster Internet, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 9 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/more-than-100-rural-communities-in-manitoba-will-benefit-from-faster-internet-668464203.html>.

⁸³² CanCode program to benefit more than 1 million young Canadians and their teachers, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Toronto) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/01/giving_young_canadiansthedigitalskillsneededforjobsofthefuture.html.

⁸³³ CanCode program to benefit more than 1 million young Canadians and their teachers, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (Toronto) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/01/giving_young_canadiansthedigitalskillsneededforjobsofthefuture.html.

⁸³⁴ CPTPP a boost for Japan’s regional trade leadership, East Asia Forum (Canberra) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/02/27/cptpp-a-boost-for-japans-regional-trade-leadership/>.

⁸³⁵ Government of Canada's new innovation program expected to create tens of thousands of middle-class jobs, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canadas-new-innovation-program-expected-to-create-tens-of-thousands-of-middle-class-jobs-674186823.html>.

SCALE.AI Supercluster, the Advanced Manufacturing Supercluster, the Protein Industries Supercluster, and the Digital Technology Supercluster.⁸³⁶

On 19 February 2018, David Lametti, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, announced the launch of the Government of Canada's Digital Literacy Exchange Program.⁸³⁷ This program will invest almost CAD30 million to support not-for-profit organization that teach fundamental digital literacy skills to Canadians who would benefit from participating in the digital economy. These include seniors, new and low-income Canadians, Indigenous people, and those living in northern and rural communities.⁸³⁸

On 13 March 2018, Minister Bains more than CAD27 million for 45 projects in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba through the Western Diversification Program. The program represents an array of economy activities, one of which is to help Indigenous entrepreneurs thrive in Canada's growing tech sector.⁸³⁹

Canada has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jane Huang

China +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to take global as well as domestic initiatives to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 18 July 2017, China hosted the fifth Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministerial Meeting in Hangzhou, to reinforce cooperation and collaboration among the BRICS countries in areas of science, technology and innovation.⁸⁴⁰

On 15 September 2017, China participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on "Enhancing MSMEs' [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age."⁸⁴¹ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business

⁸³⁶ Government of Canada's new innovation program expected to create tens of thousands of middle-class jobs, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canadas-new-innovation-program-expected-to-create-tens-of-thousands-of-middle-class-jobs-674186823.html>.

⁸³⁷ Government announces funding for digital skills training to help more Canadians get online, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2018/02/government_announcesfundingfordigitalskillstrainingtohelpmorecan.html.

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⁸³⁹ Government of Canada Invests in Indigenous Economic Development across Western Canada, Canada News Wire (Ottawa) 13 March 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-invests-in-indigenous-economic-development-across-western-canada-676688403.html>.

⁸⁴⁰ Ninth BRICS Summit opens, BRICS 2017 (Hangzhou) 9 September 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.brics2017.org/English/>.

⁸⁴¹ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

practices to free Small Medium Enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁸⁴²

On 2 October 2017, Chen Zhaoxiong, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) announced at the 2017 PT Expo China that China will strengthen its efforts to promote network speed, lower fees, accelerate 5G planning and more constructions and applications of industrial internet to develop a prosperous digital economy.⁸⁴³ China recognizes that expanding the digital industry is crucial in driving economic growth.⁸⁴⁴ The country is a world leader in 5G, research and development of next generation of internet technology and standards making.⁸⁴⁵ “According to MIIT, China is currently making a series of positive progress in the 5G vision, needs, concepts, wireless technology and network architecture as well as speeding up the 5G planning.”⁸⁴⁶

On 24 October 2017, President Xi Jinping gave a speech at the Chinese Communist Party 19th Party Congress that signalled that technology, particularly information technology sectors, is the core of his vision for his second term.⁸⁴⁷ His opening speech identified specific terms such as artificial intelligence and digital China as priorities in the country’s development plans.⁸⁴⁸ The speech called for accelerating and integrating the internet, big data, and artificial intelligence (AI) with the economy.⁸⁴⁹ President Xi also stated he China will strengthen frontier in digital economy such as AI, nanotechnology, and quantum computing, and advancing the development of big data, cloud computing, and smart cities to create the concept of a digital silk road of the 21st century.⁸⁵⁰

On 4 December 2017, China’s head of Internet regulatory body said that the country was willing to deepen global cooperation in the digital economy and generate new momentum to expand global economic growth. Minister of Cyberspace Administration Xu Lin stated that China would go as far to open its economy and work with other countries in developing an integrated global digital market. In particular, Xu encouraged countries to strengthen cooperation in policy making and regulation on information technology, data distribution, network facilities, cross-border e-commerce and other digital related fields to build a fair and efficient governance system. The Minister has been quoted to

⁸⁴² Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁸⁴³ China speeds up internet to develop digital economy, The State Council — The People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/10/02/content_281475896725312.html.

⁸⁴⁴ China speeds up internet to develop digital economy, The State Council — The People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/10/02/content_281475896725312.html.

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⁸⁴⁶ China speeds up internet to develop digital economy, The State Council — The People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/10/02/content_281475896725312.html.

⁸⁴⁷ Cyber Policy and the 19th Party Congress, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/cyber-policy-and-19th-party-congress>.

⁸⁴⁸ Cyber Policy and the 19th Party Congress, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/cyber-policy-and-19th-party-congress>.

⁸⁴⁹ Cyber Policy and the 19th Party Congress, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/cyber-policy-and-19th-party-congress>.

⁸⁵⁰ Cyber Policy and the 19th Party Congress, Center for Strategic and International Studies (Washington) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.csis.org/analysis/cyber-policy-and-19th-party-congress>.

have said that China “will actively implement the G20 Digital Economy Development and Cooperation Initiative,” at the 4th World Internet Conference.⁸⁵¹

On 9 December 2017, President Xi gave a speech at a study session of the Central Committee’s Political Bureau which highlighted many areas regarding the digital economy.⁸⁵² The president encouraged the country to accelerate the implementation of big data strategy as a way to improve social and economic development and people’s daily life.⁸⁵³ President Xi notably indicated the use of research on and use of big data for the growing digital economy as crucial to country’s future success.⁸⁵⁴ He called for the improvement of digital infrastructure, the promotion of integration and sharing of digital resources, and safeguarding data security, the use of big data to improve governance, improvement of Internet governance and a necessary clean-up of cyberspace.⁸⁵⁵ He indicated nationwide information-sharing platform should be set up with the use of e-government and smart city systems.⁸⁵⁶ In terms of improving people’s well-being, he indicated an advancement of “internet plus education,” “internet plus medical treatment,” and “internet plus culture,” to ensure citizen’s access to public services.⁸⁵⁷

On 9 January 2018, President Xi Jinping and French President Emmanuel Macron agreed to advance their comprehensive strategic partnership.⁸⁵⁸ Several areas were addressed with Xi calling for integrating the development strategies between the two countries with “achieving common development in the areas of digital economy,” as one of the several areas addressed.⁸⁵⁹

On 11 February 2018, Meng Wei of the National and Development Reform Commission announced that one of the ways that China will implement an employment-first strategy to promote employment and entrepreneurship is by creating a policy environment that will support the digital economy and promote big data, artificial intelligence and industrial sectors.⁸⁶⁰

China has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

⁸⁵¹ Digital economy growth requires global efforts, The State Council, The People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/12/05/content_281475965403618.html.

⁸⁵² China must accelerate implementation of big data strategy: Xi, China Daily (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/09/WS5a2bba55a310eefe3e9a12ea.html>.

⁸⁵³ China must accelerate implementation of big data strategy: Xi, China Daily (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/09/WS5a2bba55a310eefe3e9a12ea.html>.

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⁸⁵⁵ China must accelerate implementation of big data strategy: Xi, China Daily (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/09/WS5a2bba55a310eefe3e9a12ea.html>.

⁸⁵⁶ China must accelerate implementation of big data strategy: Xi, China Daily (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/09/WS5a2bba55a310eefe3e9a12ea.html>.

⁸⁵⁷ China must accelerate implementation of big data strategy: Xi, China Daily (Beijing) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/09/WS5a2bba55a310eefe3e9a12ea.html>.

⁸⁵⁸ China, France agree to inject new impetus into bilateral ties, Consulate-General of the People’s Republic of China in Calgary (Calgary) 9 January 2018. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://calgary.china-consulate.org/eng/lgxw/t1524648.html>.

⁸⁵⁹ China, France agree to inject new impetus into bilateral ties, Consulate-General of the People’s Republic of China in Calgary (Calgary) 9 January 2018. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://calgary.china-consulate.org/eng/lgxw/t1524648.html>.

⁸⁶⁰ China pledges “employment first” policies to create millions of new jobs, Reuters (Beijing) 11 February 2018. Access Date: 4 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-china-economy-employment/china-pledges-employment-first-policies-to-create-millions-of-new-jobs-idUSKBN1FW012>.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Wing Ka Tsang

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to take global as well as domestic initiatives to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 10 September 2017, Italy put forth a joint proposal — along with European Union members France, Germany, and Spain — for a unified digital taxation mechanism aimed towards multinational enterprises (MNEs).⁸⁶¹ The proposal suggested eliminating the taxation discrepancies between EU member-states by taxing MNEs on revenue rather than profit, in order to rectify low tax receipts from these companies.⁸⁶²

On 29 September 2017, France put the matter of digital taxation on the agenda of the Tallinn Digital Summit between European Heads of State and Government to ensure that tech giants pay a fair contribution of their earnings in the countries that they operate in.⁸⁶³ At the summit, President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel held bilateral talks to discuss increasing cooperation between Germany and France in the digital economy.⁸⁶⁴

On 5 October 2017, Bruno Le Maire, Minister of Finance, and Mounir Mahjoubi, Secretary of State in charge of Digital Affairs, signed three decrees to improve transparency and loyalty obligations on the part of digital platforms such as search engines, social media websites, and price comparison websites.⁸⁶⁵ According to these decrees, platforms will have to specify listing and classification criteria such as sponsorship and verification of consumer opinions.

On 11 December 2017, Secretary Mahjoubi announced a national strategy of digital inclusion.⁸⁶⁶ This strategy allows the French government to find and integrate French people who have trouble with the internet by working with regions, departments, and social operators to ensure digital inclusion.⁸⁶⁷

On 18 December 2017, Minister Le Maire asked his counterparts in the Group of 20 to consider joint regulation of bitcoin.⁸⁶⁸ Several European countries have been pushing for global bitcoin

⁸⁶¹ Germany, France, Italy, Spain seek new EU tax on digital firm revenue, MNE Tax 10 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/germany-france-italy-spain-seek-new-tax-digital-firm-revenue-23398>.

⁸⁶² Germany, France, Italy, Spain seek new EU tax on digital firm revenue, MNE Tax 10 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/germany-france-italy-spain-seek-new-tax-digital-firm-revenue-23398>.

⁸⁶³ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Government of France (Paris) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>.

⁸⁶⁴ Angela Merkel Attends EU Digital Summit, The Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2017_en/2017-09-28-tallinn-digitalgipfel_en.html.

⁸⁶⁵ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Government of France (Paris) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>.

⁸⁶⁶ Mounir Mahjoubi: le gouvernement lancera un plan d'intégration numérique, Linfo.re (Saint-Denis) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.linfo.re/france/societe/732241-mounir-mahjoubi-le-gouvernement-lancera-un-plan-d-integration-numerique>.

⁸⁶⁷ Inclusion numérique: l'Etat veut jouer collectif pour avancer dès 2018, La Tribune Bordeaux (Bordeaux) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://objectifaquitaine.latribune.fr/politique/2017-12-12/inclusion-numerique-l-etat-veut-jouer-collectif-pour-avancer-des-2018-761358.html>.

⁸⁶⁸ Germany Joins French-led Moves to Regulate Bitcoin at G-20 Level, Bloomberg (New York City) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-12-18/europe-wants-to-regulate-bitcoin-to-clamp-down-on-illegal-risks>.

regulation amid mounting alarm that the world's most popular digital currency is being used by money-launderers, drug traffickers and terrorists.⁸⁶⁹

On 18 December 2017, Minister Le Maire launched a lawsuit against American e-commerce giant Amazon for imposing unfair commercial relationships to suppliers in the country. The DGCCRF, the French body in charge of fraud control, said in a statement on Monday that Le Maire is seeking a fine of EUR10 million.⁸⁷⁰

On 19 January 2018, Françoise Nyssen, the Minister of Culture, announced an upcoming digital economy conference that aims to bring together experts from France and the United Kingdom in cybersecurity, digital skills, artificial intelligence, data, and digital government.⁸⁷¹ Matt Hancock, the UK's Digital and Culture Secretary, announced that the UK and France would be strengthening ties in technology and innovation in order to improve both digital economies while fostering cross-channel collaboration.⁸⁷²

On 16 February, 2018 Secretary Mahjoubi met with United States Ambassador Jamie McCourt to look at Franco-American cooperation in the digital economy and how digital technology promotes entrepreneurship and insertion that benefit society and the economy.⁸⁷³

On 14 March 2018, Minister Le Maire stated that the French government would be taking tech giants Google and Apple to court over “abusive business practices” against smaller business rivals and app developers in France.⁸⁷⁴

France has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jane Huang

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 27 July 2017, the German government-funded Fraunhofer Society announced that its Industrial Data Space will be available for international implementation.⁸⁷⁵ The Industrial Data Space is a

⁸⁶⁹ Bitcoin Might Soon Face Tougher Regulations in Europe, Fortune (New York City) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://fortune.com/2017/12/18/bitcoin-regulation-eu-money-laundering-drug-terrorists/>.

⁸⁷⁰ French economy minister files lawsuit against Amazon, News 1130 (Vancouver) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.news1130.com/2017/12/18/french-economy-minister-files-lawsuit-against-amazon/>.

⁸⁷¹ UK-France Summit 2018: Documents, UK Government (London) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <http://tech.newstatesman.com/news/uk-france-tech-summit>.

⁸⁷² UK-France Summit 2018: Documents, UK Government (London) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <http://tech.newstatesman.com/news/uk-france-tech-summit>.

⁸⁷³ Ambassador Jamie McCourt meets with Mounir Mahjoubi, State Secretary for Digital Technology, US Embassy & Consulates in France (Paris) 16 February 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <https://fr.usembassy.gov/ambassador-jamie-mccourt-meets-mounir-mahjoubi-state-secretary-digital-technology/>.

⁸⁷⁴ France Threatens Apple, Google Over 'Abusive' Business Practice, TeleSUR (Caracas) 14 March 2018. Access Date: 15 March 2018. <https://www.telesurtv.net/english/news/France-Threatens-Apple-Google-Over-Abusive-Business-Practice-20180314-0033.html>.

research project that aims to secure data sharing based on standardized communication interfaces.⁸⁷⁶ Its key feature is data sovereignty, which allows users to monitor and maintain control of their proprietary data, by enabling them to decide who has the right to access these data and for what purpose.⁸⁷⁷ The Federal Ministry of Education and Research granted the Fraunhofer Society EUR5 million to assist in its efforts to increase the security of the global digital economy.⁸⁷⁸

On 10 September 2017, Germany put forth a joint proposal — along with European Union members France, Italy, and Spain — for a unified digital taxation mechanism aimed towards Multinational Enterprises (MNEs).⁸⁷⁹ The proposal suggested eliminating the taxation discrepancies between EU member-states by taxing MNEs on revenue rather than profit, in order to rectify low tax receipts from these companies.⁸⁸⁰

On 28 September 2017, Chancellor Angela Merkel attended the EU Digital Summit in Tallinn, Estonia.⁸⁸¹ Merkel used this summit as a platform to reiterate Germany's plan for the advancement of digitalisation and the digital economy in Europe, which was released in the run-up to the summit.⁸⁸² Firstly, there must be an agreed upon legal framework that protects all actors in the European digital economy.⁸⁸³ Secondly, all actors must make full use of the advantages of digital technologies, including high-performance networks, 5G and fibre optics, which will lay the necessary foundations for the digital economy.⁸⁸⁴ Lastly, in order to bridge the digital gap that exists among the various actors in the digital economy, people, companies and governments must be able to exercise their rights freely in order to generate trust in the digital world.⁸⁸⁵ Merkel also held bilateral talks with

⁸⁷⁵ Industrial Data Space International Implementation, Fraunhofer Society (Munich) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.fraunhofer.de/en/press/research-news/2017/july/german-government-and-fraunhofer-drive-forward-plans-to-implement.html>.

⁸⁷⁶ Industrial Data Space International Implementation, Fraunhofer Society (Munich) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.fraunhofer.de/en/press/research-news/2017/july/german-government-and-fraunhofer-drive-forward-plans-to-implement.html>.

⁸⁷⁷ Industrial Data Space International Implementation, Fraunhofer Society (Munich) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.fraunhofer.de/en/press/research-news/2017/july/german-government-and-fraunhofer-drive-forward-plans-to-implement.html>.

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⁸⁷⁹ Germany, France, Italy, Spain seek new EU tax on digital firm revenue, MNE Tax 10 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/germany-france-italy-spain-seek-new-tax-digital-firm-revenue-23398>.

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⁸⁸¹ Angela Merkel Attends EU Digital Summit, The Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2017_en/2017-09-28-tallinn-digitalgipfel_en.html.

⁸⁸² Angela Merkel Attends EU Digital Summit, The Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2017_en/2017-09-28-tallinn-digitalgipfel_en.html.

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⁸⁸⁵ Angela Merkel Attends EU Digital Summit, The Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2017_en/2017-09-28-tallinn-digitalgipfel_en.html.

French President Emmanuel Macron to discuss increasing cooperation between Germany and France in the digital economy.⁸⁸⁶

On 3 October 2017, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy Matthias Machnig and Russian Deputy Minister of Economic Development Alexey Gruzdev met in Berlin to discuss trade and increasing cooperation in the realm of digitalisation and the digital economy between Russia and Germany.⁸⁸⁷

On 5 October 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy held a convention to discuss new ways of coordinating digitalisation policy and creating a regulatory environment for the digital economy.⁸⁸⁸ The convention was attended by members of the German Bundestag, the Presidents of the Bundeskartellamt, Germany's Competition Authority, and the Bundesnetzagentur, Germany's Network Agency, as well as representatives of the business and science sectors.⁸⁸⁹

On January 24 2018, representatives from the Federal Ministries of Economic Affairs and the Interior met with officials from the business associations and data protection authorities to continue discussions on the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation and the 2018 Federal Data Protection Act.⁸⁹⁰ The discussions were launched in the summer of 2017 with the goal of helping small and medium sized enterprises adjust their data processing systems to the new data protection standards, which take effect 25 May 2018.⁸⁹¹ The meeting also served as a platform to discuss questions of data processing, the future role of corporate data protection officers and the possibility of introducing industry-specific codes of conduct.⁸⁹²

⁸⁸⁶ Angela Merkel Attends EU Digital Summit, The Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2017_en/2017-09-28-tallinn-digitalgipfel_en.html.

⁸⁸⁷ Russia and Germany to Intensify Cooperation in Realm of Digital Economy, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Date of Access: 20 November 2017. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/about/stucture/dep25/2017031005>.

⁸⁸⁸ German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy Digitilisation Convention, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171006-bmwi-diskutiert-bessere-koordinierung-der-digitalisierungspolitik-und-einrichtung-einer-digitalagentur.html>.

⁸⁸⁹ German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy Digitilisation Convention, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171006-bmwi-diskutiert-bessere-koordinierung-der-digitalisierungspolitik-und-einrichtung-einer-digitalagentur.html>.

⁸⁹⁰ The Federal Economic Affairs Ministry and the Federal Ministry of the Interior Continue dialogue with Industry on the Implementation of the European General Data Protection Regulation, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180124-gem-bmwi-und-bmi-setzen-dialog-mit-der-wirtschaft-zur-umsetzung-der-eu-datenschutz-grundverordnung-fort.html>.

⁸⁹¹ The Federal Economic Affairs Ministry and the Federal Ministry of the Interior Continue dialogue with Industry on the Implementation of the European General Data Protection Regulation, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180124-gem-bmwi-und-bmi-setzen-dialog-mit-der-wirtschaft-zur-umsetzung-der-eu-datenschutz-grundverordnung-fort.html>.

⁸⁹² The Federal Economic Affairs Ministry and the Federal Ministry of the Interior Continue dialogue with Industry on the Implementation of the European General Data Protection Regulation, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180124-gem-bmwi-und-bmi-setzen-dialog-mit-der-wirtschaft-zur-umsetzung-der-eu-datenschutz-grundverordnung-fort.html>.

Germany has actively taken steps to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy domestically and internationally. Germany has promoted international dialogue on digitalisation and the growth of the digital economy through public consultations and leading bilateral communication on digitalisation collaboration. It has also taken steps towards supporting domestic business and research cooperation on digitalisation through the use of grants and public incentives.

Germany has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Domenic Colangelo and Elie Atieh

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives or through domestic initiatives.

On 18 July 2017, the fifth Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held in Hangzhou, China to reinforce cooperation and collaboration among the BRICS countries in areas of science, technology, and innovation.⁸⁹³

On 13 November 2017, the Indian government proposed a subsidy of INR3,600 to private telecommunication companies through viability gap funding.⁸⁹⁴

On 27 November 2017, the Indian government and the United States held the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad, India.⁸⁹⁵ The summit aims to support women entrepreneurs in key industry sectors — Energy and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Financial Technology and Digital Economy, and Media and Entertainment.⁸⁹⁶

On 28 November 2017, the Telecom Regulatory Authority (TRAI) released a paper about recommendations on net neutrality.⁸⁹⁷

On 20 December 2017, the Consumer Affairs Division of the TRAI opened a consultation paper on making information and communications technologies (ICT) accessible for persons with disabilities.⁸⁹⁸

On 24 January 2018, the TRAI held an Open House Discussion in New Delhi for a consultation paper on inputs for formulation of national telecom policy.⁸⁹⁹

⁸⁹³ Ninth BRICS Summit opens, BRICS 2017 (Hangzhou) 9 September 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.brics2017.org/English/>.

⁸⁹⁴ 2 Government plans Rs 3,600 crore subsidy to telcos for BharatNet, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/internet/government-to-start-rs-34000-crore-bharatnet-phase-2-from-tomorrow/articleshow/61615774.cms>.

⁸⁹⁵ Plenary Speakers and US Government Principals at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (Washington, D.C.) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/11/275892.html>.

⁸⁹⁶ Plenary Speakers and US Government Principals at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (Washington, D.C.) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/11/275892.html>.

⁸⁹⁷ Recommendations on Net Neutrality, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (New Delhi) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018.

⁸⁹⁸ Consultation Paper on Making ICT Accessible for Persons with Disabilities, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://www.trai.gov.in/sites/default/files/%20CP_ICT_20122017.

Also on 24 January 2018, the TRAI held an Open House Discussion in Bengaluru for a consultation paper on inputs for formulation of national telecom policy.⁹⁰⁰

On 2 February 2018, the TRAI released the recommendations for the National Telecom Policy 2018. Its target is to attract an investment of USD100 billion in communication and to create 2 million jobs in the ICT sector by 2022.⁹⁰¹

On 19 February 2018, Union Electronics and Information Technology Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said his ministry is working to make India's digital sector a USD1 trillion economy in the next five years.⁹⁰²

India has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ingrid Chen

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy, taking into account its commitment to improvement strategies and offer of contribution to international development of the digital economy sector.

On 9 August 2017, President Joko Widodo has signed an e-commerce road map that will provide guidelines for Indonesia's digital economy sector.⁹⁰³ It is to be issued at the end of the year and will regulate technology, as well as cover issues such as logistics, cyber securities, taxation, human resources development, and consumer protection in Indonesia.⁹⁰⁴

On 7 September 2017 in a keynote address to the Indonesia-Singapore Business Forum at Marina Bay Cruise Center in Singapore, President Widodo stated "we must arrange relations between Indonesia and Singapore to respond to the digital revolution."⁹⁰⁵ Indonesia aims to increase the supply of digital products from the Indonesian city of Batam to Singapore. Indonesia will use Batam

⁸⁹⁹ OHD on Consultation Paper on "Inputs for Formulation of National Telecom Policy - 2018" at New Delhi, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (New Delhi) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.trai.gov.in/news-updates/ohd-consultation-paper-inputs-formulation-national-telecom-policy-2018-new-delhi>.

⁹⁰⁰ OHD on Consultation Paper on "Inputs for Formulation of National Telecom Policy - 2018" at Bengaluru, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (New Delhi) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://www.trai.gov.in/news-updates/ohd-consultation-paper-inputs-formulation-national-telecom-policy-2018-new-delhi>.

⁹⁰¹ TRAI releases recommendations for National Telecom Policy 2018, targets investment of \$100 billion by 2022, First Post (Mumbai) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.firstpost.com/tech/news-analysis/trai-releases-recommendations-for-national-telecom-policy-2018-targets-investment-of-100-billion-by-2022-4333569.html>.

⁹⁰² India to be \$1 trillion digital economy in 5 years: Ravi Shankar Prasad, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/tech/ites/india-to-be-1-trillion-digital-economy-in-5-years-ravi-shankar-prasad/articleshow/62986182.cms>.

⁹⁰³ Indonesia issues e-commerce map, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/08/09/indonesia-issues-e-commerce-road-map.html>.

⁹⁰⁴ Indonesia issues e-commerce map, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/08/09/indonesia-issues-e-commerce-road-map.html>.

⁹⁰⁵ Indonesia invites Singapore to invest in digital economy sector, Antara News (Singapore) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/112573/indonesia-invites-singapore-to-invest-in-digital-economy-sector>.

as a digital bridge to link Singapore to other digital communities in various Indonesian cities in future.⁹⁰⁶

On 7 September 2017, during leaders talks held in Singapore, President Widodo and Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong agreed to renew the Bilateral Investment Treaty between the two nations, which highlights digital economic cooperation, according to a statement made by Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Retno Marsudi.⁹⁰⁷

On 15 September 2017, Indonesia participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on "Enhancing MSMEs' [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age."⁹⁰⁸ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free small and medium-sized enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁹⁰⁹

On 20 September 2017 at the Indonesia Business Digital Expo 2017 in a seminar titled 'New Economy in the Digital Age,' President Joko Widodo stated "A few months ago, the government established a State Code and Cyber Agency," a move taken in an effort to increase cyber security in Indonesia.⁹¹⁰

On 23 January 2018 at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland delegates from the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) including Indonesia, launched the "Digital ASEAN" initiative which aims to develop the regional digital economy and establish the Board of Governors to help ASEAN move forward in a digital economy.⁹¹¹

Indonesia has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Stacy Chen

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

⁹⁰⁶ Indonesia invites Singapore to invest in digital economy sector, Antara News (Singapore) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/112573/indonesia-invites-singapore-to-invest-in-digital-economy-sector>.

⁹⁰⁷ Indonesia, Singapore mark 50 years relations, highlight digital economic cooperation, Antara News (Jakarta) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017 <http://www.antaranews.com/en/news/112596/indonesia-singapore-mark-50-years-relations-highlight-digital-economic-cooperation>.

⁹⁰⁸ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁰⁹ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹¹⁰ Jokowi promises to streamline regulations to boost digital economy, Antara News (Jakarta) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/112710/jokowi-promises-to-streamline-regulations-to-boost-digital-economy>.

⁹¹¹ Indonesia encourages growth of digital economy, Antara News (Jakarta) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://en.antaranews.com/news/114504/indonesia-encourages-growth-of-digital-economy>.

On 5 September 2017, Italy awarded a second lot of the public tender for the Public Connectivity System (PCS) for the purpose of developing integrated Information Technologies services to facilitate interoperability of public administrations through a suite of web portals and mobile applications speeding up access to public channels and increase information transparency.⁹¹²

On 10 September 2017, Italy put forth a joint proposal with European Union members France, Germany, and Spain for a unified digital taxation mechanism for multinational enterprises (MNEs).⁹¹³ The proposal suggested eliminating the taxation discrepancies among EU members by taxing MNEs on revenue rather than profit to rectify low tax receipts from these companies.⁹¹⁴

On 29 September 2017, Italy participated, along with other EU members, in the Tallinn Digital Summit. The purpose was to discuss concepts that would undergird EU digital policy until 2025.⁹¹⁵ The formulation of specific legislative proposals was not the central focus of the summit.⁹¹⁶

On 13 October 2017, Italy provided lending support to small and medium-sized enterprises through the renewal of its New Sabbatini Law under the 2018 Budget Act.⁹¹⁷ The New Sabbatini Law, originally enacted from 2014-2016, enables SMEs to access cheaper financing by lowering the lending rate by 2.75 per cent.⁹¹⁸

On 13 October 2017, the Budget Commission of the Lower House approved, as part of the 2018 budget, a measure requiring companies to pay a 3 per cent tax on intangible digital products such as advertising and sponsored links embedded in webpages.⁹¹⁹

Italy has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ben Falconer

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

⁹¹² Indra signs a new framework contract for €109 million as part of the digitalization project of the Italian public administration, Indra (Rome) 5 September 2017. Access Date: November 25 2017. <https://www.indracompany.com/en/noticia/indra-signs-new-framework-contract-eu109-million-part-digitalization-project-italian-public>.

⁹¹³ Germany, France, Italy, Spain seek new EU tax on digital firm revenue, MNE Tax 10 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/germany-france-italy-spain-seek-new-tax-digital-firm-revenue-23398>.

⁹¹⁴ Germany, France, Italy, Spain seek new EU tax on digital firm revenue, MNE Tax 10 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/germany-france-italy-spain-seek-new-tax-digital-firm-revenue-23398>.

⁹¹⁵ Estonia sees digital summit as success in itself, EUObserver (Tallin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://euobserver.com/eu-presidency/139204>.

⁹¹⁶ Estonia sees digital summit as success in itself, EUObserver (Tallin) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://euobserver.com/eu-presidency/139204>.

⁹¹⁷ Legge di Stabilità 2018, Fisco e Tasse (Rome) 17 October 2017. Access Date 25 November 2017. <https://www.fiscoetasse.com/legge-di-stabilita>.

⁹¹⁸ Legge di Stabilità 2018, Fisco e Tasse (Rome) 17 October 2017. Access Date 25 November 2017. <https://www.fiscoetasse.com/legge-di-stabilita>.

⁹¹⁹ Italian budget commission approves web tax on digital services, Reuters (Rome) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-italy-tax-digital/italian-budget-commission-approves-web-tax-on-digital-services-idUSKBN1ED14F>.

On 15 September 2017, Japan participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”⁹²⁰ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free small and medium-sized enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁹²¹

On 25 September 2017 in a Joint Press Statement for the 8th United States-Japan Policy Cooperation Dialogue on the Internet Economy, Japan and the United States stated their commitment to further cooperation between the two countries to develop the digital economy.⁹²²

On 16 October 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso and US Vice President Mike Pence issued a joint press release which stated that the US and Japan are collaborating on specific sectors to promote economic benefits and job creation. These sectors include the digital economy.⁹²³

On 11 November 2017 at the 25th APEC Economic Leader’s Meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam, as a member of APEC, Japan issued a joint statement that stated its commitment to strengthening worker training in order to increase employability, mobility and preparedness for the digital age. Japan also committed to strengthening the capabilities of MSMEs to compete in international markets, as well as improving access to Internet and digital infrastructure.⁹²⁴

From 27 November 2017 to 30 November 2017 Luxembourg and Japan held a conference titled “Luxembourg and Japan — A Shared Digital Future.” Topics discussed included “big data, High Performance Computing and connected cars and devices,” particularly concerning the role of cooperation between the two countries in future innovation and enhancement of living standards.⁹²⁵

On 19 December 2017 Minister of Economy Trade and Industry Hiroshige Seko, in an interview with TASS Russian News Agency, stated that the two countries would continue to cooperate in accordance to their 2016 eight-point cooperation plan, and that they are looking into specifying Japanese-Russian cooperation in such new areas as the digital economy and boosting labour productivity.”⁹²⁶

On 23 January 2018 Japan hosted 11 countries including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam at negotiations in Tokyo to settle the terms of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

⁹²⁰ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹²¹ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹²² White House Press Release, US Department of State (Washington D.C.) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2017/09/20170925004/20170925004-2.pdf>.

⁹²³ White House Press Release, Office of the Vice President (Washington D.C.) October 16 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/10/16/joint-press-release-vice-president-mike-pence-and-deputy-prime-minister>.

⁹²⁴ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Economic Ministers (Da Nang, Vietnam) 11 November 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Press/News-Releases/2017/1111_amm.

⁹²⁵ Press Release, Luxembourg and Japan: A Shared Future, Digital Economy and Smart Mobility 11 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.luxinnovation.lu/news/luxembourg-japan-a-shared-digital-future/>.

⁹²⁶ Japan banking on cooperation with Russia in digital economy sector for 2018, TASS Russian News Agency (Moscow) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <http://tass.com/economy/981808>.

(CPTPP). The CPTPP will replace the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which failed after the withdrawal of the US. This partnership will “promote the ease of data flows in the digital economy.”⁹²⁷

Japan issued joint statements with multiple countries expressing its commitment to improving the digital economy and aid SMEs. While Japan has made these commitments, it has yet to adopt any specific domestic or international policies.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Stacy Chen

Korea: + 1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to foster favorable conditions for the digital economy. It has helped facilitate economic restructuring and development globally and has also made plans to create domestic digital infrastructure.

On 24 July 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Kim Dong-Yeon met with President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Suma Chakrabarti.⁹²⁸ The meeting discussed possible means to strengthen relations and achieve the goals of the EBRD.⁹²⁹ Created in 1991, the EBRD supports the transition of economies in central and eastern Europe.⁹³⁰ Accordingly, the meeting was centered around its major initiatives including creating an inclusive market economy.⁹³¹

On 31 July 2017, the Ministry of Science and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) hosted a workshop to facilitate global entrepreneurship.⁹³² The purpose was to “nurture heads of promising SMEs [small and medium-sized enterprises] and ventures in ICT.”⁹³³ This 12-day event was held at Stanford University and hosted heads of 23 companies.⁹³⁴

On 6 September 2017, the Ministry of Science and ICT hosted a five-day roadshow in Manila, Philippines and Hanoi, Vietnam to support the expansion of South Korean IT firms into Southeast Asian markets.⁹³⁵ Eighteen Korean Companies showcased their services and goods to buyers,

⁹²⁷ CPTPP a boost for Japan’s regional trade leadership, East Asia Forum (Canberra) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/02/27/cptpp-a-boost-for-japans-regional-trade-leadership/>.

⁹²⁸ Deputy Prime Minister Kim Meets with EBRD President Suma Chakrabarti, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4340>.

⁹²⁹ Deputy Prime Minister Kim Meets with EBRD President Suma Chakrabarti, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=>.

⁹³⁰ EBRD President in talks in Seoul to boost ties with Korean business, EBRD (London) 7 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.ebrd.com/news/2016/ebrd-president-in-talks-in-seoul-to-boost-ties-with-korean-business.html>.

⁹³¹ Deputy Prime Minister Kim Meets with EBRD President Suma Chakrabarti, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4340>.

⁹³² Global Entrepreneurship Workshop to Support 23 Promising SMEs and Ventures in ICT Enter Global Markets, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=>.

⁹³³ Global Ministry of Entrepreneurship Science and ICT Workshop (Seoul) 23 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.businesskorea.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=20388>.

⁹³⁴ Global Ministry of Entrepreneurship Science and ICT Workshop (Seoul) 23 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.businesskorea.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=20388>.

⁹³⁵ Domestic ICT SMEs Finding Markets in Southeast Asia, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=Mjc0>.

investors and businesses.⁹³⁶ This roadshow is also designed to digitalize the Southeast Asian market by providing services such as mobile communications and ecommerce payment systems. One introduced product was “Infosonics,” a technology capable of paying with cell phone speakers.⁹³⁷

On 6 September 2017, Minister of Science and ICT You Young Min met with the Russian Minister of Economic Development.⁹³⁸ The meeting resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding between Korea and Russia to “cooperate on science, technology and innovation.”⁹³⁹ Both countries agreed to hold joint projects and supportive exchanges between firms to further evolve both economies.⁹⁴⁰

On 15 September 2017, Korea participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”⁹⁴¹ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free SMEs from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁹⁴²

On 29 December 2017, the Economic Policy Bureau published the 2018 Economic Policies that outlined Korea’s economic policies for 2018 to establish a stronger economy.⁹⁴³ Under the section on “Creating jobs and improving income,” the document outlined the introduction of a new mobile plan with reduced costs was suggested.⁹⁴⁴ Under the section on “Growth through innovation,” the Bureau stated that it will “launch an innovative venture fund worth around USD2.7 trillion” to foster digital ventures.⁹⁴⁵

On 13 February 2018, Deputy Prime Minister Kim Dong Yeon participated in the annual Korea-Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Minister meeting.⁹⁴⁶ In the meeting, Kim underlined Korea’s commitment

⁹³⁶ Domestic ICT SMEs Finding Markets in Southeast Asia, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=>.

⁹³⁷ Domestic ICT SMEs Finding Markets in Southeast Asia, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=>.

⁹³⁸ Korea and Russia reinforce cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation through Science Technology Commercialization, Startups and Innovative firms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=Mjc0>.

⁹³⁹ Korea and Russia reinforce cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation through Science Technology Commercialization, Startups and Innovative firms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=Mjc0>.

⁹⁴⁰ Korea and Russia reinforce cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation through Science Technology Commercialization, Startups and Innovative firms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mld=Mjc0>.

⁹⁴¹ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁴² Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁴³ 2018 Economic policies, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4418>.

⁹⁴⁴ 2018 Economic policies, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4418>.

⁹⁴⁵ 2018 Economic policies, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4418>.

⁹⁴⁶ Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

to developing bilateral ties with Uzbekistan. One area of agreed cooperation includes E-governments, which would involve holding “joint seminars on creating smart and safe cities.”⁹⁴⁷ Moreover, several Korean companies in IT software attended the conference and was able to directly interact with Uzbek officials.⁹⁴⁸

Korea has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Luciano Kwon

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 15 September 2017, Mexico participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”⁹⁴⁹ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free small and medium-sized enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁹⁵⁰

On 16 October 2017, the Coordinación de Estrategia Digital Nacional led a one-day high-level seminar “Think Big: Data Innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean.” Mexican civil servants, data scientists, entrepreneurs and educators attended the seminar.⁹⁵¹

From 17-19 October 2017, together with the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Harvard-MIT-sponsored Data-Pop Alliance, the Coordinación de Estrategia Digital Nacional led a workshop with the theme “Big Data, Economy, and Sustainable Development.”⁹⁵²

On 18 October 2017, the Office of the President collaborated with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to organize the webinar “The Future of Open

⁹⁴⁷ Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: March 14, 2018.
<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

⁹⁴⁸ Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: March 14, 2018.
<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

⁹⁴⁹ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁵⁰ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁵¹ Seminar and Training on “Big Data, Digital Economy, and Sustainable Development Mexico City, October 16-19, 2017, Data-Pop Alliance (Mexico) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.
<http://datapopalliance.org/data-pop-eclac-cdmx-oct17/>.

⁹⁵² Webinar: The Future of Open Government Data in Mexico, OECD (Paris) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/gov/digital-government/the-future-of-open-government-data-in-mexico-webinar.html>.

Government Data in Mexico: Challenges and Experiences in OECD Countries,” which was attended by high-level public officials from several major OECD members.⁹⁵³

On 20 November 2017, the Competition Commissioners of all three signatory countries (Mexico, Canada and the United States) of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) met to discuss, among other things, enforcement approaches in the digital economy and opportunities for inter-agency collaboration.⁹⁵⁴ Mexico has promoted digital economy concerns extensively amidst ongoing NAFTA re-negotiations.⁹⁵⁵ Mexico aims to “update NAFTA with the developments that have occurred in the energy sector in Mexico and regionally, promote the development of digital economy, e-commerce and financial services provision through digital platforms, seek improved access for Mexican financial service providers and investors, and promote greater integration of telecommunication markets, among others.”⁹⁵⁶

On 6 September 2017, Mexico signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Alibaba to increase co-operation between the company and the Ministry of Economy.⁹⁵⁷ Alibaba and its partners will share access to their trading platforms and expertise in logistics and cross-border payment platforms, both to enhance cross-border e-commerce capabilities and to attract Chinese tourists to Mexico.⁹⁵⁸ Alibaba will also train Mexican SMEs best practices related to e-commerce trends, logistics, digital payments and analytics.⁹⁵⁹

From 9 January 2018 to 12 January 2018, the Mexican government, as part its Mexico 4.0 industrial plan, sent 20 Mexican tech startups to the Consumers Electronics Show in Las Vegas, Nevada to showcase Mexico’s technology entrepreneurs and startups.⁹⁶⁰

On 23 January 2018 Mexico attended a summit hosted by Japan with 11 countries including Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam at negotiations in Tokyo to settle the terms of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The CPTPP will replace the Trans-Pacific

⁹⁵³ Webinar: The Future of Open Government Data in Mexico, OECD (Paris) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/gov/digital-government/the-future-of-open-government-data-in-mexico-webinar.html>.

⁹⁵⁴ Competition Bureau reinforces ties with US and Mexican competition authorities, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/competition-bureau/news/2017/11/competition_bureauinforcestieswithusandmexicancompetitionautho.html.

⁹⁵⁵ The Mexican agenda for the modernization of the NAFTA, C.D. Howe Institute (Toronto) 17 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.cdhowe.org/intelligence-memos/dionisio-p%C3%A9rez-j%C3%A1come-mexican-agenda-modernization-nafta>.

⁹⁵⁶ The Mexican agenda for the modernization of the NAFTA, C.D. Howe Institute (Toronto) 17 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.cdhowe.org/intelligence-memos/dionisio-p%C3%A9rez-j%C3%A1come-mexican-agenda-modernization-nafta>.

⁹⁵⁷ The Ministry of Economy of Mexico and Alibaba Group Sign MoU to Jointly Promote Mexican Products through E-Commerce in China, Alibaba Group (Hangzhou) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.alibabagroup.com/en/news/article?news=p170906>.

⁹⁵⁸ The Ministry of Economy of Mexico and Alibaba Group Sign MoU to Jointly Promote Mexican Products through E-Commerce in China, Alibaba Group (Hangzhou) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.alibabagroup.com/en/news/article?news=p170906>.

⁹⁵⁹ The Ministry of Economy of Mexico and Alibaba Group Sign MoU to Jointly Promote Mexican Products through E-Commerce in China, Alibaba Group (Hangzhou) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.alibabagroup.com/en/news/article?news=p170906>.

⁹⁶⁰ Mexico's CES 2018 presence is the start of something big, Engadget (Las Vega) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.engadget.com/2018/01/12/mexico-ces/>.

Partnership, which failed after the withdrawal of the US. This partnership will “promote the ease of data flows in the digital economy.”⁹⁶¹

Mexico has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ben Falconer

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through both global and domestic initiatives.

On 28 July 2017, Russia approved the Digital Economy program which includes statutory regulation, fundamental technologies and research to create the competencies that Russia needs for further digital transformation, infrastructure and information security.⁹⁶²

On 4 September 2017, together with the other BRICS leaders, President Vladimir Putin took part in a meeting with members of the BRICS Business Council.⁹⁶³ During Putin’s speech, he stated that digitalisation is one of the drivers of global growth today, which plays a vital part in increasing labour productivity and improving people’s living standards.⁹⁶⁴ According to Putin, new technology solutions help Russia to find markets in the BRICS countries not only for large companies, but also for small and medium business.⁹⁶⁵ “In this respect,” said Putin, “Russia proposed to its partners that we establish cooperation between national Internet resources in small business and organize information exchange on goods and services on offer and on reliable suppliers and partners.”⁹⁶⁶

On 6 September 2017, the Minister of Economic Development met with Korean Minister of Science and Information and Communications Technology You Young Min.⁹⁶⁷ The meeting resulted in an Memorandum of Understanding between Korea and Russia to “cooperate on science, technology

⁹⁶¹ CPTPP a boost for Japan’s regional trade leadership, East Asia Forum (Canberra) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2018/02/27/cptpp-a-boost-for-japans-regional-trade-leadership/>.

⁹⁶² “Digital Economy” Program Implementation, The Analytical Center for the Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://ac.gov.ru/en/projects/014097.html>

⁹⁶³ Meeting with BRICS Business Council members, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55525>.

⁹⁶⁴ Meeting with BRICS Business Council members, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55525>.

⁹⁶⁵ Meeting with BRICS Business Council members, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55525>.

⁹⁶⁶ Meeting with BRICS Business Council members, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Xiamen) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55525>.

⁹⁶⁷ Korea and Russia reinforce cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation through Science Technology Commercialization, Startups and Innovative firms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mId=Mjc0>.

and innovation.”⁹⁶⁸ Both countries agreed to hold joint projects and supportive exchanges between firms to further evolve both economies.⁹⁶⁹

On 8-9 September 2017, Russia held the Moscow Financial Forum, which focused on changing the structure of the global financial system to promote economic growth, deal with current challenges and ensure sustainable growth, as well as on international experience and national features of the digitalisation of the economy.⁹⁷⁰

On 15 September 2017, Russia participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”⁹⁷¹ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free small and medium-sized enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.⁹⁷²

On 10 October 2017, President Putin held a meeting on the use of digital technology in finance and the implementation of innovative financial tools, where he addressed the need to use the advantages that are offered by new technology solutions in the banking sphere.⁹⁷³ According to Putin, modern technology in the banking sphere opens new opportunities for organizations and citizens, making business activity and everyday life more convenient.⁹⁷⁴ He commented that Russia needs, based on international experience, “to build a regulatory environment that will make it possible to codify relations in this sphere, reliably protect the interests of citizens, businesses and the state, and provide legal guarantees for using innovative financial instruments.”⁹⁷⁵

On 11 October 2017, President Putin attended a meeting of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council in Sochi, where the resolution “On the Main Areas of Implementing the Digital Agenda of the Eurasian Economic Union until 2025,” and the instruction “On Cooperation of Member-States of the Eurasian Economic Union in Providing Space and Geoinformation Services on the Basis of National Sources of Earth Remote Sensing Data” were signed.⁹⁷⁶ During the meeting, Putin stated that Russia was ready to take an active part in carrying out the digital agenda, which amounts to

⁹⁶⁸ Korea and Russia reinforce cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation through Science Technology Commercialization, Startups and Innovative firms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mId=Mjc0>.

⁹⁶⁹ Korea and Russia reinforce cooperation on Science, Technology and Innovation through Science Technology Commercialization, Startups and Innovative firms, Ministry of Science and ICT (Seoul) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November, 2017 <http://english.msip.go.kr/english/msipContents/contents.do?mId=Mjc0>.

⁹⁷⁰ Moscow Financial Forum, Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/29174/>.

⁹⁷¹ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁷² Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

⁹⁷³ Moscow Financial Forum, Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/29174/>.

⁹⁷⁴ Moscow Financial Forum, Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/29174/>.

⁹⁷⁵ Moscow Financial Forum, Government of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/29174/>.

⁹⁷⁶ Supreme Eurasian Economic Council meeting, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Sochi) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55819>.

conducting a coordinated policy among Union members to develop the internet economy and adopt uniform standards for the exchange of information and its protection.⁹⁷⁷

On 8 November 2017, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Minister of Economic Development Maxim Oreshkin attended the 29th annual conference of foreign minister and trade ministers of the member-economies of the APEC forum in Da Nang, Vietnam.⁹⁷⁸ Russia paid special attention to aligning integration process in the Asia-Pacific Region and Eurasia, development common approaches to the emergence of digital economy in the region, and securitising development with an emphasis on the need to counter the threat of international terrorism.⁹⁷⁹ The ministers adopted a joint statement based on the results of the conference.⁹⁸⁰

On 13 November 2017, Prime Minister Medvedev attended the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Business and Investment Summit, where the theme was “Building for the Future (Infrastructure Development).” At the first session of the summit, he stated that Russia is looking for ways to adapt to new economic reality, and ready to engage proactively in promoting international cooperation in information technology, encouraging e-commerce and cross-border business activity, while ensuring national and information security.⁹⁸¹ He also stated that Russia has already adopted a special strategy for the development of an information society and a program on the digital economy.⁹⁸² In addition, he said that it is Russia’s strategic priority to promote cooperation with all countries within the Asia-Pacific Region and contribute proactively to resolving regional issues.⁹⁸³

On 7 December 2017, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia issued a joint statement on issues related to interconnectedness and linking of integration process in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region at the 24th OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Vietnam.⁹⁸⁴ In the joint statement, the Ministers, including Lavrov, urge the participating states to use the OSCE as a platform for dialogue and concerted efforts by international and regional organizations operating in its area of responsibility, aimed at

⁹⁷⁷ Supreme Eurasian Economic Council meeting, Official Internet Resources of the President of Russia (Sochi) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55819>.

⁹⁷⁸ Press release on the 29th meeting of foreign and trade ministers of the APEC member-economies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Moscow) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/forum-aziatsko-tihookeanskoe-ekonomiceskoe-sotrudnicestvo-ates/-/asset_publisher/OvP3hQoCPRg5/content/id/2942671.

⁹⁷⁹ Press release on the 29th meeting of foreign and trade ministers of the APEC member-economies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Moscow) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/forum-aziatsko-tihookeanskoe-ekonomiceskoe-sotrudnicestvo-ates/-/asset_publisher/OvP3hQoCPRg5/content/id/2942671.

⁹⁸⁰ Press release on the 29th meeting of foreign and trade ministers of the APEC member-economies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Moscow) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/forum-aziatsko-tihookeanskoe-ekonomiceskoe-sotrudnicestvo-ates/-/asset_publisher/OvP3hQoCPRg5/content/id/2942671.

⁹⁸¹ Address by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2017 (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/30099/>.

⁹⁸² Address by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2017 (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/30099/>.

⁹⁸³ Address by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit 2017 (Manila) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/news/30099/>.

⁹⁸⁴ Joint Statement by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation on Issues Related to the Interconnectedness and Lining of Integration Processes in the OSCE Region at the 24th OSCE Ministerial Council meeting (Vienna) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/maps/kg//asset_publisher/sEkQTukfOR39/content/id/2983422.

facilitating economic interconnectedness, removing barriers in various fields of economic operation, ensuring sustainable economic growth, developing digital economy and promoting a more dynamic interaction of integration processes in the OSCE region.⁹⁸⁵

On 20 December 2017, Presidential Adviser German Klimenko chaired a meeting on the development of digital technology in healthcare, where representatives of legislative and executive bodies, regional healthcare ministers and representatives of the medical and IT communities took part.⁹⁸⁶ In the meeting, Klimenko highlighted the importance of moving beyond pilot projects and creating end user products in digital medicine. He commented, “ongoing cooperation in this area shows us that we can make competitive products. To do so, we need enthusiastic people and involvement of regions, since every region has its strong points in healthcare.”⁹⁸⁷

On 18 January 2018, as Russia assumed the chairmanship of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) bodies, Putin sent a message to the heads of EAEU member states.⁹⁸⁸ He stated that Russia believes it is necessary to accelerate the EAEU’s common digital agenda, coordinate actions for advancing the internet economy, developing common online trade rules of conduct, information exchange and security standards.⁹⁸⁹ He also mentioned, “it is also necessary to introduce high technologies into public administration, industrial production, customs regulation and other areas.”⁹⁹⁰

On 2 February 2018, Prime Minister Medvedev took part in Digital Agenda in the Globalisation Era International Forum in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The forum was designed to promote EAEU’s role in global digitalisation and enhance partnerships in this area among member countries, as well as focused on the integration of IT systems within the EAEU. Russia assumes the rotating presidency of the EAEU bodies in 2018. In Medvedev’s remarks, he addressed that the Digital Economy Programme is implemented along the five main axes: regulation, infrastructure, technologies advances, security, human resources and education. He stated that it is essential that EAEU countries agree on common standards and, “start working on supra-national infrastructure solutions and supra-national digital technology right away.”⁹⁹¹

⁹⁸⁵ Joint Statement by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation on Issues Related to the Interconnectedness and Lining of Integration Processes in the OSCE Region at the 24th OSCE Ministerial Council meeting (Vienna) 8 December 2017.

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http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/maps/kg//asset_publisher/sEkQTukf0R39/content/id/2983422.

⁹⁸⁶ Joint Statement by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation on Issues Related to the Interconnectedness and Lining of Integration Processes in the OSCE Region at the 24th OSCE Ministerial Council meeting (Vienna) 8 December 2017.

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http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/maps/kg//asset_publisher/sEkQTukf0R39/content/id/2983422.

⁹⁸⁷ Meeting on the Development of Digital Technology in Healthcare (Moscow) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/administration/56464>.

⁹⁸⁸ Message from President of Russia to heads of Eurasian Economic member states (Moscow) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/56663>.

⁹⁸⁹ Message from President of Russia to heads of Eurasian Economic member states (Moscow) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/56663>.

⁹⁹⁰ Message from President of Russia to heads of Eurasian Economic member states (Moscow) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 Mar 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/56663>.

⁹⁹¹ Address by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at the Globalisation Era international Forum (Almaty) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/news/31249/>.

On 28 February 2018, Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin delivered a remark at the international conference Russia-Kazakhstan: A Forward-Looking Alliance.⁹⁹² Karasin stated that the future of Russia-Kazakhstan economic relations system directly depends on implementing the common EAEU digital agenda, developing an online economy, the general rules of e-commerce and common standards for the exchange and protection of information.⁹⁹³ He also commented that the digital strategy of Kazakhstan's leadership is in full accord with Russia's vision of the bilateral and integration ties of both countries.⁹⁹⁴

Russia has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Wilkey Rong

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy

On 17 September 2017, the National Digitisation Unit launched the "Fekra Tech" initiative.⁹⁹⁵ This initiative aims to make Saudi Arabia one of the world's leading digital innovation centers through an interactive platform that enables citizens and residents to share their digital ideas and projects to contribute to the growth of digitalisation in Saudi Arabia.⁹⁹⁶ Deemah Al-Yahya, the Chief Executive Officer of the National Digitization Unit, stated that this initiative would target several important sectors such as health, education and e-commerce.⁹⁹⁷

On 19 September 2017, Governor of the Communications and Information Technology Commission Abdulaziz Al-Ruwais attended a meeting of the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development.⁹⁹⁸ Abdulaziz Al-Ruwais presented Saudi Arabia's efforts to provide fibre

⁹⁹² Address by Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin's remarks at the international conference Russia-Kazakhstan: A Forward-Looking Alliance (Astana) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 6 Mar 2018. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/maps/kz/-/asset_publisher/44tjMzWwjAFr/content/id/3103140.

⁹⁹³ Address by Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin's remarks at the international conference Russia-Kazakhstan: A Forward-Looking Alliance (Astana) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 6 Mar 2018. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/maps/kz/-/asset_publisher/44tjMzWwjAFr/content/id/3103140.

⁹⁹⁴ Address by Deputy Foreign Minister Grigory Karasin's remarks at the international conference Russia-Kazakhstan: A Forward-Looking Alliance (Astana) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 6 Mar 2018. http://www.mid.ru/en/web/guest/maps/kz/-/asset_publisher/44tjMzWwjAFr/content/id/3103140.

⁹⁹⁵ Fekra Tech Initiative, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 17 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-18092017_266.aspx.

⁹⁹⁶ Fekra Tech Initiative, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 17 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-18092017_266.aspx.

⁹⁹⁷ Fekra Tech Initiative, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 17 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-18092017_266.aspx.

⁹⁹⁸ Meeting of the United Nations Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 19 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-21092017_238.aspx.

optic broadband to rural areas in Saudi Arabia in order bridge the digital divide, encourage digital entrepreneurship, and develop the digital economy.⁹⁹⁹

On 22 October 2017, Minister of Communications and Information Technology Abdullah Al-Sawaha met with the United Kingdom's Cyber Security Ambassador Conrad Prince in Riyadh.¹⁰⁰⁰ Abdullah Al-Sawaha and Conrad Prince agreed to broaden the level of collaboration between Saudi Arabia and the UK on digitalisation, particularly in the field of cyber security.¹⁰⁰¹

On 9 November 2017, the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology signed a Memorandum of Understanding with OneWeb to connect 237,000 homes throughout the country to the internet, bringing affordable, high-speed, low latency broadband access to those living in rural and remote areas.¹⁰⁰² The aim of this agreement is to reduce the digital divide in Saudi Arabia.¹⁰⁰³

On 19 November 2017, Deputy Minister for Planning and Development Mohammed Al-Mushaiqeh met with the Chief Technology Officer of Siemens AG Roland Busch in Riyadh.¹⁰⁰⁴ The purpose of this meeting was to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to drive the digital industrial transformation in Saudi Arabia.¹⁰⁰⁵ Under the memorandum, the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, in coordination with the National Digitalization Unit and relevant government bodies, will jointly work with Siemens on automation, digitalization, and cyber security.¹⁰⁰⁶ The meeting was attended by Minister Al-Swaha and German Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Dieter Haller.¹⁰⁰⁷

On December 18, 2017 the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology organized a workshop for representatives from private sector companies in the Communications and Information Technology Sector. The workshop reviewed innovative solutions that would implement best practices in the development of digital skills for technical workers in the private sector. The

⁹⁹⁹ Meeting of the United Nations Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 19 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-21092017_238.aspx.

¹⁰⁰⁰ Saudi Arabia's Minister of Communications and Information Technology Meets with the United Kingdom's Cyber Security Ambassador, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 22 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-23102017_447.aspx.

¹⁰⁰¹ Saudi Arabia's Minister of Communications and Information Technology Meets with the United Kingdom's Cyber Security Ambassador, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 22 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-23102017_447.aspx.

¹⁰⁰² Saudi Ministry of Communication and Information Technology Signs Memorandum of Understanding with OneWeb, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 9 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-09112017_685.aspx.

¹⁰⁰³ Saudi Ministry of Communication and Information Technology Signs Memorandum of Understanding with OneWeb, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-09112017_685.aspx.

¹⁰⁰⁴ Saudi Ministry of Planning and Development Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Siemens AG, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 19 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-19112017_790.aspx.

¹⁰⁰⁵ Saudi Ministry of Planning and Development Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Siemens AG, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 19 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-19112017_790.aspx.

¹⁰⁰⁶ Saudi Ministry of Planning and Development Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Siemens AG, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 19 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-19112017_790.aspx.

¹⁰⁰⁷ Saudi Ministry of Planning and Development Signs Memorandum of Understanding with Siemens AG, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh) 19 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-19112017_790.aspx.

workshop was also used to promote joint employment opportunities designed to better address the challenges faced by private companies in setting up adequate training programs.¹⁰⁰⁸

On December 19, 2017 International Data Corporation hosted the Saudi Arabian Government Congress 2017, which explored the theme of ‘Government 2030: Innovation-led Digitization’. A panel discussion explored the current state of digitization within the Kingdom’s public sector, while vendor led presentations addressed some of the challenges presented by digital transformation initiatives with both current and emerging technology.¹⁰⁰⁹

On January 28-30, 2018 the first Annual Saudi Internet of Things Conference, hosted by the Saudi International Exhibition for the Internet of Things, took place. The three-day event included panel discussions of industry professionals presenting white papers on emerging technologies in the IoT industry, and sessions highlighting how current and emerging technologies are in line with digital transformation initiatives.¹⁰¹⁰

Saudi Arabia has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Domenic Colangelo and Elie Atieh

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global and domestic initiatives.

On 18 July 2017, the fifth Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) Science, Technology, and Innovation Ministerial Meeting was held in Hangzhou, China to reinforce cooperation and collaboration among the BRICS countries in areas of science, technology, and innovation.¹⁰¹¹

From 13-17 November 2017, the African Union, Department of Sciences and Technology, and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development held the ninth African Union Private Sector Forum with the theme “Accelerating Africa’s Industrialization through Digitalization and Youth Technopreneurship.”¹⁰¹²

On 12 December 2017, Chief Director for Telecommunications and Information Technology Policy at the Department of Telecoms and Postal Services Alf Wiltz declared the South African

¹⁰⁰⁸ The Ministry of Communications Organizes a Workshop for Private Sector Companies, National Development Portal (Riyadh) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. https://www.saudi.gov.sa/wps/portal/snp/main?url=wc:path%3A%2FMCIT_en%2FNews%2FCONT-news-318122017.

¹⁰⁰⁹ ICT Decision Makers Gather in Riyadh for IDC Saudi Arabia Government Congress 2017, International Data Corporation (Riyadh) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.idc.com/getdoc.jsp?containerId=prCEMA43387317>.

¹⁰¹⁰ 1st Saudi IoT Conference to Focus on Cutting Edge Technologies, Saudi Gazette (Jeddah) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://saudigazette.com.sa/article/526634/BUSINESS/1st-Saudi-IoT-conference-to-focus-on-cutting-edge-technologies>.

¹⁰¹¹ Ninth BRICS Summit opens, BRICS 2017 (Hangzhou) 9 September 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.brics2017.org/English/>.

¹⁰¹² Africa embracing Industry: 4.0, Department of Science and Technology (Cape Town) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.dst.gov.za/index.php/media-room/latest-news/2384-africa-embracing-industry-4-0>.

government's support for net neutrality at a press conference. He stated that net neutrality might be incorporated as a part of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Amendment Bill.¹⁰¹³

On 16 December 2017, President Jacob Zuma announced fully subsidized free education and training to all current and future poor and working class South African students at technical and vocational education training colleges starting in 2018.¹⁰¹⁴

On 6 March 2018, the South African government announced that Minister of Science and Technology Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane would launch South Africa's science festival on 9 March 2018. The theme of this festival is "Innovation 4.0" and will focus on technology advancement and transformation.¹⁰¹⁵

South Africa has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ingrid Chen

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to foster favorable conditions for the digital economy through domestic and global initiatives.

On 8 September 2017, the Revenue Authority published two draft policies that will further digitalize the economy.¹⁰¹⁶ The first draft revamps the current use of the Turkish e-bill.¹⁰¹⁷ The official invoice system used to pay taxes and bills would be improved, resulting in less paper bills. The second draft digitizes new fields in three main areas: E-dispatch note, farmers receipts and professional service receipts.¹⁰¹⁸

On 5 December 2017, the IT conference, CD Turkey, was held.¹⁰¹⁹ The conference, backed by the Turkish government, gathered IT professionals and executives from companies such as Ebay,

¹⁰¹³ SA government still keen on net neutrality rules, Tech Central (Northwold) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://techcentral.co.za/sa-government-still-keen-net-neutrality-rules/78679/>.

¹⁰¹⁴ What does government's free higher education mean?, eNews Channel Africa (Johannesburg) 16 December 2018. Access Date: 19 January 2018. <https://www.enca.com/south-africa/what-does-governments-free-higher-education-mean>.

¹⁰¹⁵ Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane launches National Science Festival, South Africa, 9 March, South African Government (Cape Town) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-ngubane-launches-national-science-festival-scifest-africa-9-mar-6>.

¹⁰¹⁶ Turkey moves to enlarge e-bill and digitize logistics, agriculture and professional service invoicing, Revenue administration (Istanbul) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://eespa.eu/turkey-moves-to-enlarge-e-bill-digitize-logistics-agriculture-and-professional-service-invoicing/>.

¹⁰¹⁷ Turkey moves to enlarge e-bill and digitize logistics, agriculture and professional service invoicing, Revenue administration (Istanbul) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://eespa.eu/turkey-moves-to-enlarge-e-bill-digitize-logistics-agriculture-and-professional-service-invoicing/>.

¹⁰¹⁸ Turkey moves to enlarge e-bill and digitize logistics, agriculture and professional service invoicing, Revenue administration (Istanbul) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://eespa.eu/turkey-moves-to-enlarge-e-bill-digitize-logistics-agriculture-and-professional-service-invoicing/>.

¹⁰¹⁹ Turkish government backs data center projects, DatacenterDynamics (London) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/events/turkish-government-backs-data-center-projects/98668.fullarticle>.

Mastercard, Dropbox, and KPMG.¹⁰²⁰ The conference was designed to revive development in digital infrastructure that had largely ceased in 2016. To facilitate this development, the Turkish government sponsored the conference as well as the resulting tech projects.¹⁰²¹

On 5 December 2017, the Turkish government unveiled Law No.7061, which amends tax laws that affect e-commerce.¹⁰²² This bill allowed for the Ministry of Finance to “enforce certain reporting requirements for individuals and legal persons who are service providers and carry on e-commerce activities.”¹⁰²³ A Value Added Tax will now apply to “nonresident persons who engage in e-commerce activities are required to declare and pay VAT in Turkey relating to their services provided electronically.”¹⁰²⁴

On 1 March 2018, Turkey held a large cryptocurrency event, Blockchain & Bitcoin Conference, in Istanbul.¹⁰²⁵ This academic conference was designed to study and discuss the role of cryptocurrencies. Turkey is currently a hub of cryptocurrencies with BTCTurk and Lira-Bitcoin as well as Bitcoin ATMs in Istanbul’s airport.¹⁰²⁶ The blockchain and bitcoin is part of Turkey’s move towards accepting Cryptocurrencies since Murat Cetinkaya, president of the Central Bank of Turkey, suggested that cryptocurrency could ensure financial stability.¹⁰²⁷

Turkey has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Luciano Kwon

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

¹⁰²⁰ Turkish government backs data center projects, DatacenterDynamics (London) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/events/turkish-government-backs-data-center-projects/98668.fullarticle>.

¹⁰²¹ Turkish government backs data center projects, DatacenterDynamics (London) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.datacenterdynamics.com/events/turkish-government-backs-data-center-projects/98668.fullarticle>.

¹⁰²² Turkish to enact new law to increase tax revenues, EY Tax Insights (Istanbul) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 14 March 2017. <http://taxinsights.ey-vx.com/archive/archive-news/turkey-enacts-new-law-to-increase-tax-revenues.aspx>.

¹⁰²³ Turkish to enact new law to increase tax revenues, EY Tax Insights (Istanbul) 05 December 2017. Access Date: March 14, 2017 <http://taxinsights.ey-vx.com/archive/archive-news/turkey-enacts-new-law-to-increase-tax-revenues.aspx>.

¹⁰²⁴ Turkish to enact new law to increase tax revenues, EY Tax Insights (Istanbul) 05 December 2017. Access Date: March 14, 2017 <http://taxinsights.ey-vx.com/archive/archive-news/turkey-enacts-new-law-to-increase-tax-revenues.aspx>.

¹⁰²⁵ Blockchain & Bitcoin Conference Turkey: Istanbul to discuss blockchain technologies and future of digital economy, CalvinAyre (Istanbul) 28 December 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://calvinayre.com/2017/12/28/press-releases/blockchain-bitcoin-conference-turkey-istanbul-discuss-blockchain-technologies-future-digital-economy/>.

¹⁰²⁶ Blockchain & Bitcoin Conference Turkey: Istanbul to discuss blockchain technologies and future of digital economy, CalvinAyre (Istanbul) 28 December 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://calvinayre.com/2017/12/28/press-releases/blockchain-bitcoin-conference-turkey-istanbul-discuss-blockchain-technologies-future-digital-economy/>.

¹⁰²⁷ Blockchain & Bitcoin Conference Turkey: Istanbul to discuss blockchain technologies and future of digital economy, CalvinAyre (Istanbul) 28 December 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://calvinayre.com/2017/12/28/press-releases/blockchain-bitcoin-conference-turkey-istanbul-discuss-blockchain-technologies-future-digital-economy/>.

On 26 July 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, High Commissioner Vicki Treadell and Malaysia's Treasury Secretary-General Mohd Irwan Serigar launched the UK Mega Tech digital partnership between Malaysia and the UK "The program will involve 50 representatives of UK technology companies coming over to Malaysia ... They will undergo various business matching sessions, pitching events and panel discussions about the technology scene."¹⁰²⁸

On 15 September 2017, the UK government announced plans to update data protection legislation by introducing the Data Protection Bill, which "will make data protection laws fit for the digital age in which an ever increasing amount of data is being processed and empower people to take control of their data."¹⁰²⁹

On 20 September 2017, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation Jo Johnson and US Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Judith G. Garber signed an agreement for the initiation of collaborations for Science and Technology between the two countries.¹⁰³⁰ The agreement confirms the UK's investment of USD88 million in funding and creation of 4000 jobs in Physics Projects Long Baseline Neutrino Facility and Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment and enhancement in digital research skills in museums.¹⁰³¹

On 19 October 2017, the UK government passed reform to the Electronic Communications Code (ECC) "to reduce the costs of housing phone masts and other communications infrastructure on private land, allowing the development of faster and more reliable broadband and mobile services, particularly in rural areas."¹⁰³² The government hopes that "These reforms will help to drive investment and stimulate the continued growth, rollout and maintenance of communication technology infrastructure."¹⁰³³

On 19 October 2017, Minister for Digital Matt Hancock announced that the government was working towards enacting the Data Protection Bill, which would update data protection laws, in order to "raise the overall cyber resilience of the UK economy."¹⁰³⁴

On 22 October 2017, Cyber Security Ambassador Conrad Prince met with Saudi Arabia's Minister of Communications and Information Technology Abdullah Al-Sawaha in Riyadh.¹⁰³⁵ The two agreed to

¹⁰²⁸ UK to bring largest tech delegation to Malaysia, strengthen digital partnership, TechWire Asia 16 July 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://techwireasia.com/2017/07/uk-bring-largest-tech-delegation-malaysia-strengthen-digital-partnership/>.

¹⁰²⁹ Data laws to be made fit for digital age, Department for Digital, Cultural, Media, and Sport (London) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 18 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/data-laws-to-be-made-fit-for-digital-age>.

¹⁰³⁰ Joint Statement by the Governments of the United States of America and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the US-U.K. Science and Technology Agreement, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/09/274314.html>.

¹⁰³¹ Joint Statement by the Governments of the United States of America and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the US-U.K. Science and Technology Agreement, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/09/274314.html>.

¹⁰³² Government plans reform to boost UK's digital infrastructure, government computing, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reforms-to-boost-uks-digital-infrastructure>.

¹⁰³³ "Government plans reform to boost UK's digital infrastructure", Government Computing (London) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/reforms-to-boost-uks-digital-infrastructure>.

¹⁰³⁴ Address by MP Matt Hancock to the Association of British Insurers, Insurance in the Digital World Conference (London) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/insurance-in-the-digital-world>.

broaden the level of collaboration between Saudi Arabia and the UK on digitalisation, particularly in the field of cyber security.¹⁰³⁶

On 31 October 2017, Minister Hancock announced that the government “legislated for Digital Skills Entitlement in the Digital Economy Act” and is working towards creating policies with the Department of Education, which aims to support a “thriving digital sector, and a digital infrastructure that is not only fit for the present but the future, with easy and ubiquitous access for everyone in this country to the growing opportunities digital technology offers.”¹⁰³⁷

On 22 November 2017, Chancellor Phillip Hammond announced several national budget digital economy allocations.¹⁰³⁸ “These include GBP500 million of support for 5G mobile networks, full fiber broadband and artificial intelligence and GBP540 million to support the growth of electric cars, including more charging points. A further GBP2.3 billion is allocated for investment in research and development and GBP30 million to develop digital skills distance learning courses.”¹⁰³⁹ As well, GBP80 million were dedicated to render public the government’s geospatial mapping data, targeting SMEs in particular.¹⁰⁴⁰

On 22 November 2017, the UK government incorporated a new income tax aimed at the prevention of UK-earned profit offshoring to low-tax jurisdictions in the budget.¹⁰⁴¹ This new tax is part of an interim approach as the UK continues to formulate its approach to taxing the digital economy.¹⁰⁴²

On 30 November 2017 the UK government committed to establishing five international tech hubs in emerging markets in the coming year in order to aid in the establishment of partnerships between UK and international tech firms.¹⁰⁴³

On 25 January 2018 the UK published a new digital charter that will allow the UK to “ensure that innovative businesses in the tech sector can thrive and the public can have the confidence and trust

¹⁰³⁵ Saudi Arabia’s Minister of Communications and Information Technology Meets with the United Kingdom’s Cyber Security Ambassador, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 22 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-23102017_447.aspx

¹⁰³⁶ Saudi Arabia’s Minister of Communications and Information Technology Meets with the United Kingdom’s Cyber Security Ambassador, Saudi Ministry of Communication and Technology (Riyadh). 22 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. http://www.mcit.gov.sa/En/MediaCenter/Pages/News/News-23102017_447.aspx.

¹⁰³⁷ Address by MP Matt Hancock at the techUK’s annual conference, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/supercharging-the-digital-economy>.

¹⁰³⁸ GBP80 mn for UK Geospatial Commission — Open map data key to digital economy, GeoSpatial World 24 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://www.geospatialworld.net/blogs/uk-geospatial-commission-gets-80mn-budget/>.

¹⁰³⁹ UK government pledges cash to boost the digital economy, Beta News (United Kingdom) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://betanews.com/2017/11/22/uk-government-cash-digital/>.

¹⁰⁴⁰ GBP80 mn for UK Geospatial Commission — Open map data key to digital economy, GeoSpatial World 24 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://www.geospatialworld.net/blogs/uk-geospatial-commission-gets-80mn-budget/>.

¹⁰⁴¹ UK government pledges cash to boost the digital economy, Beta News (London) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://betanews.com/2017/11/22/uk-government-cash-digital/>.

¹⁰⁴² Corporate tax and the digital economy: position paper, Government of the United Kingdom (London) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/corporate-tax-and-the-digital-economy-position-paper>.

¹⁰⁴³ Big Investment in the Digital Sector, Enjoy Digital 30 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <https://www.enjoy-digital.co.uk/news/big-investment-in-the-digital-sector/>.

in the development of new technologies.”¹⁰⁴⁴ With the Digital Charter, the government aims to keep the internet free, open and accessible.¹⁰⁴⁵

The UK has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Cameron Ting

United States: +1

The United States has complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 14 September 2017, Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan and Millennium Challenge Corporation CEO Jonathan Nash met with Nepali Minister of Finance Gyanendra Bahadur Karki to sign a USD500 million compact for South Asia to improve global infrastructure connectivity and economic development.¹⁰⁴⁶

On 15 September 2017, the United States participated in the meeting of economy ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic forum that issued a joint statement on “Enhancing MSMEs’ [micro, small and medium-sized enterprises] Competitiveness and Innovation in the Digital Age.”¹⁰⁴⁷ The APEC Economic Ministers, on behalf of their countries, reaffirmed their commitment to strengthen ethical business practices to free small and medium-sized enterprises from the high costs of corruption and support their ability to access global markets.¹⁰⁴⁸

On 20 September 2017, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs Judith G. Garber and UK Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation Jo Johnson signed an agreement for the initiation of collaborations for Science and Technology between the two countries. The agreement confirms the UK’s investment of USD88 million in funding and creation of 4,000 jobs in Physics Projects Long Baseline Neutrino Facility and Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment and enhancement in digital research skills in museums.¹⁰⁴⁹

¹⁰⁴⁴ Digital Charter will set new online standards for years to come, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 27 January 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/digital-charter-will-set-new-online-standards-for-years-to-come>.

¹⁰⁴⁵ Digital Charter will set new online standards for years to come, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 27 January 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/digital-charter-will-set-new-online-standards-for-years-to-come>.

¹⁰⁴⁶ US and Nepal Sign \$500 Million Compact, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/09/274139.html>.

¹⁰⁴⁷ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

¹⁰⁴⁸ Joint Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Small and Medium Enterprises Ministers (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam) 15 September 2017, Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Sectoral-Ministerial-Meetings/Small-and-Medium-Enterprise/2017_sme.

¹⁰⁴⁹ Joint Statement by the Governments of the United States of America and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the US-U.K. Science and Technology Agreement, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/09/274314.html>.

On 10 October 2017, the Department of State held a forum on Blockchain Technology. The forum educates participants in applications of Blockchain Technology, highlighting fostering of partnerships with organizations with transformative technology to aid in assisting the world's most vulnerable populations, foreign aid, and delivery of services.¹⁰⁵⁰ As Deputy Secretary Sullivan states, "Blockchain has the potential to become a transformative technology of our lifetime."¹⁰⁵¹

On 16 October 2017, Vice President Mike Pence and Japanese Deputy Prime Minister Taro Aso issued a joint press release which stated that the US and Japan are collaborating on specific sectors to promote economic benefits and job creation. These sectors include the digital economy.¹⁰⁵²

On 23 October 2017, Acting Assistant Secretary Garber and European Director General for Research and Innovation Robert Smits discussed further transatlantic cooperation under Horizon 2020, in research and innovation for new technologies and scientific discoveries.¹⁰⁵³

On 26 October, the US and Brazil jointly hosted the Digital Economy Conference in Sao Paulo to bring together representatives of the public and private sectors to discuss the future of the digital economy, opportunities in Brazil and the challenges of creating methods that stimulate innovation.¹⁰⁵⁴

On 6 November 2017, the US welcomed President of Republic of Côte d'Ivoire in the signing of a new USD525 million compact to encourage economic and global infrastructure connectivity growth in the West African region.¹⁰⁵⁵

On 27 November 2017, the US and Indian governments held the 2017 Global Entrepreneurship Summit in Hyderabad, India.¹⁰⁵⁶ The summit aims to support women entrepreneurs in key industry sectors — Energy and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Financial Technology and Digital Economy, and Media and Entertainment.¹⁰⁵⁷

On 20 December 2017, the Department of Commerce renewed the Charter for the Digital Economy Board of Advisors. The Department of Commerce's Digital Economy Board of Advisors provides independent advice and recommendations on a broad range of policy issues impacting the digital

¹⁰⁵⁰ Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan to Deliver Remarks at US Department of State's Forum on Blockchain Technology, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/10/274686.html>.

¹⁰⁵¹ Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan to Deliver Remarks at US Department of State's Forum on Blockchain Technology, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/10/274686.html>.

¹⁰⁵² White House Press Release, Office of the Vice President (Washington D.C.) October 16 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/10/16/joint-press-release-vice-president-mike-pence-and-deputy-prime-minister>.

¹⁰⁵³ US-EU Joint Consultative Group Meeting on Science and Technology Cooperation, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/10/275153.html>.

¹⁰⁵⁴ Technology companies discuss the future of the digital economy in Brazil, US Embassy & Consulates in Brazil (Sao Paulo) 26 October 2018. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://br.usembassy.gov/technology-companies-discuss-future-digital-economy-brazil/>.

¹⁰⁵⁵ Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan at Signing of the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) Compact With the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, US Department of State (Washington, D.C.) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/11/275320.html>.

¹⁰⁵⁶ Plenary Speakers and US Government Principals at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (Washington, D.C.) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/11/275892.html>.

¹⁰⁵⁷ Plenary Speakers and US Government Principals at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit (Washington, D.C.) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2017/11/275892.html>.

economy.¹⁰⁵⁸ The Board consists of leaders in industry and civil society who are prominent experts in their fields and recognized for their professional achievements.

On 12 January 2018, the Department of Commerce released a report proposing steps the Department can take to advance the Internet of Things (IoT).¹⁰⁵⁹ The report examines the benefits and challenges of the evolving IoT landscape and suggests that the US government should continue to foster an enabling environment for innovative technology to grow and thrive.¹⁰⁶⁰

On 16 January 2018, the White House hosted Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev to sign new agreements for improved economic cooperation.¹⁰⁶¹ An agreement between the US' GE Digital and Kazakhstan's National Wealth Fund was signed to establish a sustainable digital economy and infrastructure development through modernization of regional power grids and energy security in Kazakhstan.¹⁰⁶²

On 1 February 2018, the US and the European Union held the 15th Information Society Dialogue.¹⁰⁶³ The discussions held during the dialogue confirm the shared focus of both the United States and European Union on digital economy development in personal data protection and free flow of data.¹⁰⁶⁴

On 23 February 2018, Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Australian Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo jointly announced that Australia and the US "agree to intensify cooperation to support the growth of digital trade between our countries, ensure an open, free and secure Internet, and advocate the liberalization and facilitation of global digital trade."¹⁰⁶⁵

The US has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

¹⁰⁵⁸ Notice of Renewal of the Digital Economy Board of Advisors Charter, US Department of Commerce (Washington) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/federal-register-notice/2018/notice-renewal-digital-economy-board-advisors-charter>.

¹⁰⁵⁹ US Department of Commerce Releases Green Paper Proposing Approach for Advancing Growth of Internet of Things, US Department of Commerce (Washington) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2017/01/us-department-commerce-releases-green-paper-proposing-approach-advancing>.

¹⁰⁶⁰ US Department of Commerce Releases Green Paper Proposing Approach for Advancing Growth of Internet of Things, US Department of Commerce (Washington) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.commerce.gov/news/press-releases/2017/01/us-department-commerce-releases-green-paper-proposing-approach-advancing>.

¹⁰⁶¹ The United States and Kazakhstan - An Economic Partnership for the 21st Century (Washington, D.C.) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/277475.html>.

¹⁰⁶² The United States and Kazakhstan - An Economic Partnership for the 21st Century (Washington, D.C.) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/01/277475.html>.

¹⁰⁶³ Joint Statement on United States of America and European Union Holding the 15th Information Society Dialogue (Washington, D.C.) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277835.html>.

¹⁰⁶⁴ Joint Statement on United States of America and European Union Holding the 15th Information Society Dialogue (Washington, D.C.) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277835.html>.

¹⁰⁶⁵ United States and Australia Intensify Cooperation on Digital Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2018/february/united-states-and-australia>.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to foster favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy.

On 13 July 2017, the EU opened the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the European Commission's in-house science and knowledge service.¹⁰⁶⁶ The JRC research facilities are located in Ispra (Italy), Geel (Belgium), Karlsruhe (Germany), and Petten (Netherlands). The centre encourages education in science while also supporting academia and small and medium-sized enterprises.¹⁰⁶⁷

On 17 July 2017, the EU held a Digital Single Market conference for free movement of data. The conference aimed to discuss the maximization of growth in EU and to help to establish a single market for digital solutions.¹⁰⁶⁸

On 18 July 2017, the EU held an informal meeting between EU competitiveness and telecommunications ministers and entrepreneurs and scientists at the Tallinn Creative Hub in Estonia, focusing on the free movement of data for the European data economy.¹⁰⁶⁹

On 11 August 2017, the European Commission approved high-speed Internet solutions for rural areas of Germany.¹⁰⁷⁰ The funding will improve connectivity of rural areas for lower costs through the introduction of virtual unbundled local access in vectoring technology.¹⁰⁷¹

On 5 September 2017, the fifth EU Prize for Women Innovators was launched. The prize is intended to honour women entrepreneurs that have brought their innovations to market successfully. The program promotes research, innovation, and raises awareness for women in entrepreneurial careers.¹⁰⁷²

On 6 September 2017, the EU provided Poland with EUR1 billion to finance energy networks and scientific research, with the European Investment Bank (EIB) providing EUR250 million to improve electricity distribution and EUR730 million for scientific research institutes and universities.¹⁰⁷³

¹⁰⁶⁶ Joint Research Centre opens its laboratories to wider scientific community, European Commission (Brussels) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-13-07-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁶⁷ Joint Research Centre opens its laboratories to wider scientific community, European Commission (Brussels) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-13-07-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁶⁸ Digital single market conference on the free movement of data, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Tallinn) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.eu2017.ee/political-meetings/digital-single-market-conference-free-movement-data>.

¹⁰⁶⁹ Informal meeting of competitiveness and telecommunications ministers (COMPET), Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (Tallinn) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.eu2017.ee/political-meetings/informal-meeting-competitiveness-and-telecommunications-ministers>.

¹⁰⁷⁰ State aid: Commission approves high speed internet solutions for rural areas in Germany, European Commission (Brussels) 11 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-11-08-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷¹ State aid: Commission approves high speed internet solutions for rural areas in Germany, European Commission (Brussels) 11 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-11-08-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷² Application for 2018 edition of the Women Innovators Prize opens today, European Commission (Brussels) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-05-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷³ €1 billion for Poland under Juncker Plan and InnovFin Science, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2014-2019/katainen/announcements/eu1-billion-poland-under-investment-plan-and-innovfin-science_en.

On 18 September 2017, the European Commission presented a renewed Industrial Policy Strategy for innovation, digitalization, and decarbonization.¹⁰⁷⁴ The new strategy focuses on the circular economy, mobility, intellectual property, public procurement, skills and sustainable finance, proposals on trade, investment screening, cybersecurity and data.¹⁰⁷⁵

On 19 September 2017, the European Commission proposed measures to improve the EU's cybersecurity capacity with tools in dealing with cyber-attacks on Europe.¹⁰⁷⁶ The new rules also govern the free flow of non-personal data in EU.¹⁰⁷⁷

On 26 September 2017, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology opened in Brussels to support the EU's digital economic growth by fostering entrepreneurs and innovators.¹⁰⁷⁸

On 28 September 2017, the European Commission presented guidelines for the prevention, detection, and removal of illegal content containing hatred, violence, and terrorism online. The new guidelines will continue efforts to maintain citizen's trust and comfort in the digital economy and its influence on innovation, growth, and jobs.¹⁰⁷⁹

On 2 October 2017, the European Commission launched efforts to support schools in using digital technologies through the Self-reflection on Effective Learning by Fostering Innovation through Educational technology (SELFIE) tool.¹⁰⁸⁰ The tool will help schools improve the efficient use of digital technology in their teaching.¹⁰⁸¹

On 3 October 2017, the EIB assisted in providing loans of EUR125 million to Swedish broadband provider in expansion of fibre network in cities and rural areas of Sweden and EUR20 million for CS Group in France to support the development of research and innovation in cybersecurity systems.¹⁰⁸²

¹⁰⁷⁴ State of the Union 2017: Commission presents strategy for a smart, innovative and sustainable industry, European Commission (Brussels) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-18-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷⁵ State of the Union 2017: Commission presents strategy for a smart, innovative and sustainable industry, European Commission (Brussels) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-18-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷⁶ State of the Union 2017: Commission scales up its response to cyber-attacks and proposes a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU, European Commission (Brussels) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-19-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷⁷ State of the Union 2017: Commission scales up its response to cyber-attacks and proposes a framework for the free flow of non-personal data in the EU, European Commission (Brussels) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-19-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷⁸ Commissioner Navracsics attends inauguration of new liaison office of European Institute of Innovation and Technology in Brussels, European Commission (Brussels) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-26-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁷⁹ Security Union: Commission steps up efforts to tackle illegal content online, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-28-09-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁰ Are European schools making the most of digital technologies? — Trial of a new tool for self-assessment, European Commission (Brussels) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-02-10-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸¹ Are European schools making the most of digital technologies? — Trial of a new tool for self-assessment, European Commission (Brussels) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-02-10-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸² Investment Plan supports the digital economy: high speed broadband in Sweden and cyber security systems in France, European Commission (Brussels) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-03-10-2017.html>.

On 6 October 2017, the European Commission pledged to spread the e-government in Estonia's electronic identification across the EU.¹⁰⁸³

On 27 October 2017, the European Commission announced funding of EUR30 billion for research and innovation programs for Horizon 2020. Through the next 3 years, the commission will support research towards the digital economy, among others.¹⁰⁸⁴

On 3 November 2017, the European Union and Tanzania signed an agreement in the support of rural electrification in the country.¹⁰⁸⁵ The EU will provide EUR50 million in support of the initiative.¹⁰⁸⁶

On 21 October 2017, the European Commission launched the Broadband Competence Offices and toolkit for rural broadband and planned concrete deadlines for providing more broadband in rural areas of EU.¹⁰⁸⁷

On 25 November 2017, the European Commission adopted rules for the improvement of safety of electronic payments in shop locations and online stores.¹⁰⁸⁸ The rules were adopted as part of the EU's revised Payment Services Directive (PSD2) for the modernization of payment services currently being used in Europe.¹⁰⁸⁹

On 29 November 2017, the European Commission announced new measures to protect the intellectual property rights to encourage European companies, with a highlight on small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups, to invest in innovation.¹⁰⁹⁰

On 30 November 2017, the Competitiveness Council reached an agreement on the approach to establish a Single Digital Gateway proposed for the general public to access high quality information, online administrative procedures, and assistance services.¹⁰⁹¹

On 5 December 2017, the European Commission announced measures to improve the value-added tax (VAT) for online companies in the EU.¹⁰⁹² The measures will introduce a new system that simplifies the process for SMEs and start-ups to buy and sell their goods online to consumers.¹⁰⁹³

¹⁰⁸³ Commission welcomes the Tallinn Declaration on e-government, European Commission (Brussels) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-06-10-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁴ Commission to invest €30 billion in new solutions for societal challenges and breakthrough innovation, European Commission (Brussels) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-27-10-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁵ EU supports rural electrification in Tanzania, European Commission (Brussels) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-03-11-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁶ EU supports rural electrification in Tanzania, European Commission (Brussels) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-03-11-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁷ European Commission acts for better broadband in rural areas, European Commission (Brussels) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-21-11-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁸ Payment services: Consumers to benefit from safer and more innovative electronic payments, European Commission (Brussels) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-25-11-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁸⁹ Payment services: Consumers to benefit from safer and more innovative electronic payments, European Commission (Brussels) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-25-11-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁰ Intellectual property: Protecting Europe's know-how and innovation leadership, European Commission (Brussels) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-29-11-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹¹ eGovernment: Member States reach agreement on Single Digital Gateway, European Commission (Brussels) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-30-11-2017.html>.

On 11 December 2017, the European Commission implemented new guidelines to reduce costs and help both member states and in simplifying cross-border investments in the EU.¹⁰⁹⁴

On 11 December 2017, Italy became the first member state to implement their electronic identification system enabling citizens and businesses to access online public services and private services across the EU.¹⁰⁹⁵

On 14 December 2017, European negotiators agreed on new regulation for the improvement of cross-border delivery of parcels that will support e-commerce in Europe and help both business and the general public to have easier access to buying and selling products online.¹⁰⁹⁶

On 15 December 2017, the European Commission announced it will award a total of EUR5 million for social innovations as part of their Horizons 2020 project. The innovations must use Blockchain technology and encourage effective solutions using distributed ledger technology.¹⁰⁹⁷

On 19 December 2017, the European Commission approved State aid for the Irish taxation scheme. The scheme will run for six years and will attract and retain employees for companies to contribute to economic growth and innovation.¹⁰⁹⁸

On 21 December 2017, the EU signed an arrangement for a permanent Computer Emergency Response Team for EU institutions, bodies, and agencies that will ensure protection against cyber attacks.¹⁰⁹⁹

On 21 December 2017, the Members of the European Parliament signed a declaration for net neutrality ensuring the continued implementation of open Internet ecosystems.¹¹⁰⁰

On 11 January 2018, the European Commission announced an investment of EUR1 billion for the creation of a world-class European supercomputing infrastructure to benefit areas of society like health care, renewable energy, car safety, and cybersecurity.¹¹⁰¹

¹⁰⁹² VAT: Commission welcomes agreement on simpler and more efficient rules for businesses that sell goods online, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-05-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹³ VAT: Commission welcomes agreement on simpler and more efficient rules for businesses that sell goods online, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-05-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁴ Capital Markets Union: Commission announces new tax guidelines to make life easier for cross-border investors, European Commission (Brussels) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-11-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁵ Commission welcomes Italy's efforts to notify eID led by private sector, European Commission (Brussels) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-11-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁶ E-commerce: agreement for more affordable package delivery, European Commission (Brussels) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-14-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁷ €5 million prize for innovations that use blockchain technology for social good, European Commission (Brussels) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-15-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁸ State Aid: Commission approves Irish support scheme for SMEs, European Commission (Brussels) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-19-12-2017.html>.

¹⁰⁹⁹ Fight against cyber threats: EU establishes a permanent Computer Emergency Response Team for EU institutions, European Commission (Brussels) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-21-12-2017.html>.

¹¹⁰⁰ Internet Governance Forum: European Commission and European Parliament commit to an open internet, European Commission (Brussels) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-21-12-2017.html>.

On 13 January 2018, Payment Services Directive 2 (PSD2), administered by the European Commission to regulate payment services and payment service providers throughout the EU came into force.¹¹⁰² PSD2 aims to modernize Europe's payment services in keeping pace with the evolving market.¹¹⁰³

On 18 January 2018, European Union members were given new rules to improve the flexibility for setting the VAT.¹¹⁰⁴ The new rules will allow the states to foster more favourable tax environments for SMEs to flourish by reducing VAT fraud and supporting businesses.¹¹⁰⁵

On 18 January 2018, the European Union introduced new requirements for payment card schemes and processing entities to increase competition for card payment market.¹¹⁰⁶ The requirements aim to reduce costs for consumers through reduced processing costs and retailers through selection of the best card transaction processors.¹¹⁰⁷

On 22 January 2018, the EU created the Counterfeit and Piracy Watch-List to identify counterfeiting, piracy, and other intellectual property abuse.¹¹⁰⁸ The watch-list aims to inform consumers of counterfeit marketplace material and reprimand merchants.¹¹⁰⁹

On 23 January 2018, Spain and the EIB signed three deals worth EUR255 million through the European Fund for Strategic Investments. The three new projects focus on digitalization.¹¹¹⁰

On 24 January 2018, the European Commission launched new guidance and online tools for the EU's new data protection rules.¹¹¹¹ The guidance and online tools created by the Commission aim to aid the implementation of the protection program and establish trust in digital privacy.¹¹¹²

¹¹⁰¹ Commission proposes to invest EUR 1 billion in world-class European supercomputers, European Commission (Brussels) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-11-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰² Payment services: Consumers to benefit from cheaper, safer and more innovative electronic payments, European Commission (Brussels) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-12-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰³ Payment services: Consumers to benefit from cheaper, safer and more innovative electronic payments, European Commission (Brussels) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-12-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰⁴ VAT: More flexibility on VAT rates, less red tape for small businesses, European Commission (Brussels) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-18-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰⁵ VAT: More flexibility on VAT rates, less red tape for small businesses, European Commission (Brussels) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-18-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰⁶ Competition: Commission welcomes new rules that benefit consumers by promoting more competition in processing of card payments, European Commission (Brussels) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-18-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰⁷ Competition: Commission welcomes new rules that benefit consumers by promoting more competition in processing of card payments, European Commission (Brussels) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-18-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰⁸ Commission launches consultation on future "Counterfeit and Piracy watch-List", European Commission (Brussels) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-22-01-2018.html>.

¹¹⁰⁹ Commission launches consultation on future "Counterfeit and Piracy watch-List", European Commission (Brussels) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-22-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹⁰ Investment Plan in Spain: European Investment Bank launches three new projects worth €255 million, European Commission (Brussels) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEX-18-397_en.htm.

¹¹¹¹ Commission publishes guidance on upcoming new data protection rules, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-24-01-2018.html>.

On 31 January 2018, the European Commission endorsed provisions for cross-border data flows and personal data protection during trade.¹¹¹³ The Commission provided mechanisms under the data protection legislation for data flow between EU and other countries.¹¹¹⁴

On 1 February 2018, the European Commission created the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum.¹¹¹⁵ The EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum will play an active role in helping Europe to seize new opportunities offered by blockchain, build expertise and show leadership in the field. It will be gathering information, monitoring and analysing trends, addressing challenges and exploring blockchains' socioeconomic potential.¹¹¹⁶ It will enable cross border cooperation on practical use cases, bringing Europe's best experts together and promoting an open forum for blockchain technologists, innovators, citizens, industry stakeholders, public authorities, regulators and supervisors, to discuss and develop new ideas in order to learn, engage and contribute in an open way.¹¹¹⁷

On 1 February 2018, the United States and EU held the 15th Information Society Dialogue.¹¹¹⁸ The discussions held during the dialogue confirm the shared focus of both the US and EU on digital economy development in personal data protection and free flow of data.¹¹¹⁹

On 1 February 2018, the European Commission launched a EUR50 million pilot to support the creation of cybersecurity competence centres across the EU.¹¹²⁰ The project selected will be used in the creation of the competence network to strengthen cybersecurity in the EU.¹¹²¹

On 2 February 2018, the European Commission approved public funding for electronic data boxes in the Czech Republic.¹¹²² The service aims to improve electronic communication for internal

¹¹¹² Commission publishes guidance on upcoming new data protection rules, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-24-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹³ Commission publishes guidance on upcoming new data protection rules, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-24-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹⁴ Commission publishes guidance on upcoming new data protection rules, European Commission (Brussels) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-24-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹⁵ The Commission launches the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-31-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹⁶ The Commission launches the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-31-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹⁷ The Commission launches the EU Blockchain Observatory and Forum, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-31-01-2018.html>.

¹¹¹⁸ Joint Statement on United States of America and European Union Holding the 15th Information Society Dialogue, US State Department (Washington, D.C.) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277835.html>.

¹¹¹⁹ Joint Statement on United States of America and European Union Holding the 15th Information Society Dialogue, US State Department (Washington, D.C.) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/277835.html>.

¹¹²⁰ €50 million pilot project launched to support network of cybersecurity competence centres, European Commission (Brussels) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-01-02-2018.html>.

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¹¹²² State aid: Commission approves public compensation for electronic data boxes service in the Czech Republic, European Commission (Brussels) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-02-02-2018.html>.

communication between public administration and for communication between citizens, administrations, and companies.¹¹²³

On 15 February 2018, the European Commission announced enforcement of EU consumer rules for social media companies.¹¹²⁴ The consumer rules are enforced to protect citizens and companies infringing on EU consumer rights will face sanctions.¹¹²⁵

On 2 March 2018, the European Parliament, European Council, and European Commission signed a provisional agreement to improve the EU's telecom and radio spectrum policy.¹¹²⁶ The agreement introduced new measures for the European Electronic Communications Code.¹¹²⁷ Some of the measures include expanding 5G availability, 20-year investments for spectrum licenses, and improvement of planned radio spectrum assignment procedures.¹¹²⁸

The EU has fostered favourable conditions for the development of the digital economy through global initiatives and domestic initiatives.

Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

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¹¹²³ State aid: Commission approves public compensation for electronic data boxes service in the Czech Republic, European Commission (Brussels) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-02-02-2018.html>.

¹¹²⁴ Social media companies need to do more to fully comply with EU consumer rules, European Commission (Brussels) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-15-02-2018.html>.

¹¹²⁵ Social media companies need to do more to fully comply with EU consumer rules, European Commission (Brussels) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-15-02-2018.html>.

¹¹²⁶ Key agreements on radio spectrum pave the way for 5G, European Commission (Brussels) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://europa.eu/rapid/midday-express-02-03-2018.html>.

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4. Gender: Access to Labour Markets

“We will improve women’s access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia		0	
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France		0	
Germany		0	
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea			+1
Mexico	-1		
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score		+0.50	

Background

Disparities in gender equality in labour markets continue to occur. According to the International Labour Organization (ILO), women are much less likely than men to participate in the labour force. Even women in the job market are less likely to secure a job. Furthermore, the quality of employment they do find is key concern. In 2017, the global labour force participation rate for women is approximately 49 per cent, which is almost 27 percentage points lower than the rate for men. Globally, the unemployment rate for women also stands at 6.2 per cent in 2017, demonstrating a gap of 0.7 percentage points from the unemployment rate for men, which is 5.5 per cent. Even employed women are often constrained in job opportunities. Almost 15percent of employment women are contributing family workers, compared to over 5percent among men. The ILO predicts that these rates will likely remain relatively unchanged in 2018, thus keeping the gap at its current level with no anticipated improvements before 2021.¹¹²⁹

¹¹²⁹ Reducing gender gaps would significantly benefit women, society and the economy, International Labour Organization (Geneva) 14 June 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. http://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_557266/lang--en/index.htm.

Engaging more women in the labour force is critical. Not only is it important for the realization of gender equality in general, but in the context of the labour market, equal female participation can positively impact the future of global economic growth. The ILO estimates that if the global gender participation gap was reduced by 25 per cent by 2025, this could add USD5.8 trillion to the global economy and unlock large tax revenues.¹¹³⁰

The G20 has recognized the importance of female inclusiveness in the economy. They first declared a goal with regards to gender equality in the labour force at the 2009 London Summit, where members committed to encouraging a “fair and family-friendly labour market for both women and men.” At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, the G20 similarly made its first commitment targeted to improve the socioeconomic status of women.

At the 2014 Brisbane Summit, the G20 for the first time committed to a timeline to reduce gender inequality in the labour force. They recognized the importance of women’s inclusion in the labour market as an imperative to the improvement of global economic growth. Thus, G20 members agreed “to the goal of reducing the gap in labour force participation rates between men and women in our countries by 25 per cent by 2025, taking into account national circumstances” to “bring more than 100 million women into the labour force.” The following year, at the 2015 Antalya Summit, G20 leaders renewed their commitment to reducing the gender participation gap. The Turkish presidency also saw the establishment of the Women’s 20 (W20), which promotes women’s economic empowerment as an integral part of the G20 process by implementing strong recommendations within G20 negotiations.¹¹³¹

G20 leaders continued to address women’s participation in the labour market at the 2016 Hangzhou Summit. Specifically, they recognized the importance of inclusiveness and agreed to work towards ensuring that economic growth serves and benefits all countries and all people, including women, by generating more quality jobs, among other efforts.¹¹³²

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 members further developed their focus on women’s inclusiveness in the labour market. In the Leaders’ Declaration, they recognized that “enhanced equal access to the labour market, property, quality employment and financial services for women and men are fundamental for achieving gender equality and full realization of their rights.” Thus, G20 members agreed to take further action to improve the quality of female employment, eliminate employment discrimination, and reduce gender compensation gaps. They also launched the Women Entrepreneurs Financing Initiative (We-Fi) and #eSkills4Girls initiative to scale up support for women’s entrepreneurship and promote opportunities for women in the digital economy, respectively. G20 leaders also committed to establishing a Business Women Leaders’ Taskforce to work with the W20 and Business 20 (B20) in bringing together business women from G20 countries to examine ways to increase women’s participation in the economy. Prior to the summit, G20 members also outlined policy recommendations to reduce gender gaps in labour force participation and pay during the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting in May 2017. Specifically, they

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¹¹³¹ Diverse, Resilient and Viable — Stabilizing Economies and Societies Through Women’s Empowerment, Women20 Germany (Berlin) 2017 16 April 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.w20-germany.org>

¹¹³² G20 Leaders’ Communiqué Hangzhou Summit, G20 Germany 2017 (Hangzhou) 8 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-09-04-g20-kommunique-en.html;jsessionid=7F04AC69DEF4014FCE9A6A9BD7519ACA.s4t2?nn=2186554.

stressed three dimensions of performance: 1) improving the quality of women's earnings, 2) increasing women's labour market security, and 3) achieving better working conditions.¹¹³³

The G20 realizes the importance of gender equality in the labour market as a prerequisite in achieving sustainable and inclusive global economic growth.¹¹³⁴ By improving women's access to labour markets, they are endeavoring to achieve this aim by taking steps to reduce the current gender participation gap.

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment is to "improve women's access to labour markets" through 1) the provision of quality education and training and 2) supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms. "Labour markets" refers to the availability of labour and employment, in terms of supply and demand. Similarly, "women" all female persons of working age. According to the ILO, this includes all women aged 15 or above who are either employed, unemployed, or not in the labour force.¹¹³⁵

"Improve" refers to taking concrete actions for the betterment of something. This includes enhancing and updating old initiatives, or implementing new ones to reach an old goal. Thus, "improve women's access to labour markets" implies tangible efforts to ameliorate women's opportunities for employment. Public affirmations may be noted, but do not count for compliance. In this case, tangible efforts to improve women's access must include 1) provision of quality education and training and 2) supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms in creating a gender-equal labour force environment.

The "provision of quality education and training" entails creating or enhancing opportunities for women to receive education as well as training in order to best equip them with the necessary skills, or update existing skillsets, for succeeding in the labour market. It is particularly important that such efforts are of "quality" in that they adequately and sufficiently address women's needs in this regard.

"Supporting" refers to the act of providing aid, assistance, or public affirmation to an initiative or entity. In the context of this commitment, G20 members must aid, assist, or affirm their condonation for efforts in the area of infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms to improve women's access to labour markets. They must work with relevant actors in these areas to remove barriers faced by women to labour force participation, such as by improving work-life balances, increasing paternity privileges, enforcing a balanced work environment, and providing incentives for women's leadership in business, among other activities.

"Where appropriate" refers to the fact that in some cases, there may not be a need to support a particular measure, and another measure might be more suitable instead, depending on the circumstances. However, the aforementioned examples provide a wide array of tools for G20 members to act on in achieving increased female labour force participation. Furthermore, as the ILO statistics indicate, no G20 member has yet fully achieved true gender equality in the economic sphere.

¹¹³³ Annex B: G20 Policy Recommendations to Reduce Gender Gaps in Labour Force Participation and Pay by Improving Women's Job Quality, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 May 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/170519-labour-annex-b.html>.

¹¹³⁴ G20 Leader' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

¹¹³⁵ Definitions, International Labour Organization (Geneva) 2011. Access Date: 27 May 2016. https://www.ilo.org/ilostat/faces/home/statisticaldata/conceptsdefinitions?_afzLoop=245436817571306%40%3F_afzLoop%3D245436817571306%26_adf.ctrl-state%3Dpxg0kcjth_38.

Thus, G20 members must exercise their discretion in deciding which measures are better suited to its achievement of this commitment.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take concrete actions to improve womens' access to labour markets by providing quality education and training, as well as supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms towards this aim.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member does NOT take action to improve womens' access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training NOR through supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms.
0	G20 member does NOT take action to improve womens' access to labour markets EITHER through the provision of quality education and training OR through supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms.
+1	G20 member takes action to improve womens' access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training AND through supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms

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Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 28 July 2017, Deputy Secretary of Territorial Development of the Ministry of Agroindustry Felipe Crespo signed a joint statement with multiple organizations to promote the role of women in the agricultural and development sectors of rural Argentina.¹¹³⁶

On 20 November 2017, Argentina launched a digital platform to allow Argentinian youth to have a platform to ask questions concerning gender-related issues, such as gender-based violence and workplace harassment.¹¹³⁷ Key parties involved in creating this platform were the National Council of Women, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Ministry of Social Development, and civil society organizations.¹¹³⁸

On 23 November 2017, the Congress of Argentina passed the Gender Equality in Political Domains Bill, dictating that there must be at least fifty per cent of women within electoral lists.¹¹³⁹ The bill

¹¹³⁶ Argentina Takes a Step Forward Towards Achieving Rights for Women in Rural Areas, Food and Agricultural Organization (Rome) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <http://www.fao.org/in-action/agronoticias/detail/en/c/1026539/>.

¹¹³⁷ Argentina is using tech to teach its youth about sex, drugs, and violence, Apolitical (London) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 2 March 2018. https://apolitical.co/solution_article/argentina-using-tech-teach-youth-sex-drugs-violence/.

¹¹³⁸ Argentina is using tech to teach its youth about sex, drugs, and violence, Apolitical (London) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 2 March 2018. https://apolitical.co/solution_article/argentina-using-tech-teach-youth-sex-drugs-violence/.

¹¹³⁹ Argentina sees "Gender equality Act in political domains" enshrined in law, Embassy of the Argentine Republic (Buenos Aires) November 2017. Access Date: 2 March 2018. http://www.argentine-embassy-uk.org/docs_eng/press/press_releases/2017/17-11-23.pdf.

encourages the trajectory set by the Government of Argentina in order to promote the political participation of women.¹¹⁴⁰

On 1 December 2017, the Government of Argentina begun its Women 20 (W20) Presidency.¹¹⁴¹ The W20 is a G20 engagement group comprised of a network of organizations that focus on female entrepreneurs and promotes women's economic and overall empowerment.¹¹⁴² W20 Argentina aims to reduce the gender gap in financial, digital, and labour market inclusion for rural women.¹¹⁴³

On 13 February 2018, a member of Unión Cívica Radical Karina Banfi presented a bill to address the gender gap in the labour market and improve equity conditions for women.¹¹⁴⁴ Another bill presented by Banfi acknowledges companies that guarantee equal treatment and opportunities for women.¹¹⁴⁵

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to to improve women's access to labour markets. While Argentina has signed a joint statement with multiple organizations to improve women's access to the labour market and began its Women 20 Presidency, it has not implemented any changes to educational and training opportunities for women.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nicole Vucemilo

Australia: 0

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 7 December 2017, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs extended the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security to mid-

¹¹⁴⁰ Argentina sees "Gender equality Act in political domains" enshrined in law, Embassy of the Argentine Republic (Buenos Aires) November 2017. Access Date: 2 March 2018. http://www.argentine-embassy-uk.org/docs_eng/press/press_releases/2017/17-11-23.pdf.

¹¹⁴¹ Women20 Argentina kick-off-EMSD as strategic partner, Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogues (Berlin) December 2017. Access Date: December 21. <http://www.emsdialogues.org/women20-argentina-kick-off-emsd-as-strategic-partner/>.

¹¹⁴² Women20 Argentina kick-off-EMSD as strategic partner, Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogues (Berlin) December 2017. Access Date: December 21. <http://www.emsdialogues.org/women20-argentina-kick-off-emsd-as-strategic-partner/>.

¹¹⁴³ Women20 Argentina kick-off kick-off-EMSD as strategic partner, Emerging Market Sustainability Dialogues (Berlin) December 2017. Access Date: December 21. <http://www.emsdialogues.org/women20-argentina-kick-off-emsd-as-strategic-partner/>.

¹¹⁴⁴ Argentina: bill against gender wage gap, Staffing Americalatina (Sheffield) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://staffingamericalatina.com/en/presentan-proyecto-de-ley-contra-la-brecha-salarial-de-genero-en-argentina/>.

¹¹⁴⁵ Argentina: bill against gender wage gap, Staffing Americalatina (Sheffield) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://staffingamericalatina.com/en/presentan-proyecto-de-ley-contra-la-brecha-salarial-de-genero-en-argentina/>.

2019.¹¹⁴⁶ In 2018, the Australian government will produce the final review providing further guidance and assistance for the next National Action Plan in late 2018.¹¹⁴⁷

On 13 December 2017, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Frances Adamson met with the Turkish and Indonesian Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Korean Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Mexican Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Istanbul.¹¹⁴⁸ During this meeting, Australia reaffirmed their commitment to promote gender equality and female empowerment and improve women's living standards and "equal participation in all spheres of life and strengthening their status in society" with help from UN Women.¹¹⁴⁹

On 18 February 2018, the Government of Australia published their key priorities for the 62nd UN Commission for the Status of Women.¹¹⁵⁰ The Government of Australia promises to lessen the economic barriers of rural women and girls and recognize violence as a barrier for women to enter the labour market.¹¹⁵¹

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labor markets. While Australia has taken concrete actions to extend the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and increase the number of women appointed to boards, advisory boards, and committees, and reaffirmed MKTA. Australia has not made changes to improve education and training opportunities for women.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Yidi Huang

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

¹¹⁴⁶ Australia National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2012-2018, Australian Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.pmc.gov.au/office-women/international-forums/australian-national-action-plan-women-peace-and-security-2012-2018>.

¹¹⁴⁷ Australia National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security 2012-2018, Australian Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.pmc.gov.au/office-women/international-forums/australian-national-action-plan-women-peace-and-security-2012-2018>.

¹¹⁴⁸ Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

¹¹⁴⁹ Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

¹¹⁵⁰ Australian Government's Priorities for CSW62, Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 18 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/office-women/australian-governments-priorities-csw62>.

¹¹⁵¹ Australian Government's Priorities for CSW62, Australian Government Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Canberra) 18 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.pmc.gov.au/resource-centre/office-women/australian-governments-priorities-csw62>.

On 23 July 2017, the Special Secretariat of Policies for Women (SPM) began the #SouNegraE (“I’m Black And”) campaign on social media.¹¹⁵² The campaign is aimed at bringing attention to the disadvantages black women face with regards to “health, education, and spaces of power.”¹¹⁵³ It aims to empower black women to enroll in secondary school courses.¹¹⁵⁴

On 8 November 2017, President Michel Temer sanctioned Law No. 13,505 to amend the Maria da Penha Law, a piece of legislation that clarifies the rules for the protection of women when they are a victim of domestic violence.¹¹⁵⁵ The new guidelines include providing victims services by female employees, the recording of statements, and proper training on issues of domestic violence.¹¹⁵⁶

On 14 November 2017, President Temer signed a Provisional Measure to adjust current labour regulations.¹¹⁵⁷ One change includes permitting pregnant women to work in “minimum/medium harm to health” environments if they choose to do so.¹¹⁵⁸

On 6 December 2017, the SPM launched the Brazil Women Network in order to promote gender equality in areas including healthcare, education, and the economy, with help from public and private institutions.¹¹⁵⁹ “The network will mobilise society to help in the fight against all kinds of violence and prejudice against women.”¹¹⁶⁰

On 2 February 2018, the Government of Brazil ratified the Convention on Decent Work for Domestic Workers.¹¹⁶¹ The Convention includes protections for domestic workers, most of whom are women, such as “a maximum 44-hour working week.”¹¹⁶²

¹¹⁵² Campaign marks International Black Women Day, Special Secretariat of Policies for Women (Brasília) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/campaign-marks-international-black-women-day>.

¹¹⁵³ Campaign marks International Black Women Day, Special Secretariat of Policies for Women (Brasília) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/campaign-marks-international-black-women-day>.

¹¹⁵⁴ Campaign marks International Black Women Day, Special Secretariat of Policies for Women (Brasília) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/07/campaign-marks-international-black-women-day>.

¹¹⁵⁵ Temer Sanctions Law that Improves the Care for Women in Violence Situations, Office of the President (Brasília) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/temer-sanctions-law-that-improves-the-care-for-women-in-violence-situations>.

¹¹⁵⁶ Temer Sanctions Law that Improves the Care for Women in Violence Situations, Office of the President (Brasília) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/temer-sanctions-law-that-improves-the-care-for-women-in-violence-situations>.

¹¹⁵⁷ Government Issues Executive Order Adjusting Labour Rules, Office of the President (Brasília) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 23 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-issues-executive-order-adjusting-labour-rules>.

¹¹⁵⁸ Government Issues Executive Order Adjusting Labour Rules, Office of the President (Brasília) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 23 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-issues-executive-order-adjusting-labour-rules>.

¹¹⁵⁹ Temer: Rede Brasil Mulher Helps Promote the Dignity of Women in Brazil, Special Secretariat of Policies for Women (Brasília) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/temer-rede-brasil-mulher-helps-promote-the-dignity-of-women-in-brazil>.

¹¹⁶⁰ Pelaes: “Society Will Mobilise to Face Violence Against Women”, National Secretary of Policies for Women (Brasília) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 23 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/pelaes-society-will-mobilise-to-face-violence-against-women>.

¹¹⁶¹ Organization Praises Brazil for Commitment to Domestic Workers, Brazilian Government (Brasília) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2018/02/organization-praises-brazil-for-commitment-to-domestic-workers>.

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets. Brazil has introduced Convention on Decent Work for Domestic Workers and launched a series of campaigns to support victims of sexual harassment at work. Brazil has also taken concrete actions to improve women's access to quality education and training through the Brazil Women Network.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Anabid Najafizadeh

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 28 August 2017, the Government of Canada launched a post-secondary work-placement program geared towards underrepresented groups, including women.¹¹⁶³ Individuals from these groups are "eligible for wage subsidies of up to 70 per cent or CAD7,000."¹¹⁶⁴ All other student placements will be eligible for funding of up to 50 per cent of the wage, or CAD5,000."¹¹⁶⁵ The CAD73 million program aims to create 60,000 student work placements over five years.¹¹⁶⁶

On 6 November 2017, Global Affairs Canada announced the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and its commitment to advancing the Women, Peace and Security agenda.¹¹⁶⁷ The Action Plan aims to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through the following priority activities: 1) governance, 2) training and Education, 3) accountability, 4) recruitment and retention, and 5) integration into operations.¹¹⁶⁸

On 7 November 2017, the Government of Canada introduced Bill C-65 "to prevent and better respond to sexual harassment and violence against federal employees."¹¹⁶⁹ The legislation replaces

¹¹⁶² Organization Praises Brazil for Commitment to Domestic Workers, Brazilian Government (Brasília) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2018/02/organization-praises-brazil-for-commitment-to-domestic-workers>.

¹¹⁶³ New federal jobs program targets students from underrepresented groups, The Globe and Mail (Ottawa) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/ottawa-gears-new-student-work-placement-program-toward-women-indigenous-youth-and-other-underrepresented-groups/article36100794/>.

¹¹⁶⁴ New federal jobs program targets students from underrepresented groups, The Globe and Mail (Ottawa) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/ottawa-gears-new-student-work-placement-program-toward-women-indigenous-youth-and-other-underrepresented-groups/article36100794/>.

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¹¹⁶⁷ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/cnap_ip-pi_pnac-17-22.aspx?lang=eng.

¹¹⁶⁸ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/cnap_ip-pi_pnac-17-22.aspx?lang=eng.

¹¹⁶⁹ Liberals introduce bill to address harassment of federal employees, The Globe and Mail (Ottawa) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/liberals-introduce-bill-to-prevent-respond-to-harassment-against-federal-employees/article36873311/>.

existing laws and policies to create a process for complaints made within the public service and any federally regulated industries.¹¹⁷⁰

From 10 November until 11 December 2017, the Government of Canada consulted federally regulated employees on proposed amendments to the Employment Equity Regulations.¹¹⁷¹ The amendments aim to increase clarity, improve data gathering, and reduce reporting burdens.¹¹⁷²

On 27 February 2018, the Government of Canada revealed the 2018 federal budget, which includes the implementation of pro-active pay equity legislation.¹¹⁷³ Federal employers now have the responsibility of ensuring equal pay for work of equal value.¹¹⁷⁴ The budget also provides CAD85 million to address workplace harassment and fund rape crisis centres.¹¹⁷⁵ Additionally, it allocates CAD8 million to support victims of sexual harassment in the workplace through legal-aid funding and includes an additional five weeks of paid leave for parental leave, regardless of gender.¹¹⁷⁶

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to increase women's participation in the labour force. Canada has provided women with quality education training opportunities by launching a post-secondary work-placement program and through legal reforms to the Employment Equity Regulations and providing support for victims of sexual harassment in the workplace.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Grace Marshall

¹¹⁷⁰ Liberals introduce bill to address harassment of federal employees, The Globe and Mail (Ottawa) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/liberals-introduce-bill-to-prevent-respond-to-harassment-against-federal-employees/article36873311/>.

¹¹⁷¹ Consulting Federally Regulated Employees on Proposed Amendments to Employment Equity Regulations, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. https://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwjx_8a5vMvXAhXoylQKHbqQAMIQFggUAE&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww12.esdc.gc.ca%2Fsgpe-pmps%2Fservlet%2Fsgpp-pmps-pub%3Flang%3Deng%26curjsp%3Dp.5bd.2t.1.3ls%40-eng.jsp%26curactn%3Ddwld%26pid%3D59138%26did%3D5122&usg=AOvVaw2lif38LZsHuoYjilbExEcW.

¹¹⁷² Consulting Federally Regulated Employees on Proposed Amendments to Employment Equity Regulations, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. https://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwjx_8a5vMvXAhXoylQKHbqQAMIQFggUAE&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww12.esdc.gc.ca%2Fsgpe-pmps%2Fservlet%2Fsgpp-pmps-pub%3Flang%3Deng%26curjsp%3Dp.5bd.2t.1.3ls%40-eng.jsp%26curactn%3Ddwld%26pid%3D59138%26did%3D5122&usg=AOvVaw2lif38LZsHuoYjilbExEcW.

¹¹⁷³ Budget 2018: Baby steps for dad and a big step forward for women, Maclean's Canada (Toronto) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/federal-budget-2018-baby-steps-for-dad-and-a-big-step-forward-for-women/>.

¹¹⁷⁴ Budget 2018: Baby steps for dad and a big step forward for women, Maclean's Canada (Toronto) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.macleans.ca/politics/ottawa/federal-budget-2018-baby-steps-for-dad-and-a-big-step-forward-for-women/>.

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¹¹⁷⁶ 'We start with women': 2018 budget unveils new law to ensure men and women receive equal pay, Toronto Star (Toronto) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/02/27/we-start-with-women-2018-budget-unveils-new-equal-pay-law.html>.

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 29 September 2017, the National Emblem published the “management regulation on appointed public servants,” which specifically stated that appointment contracts of female employees should be extended under circumstances of pregnancy, maternity leave, or lactation period.¹¹⁷⁷

On 30 September 2017, the National Women's Federation reported on the preliminary experience of the implementation of the Lifelong Learning Program, which offers learning services for women in China.¹¹⁷⁸ In the report, the federation reported the program's implementation in several additional cities.¹¹⁷⁹

China has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labor markets. China has improved access to markets through the management regulation on appointed public servants and offers training and education services through the implementation of the Lifelong Learning Program.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Yidi Huang

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 4 October 2017, the Government of France launched the “Tour de France d'égalité femmes/hommes.”¹¹⁸⁰ The tour aims to mobilize civil society and raise awareness of gender inequality in French society across different sectors.¹¹⁸¹ It intends to provide French citizens with the opportunity to express how they interpret the question of gender equality and what kind of

¹¹⁷⁷ Press: General Office of the CPC Central Community, the National Emblem of the People's Republic of China published the “management regulation on appointed public servants, Chinese Government Website (Beijing) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/2017-09/29/content_5228595.htm.

¹¹⁷⁸ Press: “wonderful life female lifelong learning project” keeps progressing as ten cities joined in the second period, National Open University (Beijing) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.ouchn.edu.cn/News/ArticleDetail.aspx?ArticleId=778bedd6-7459-4be0-bedc-99fff618ea55&ArticleType=2>.

¹¹⁷⁹ Press: “wonderful life female lifelong learning project” keeps progressing as ten cities joined in the second period, National Open University (Beijing) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.ouchn.edu.cn/News/ArticleDetail.aspx?ArticleId=778bedd6-7459-4be0-bedc-99fff618ea55&ArticleType=2>.

¹¹⁸⁰ Tour de France de l'Égalité, Secrétariat de France charge de l'Égalité entre les femmes et les hommes, (Paris) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.egalite-femmes-hommes.gouv.fr/franceegalite/>.

¹¹⁸¹ Tour de France de l'Égalité, Secrétariat de France charge de l'Égalité entre les femmes et les hommes, (Paris) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.egalite-femmes-hommes.gouv.fr/franceegalite/>.

government response they prefer.¹¹⁸² The tour will also examine the strengths and weakness of current parental leave policies and barriers to accessing employment.¹¹⁸³

On 22 November 2017, the Government of France responded to the issues of violence against women and sexual harassment on multiple levels that relate to employment equality.¹¹⁸⁴ Secretary of State for Gender Equality Marlene Schiappa revealed that a bill is being considered to combat sexism, and sexual harassment in the workplace and will be submitted to Parliament following the “Tour de France d’égalité femmes/hommes.”¹¹⁸⁵ A guide for gender equality in business was also distributed by the Government of France.¹¹⁸⁶ Furthermore, Minister of Justice Nicole Belloubet launched an online means of making sexual harassment complaints, with a focus on the workplace.¹¹⁸⁷

On 8 January 2018, Secretary Schiappa stated that the French government is working on a plan to improve transparency about the gender pay gap, based upon recognition of the inefficiency of current laws on equal pay.¹¹⁸⁸ The Secretary suggested introducing the requirement for companies to release average salaries for female and male employees and analyze disparities with software.¹¹⁸⁹

France has partially complied with its commitment to improve women’s access to labour markets as seen through the launching of the “Tour de France d’égalité femmes/homes” but it has not provided quality education and training opportunities for women.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Grace Marshall

Germany: 0

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to improve women’s access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 6 January 2018 enacted the Transparency of Remuneration Act, which establishes the rights of employees to know the earnings of coworkers from the opposite sex, entered into force.¹¹⁹⁰ The act

¹¹⁸² Tour de France de l’Égalité, Secrétariat de France chargé de l’Égalité entre les femmes et les hommes, (Paris) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.egalite-femmes-hommes.gouv.fr/franceegalite/>.

¹¹⁸³ Tour de France de l’Égalité, Gouvernement de France (Paris) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.gouvernement.fr/sites/default/files/document/document/2017/10/dossier_de_presse_-_tour_de_france_de_legalite_femmes_hommes_-_04.10.2017.pdf.

¹¹⁸⁴ Harcèlement sexuel au travail : la nécessité d’agir, La Tribune (Paris) 22 Novembre 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/harcèlement-sexuel-au-travail-la-necessite-d-agir-758718.html>.

¹¹⁸⁵ Harcèlement sexuel au travail : la nécessité d’agir, La Tribune (Paris) 22 Novembre 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/harcèlement-sexuel-au-travail-la-necessite-d-agir-758718.html>.

¹¹⁸⁶ Harcèlement sexuel au travail : la nécessité d’agir, La Tribune (Paris) 22 Novembre 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/harcèlement-sexuel-au-travail-la-necessite-d-agir-758718.html>.

¹¹⁸⁷ Harcèlement sexuel au travail : la nécessité d’agir, La Tribune (Paris) 22 Novembre 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/harcèlement-sexuel-au-travail-la-necessite-d-agir-758718.html>.

¹¹⁸⁸ France: Macron’s government pledges to fight gender wage gap, Chicago Tribune (Chicago) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-bc-eu--france-equal-pay-20180108-story.html>.

¹¹⁸⁹ France: Macron’s government pledges to fight gender wage gap, Chicago Tribune (Chicago) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/sns-bc-eu--france-equal-pay-20180108-story.html>.

¹¹⁹⁰ Germany New Transparency of Remuneration Act, World Law Group (Germany) Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.theworldlawgroup.com/Document.asp?DocID=116723>.

aims to increase transparency regarding the pay disparity between men and women performing identical work, which is estimated at 21 per cent.¹¹⁹¹

Germany has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through legal reforms such as the Transparency of Remuneration Act. However, Germany has not introduced or updated any education or training programs designed to improve women's access to the labour market.

Thus, Germany receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Micaela Corcoran

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through provision of quality education and training and/or supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms.

On 20 July 2017, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) proposed the development of an additional 190 hostels to benefit 19,000 working women.¹¹⁹² The construction date is set for sometime before the end of 2020.¹¹⁹³

On 24 July 2017, the WCD launched an online platform to report sexual harassment in the workplace called Sexual Harassment Electronic-Box (sHe-Box) in New Delhi.¹¹⁹⁴ The platform allows women that are working or visiting any office of the Indian government to file complaints related to sexual harassment at the workplace, in accordance with the Sexual Harassment at Workplace Act.¹¹⁹⁵ Although the platform is only available for visitors or employees of the Indian government, Union Minister for Women and Child Development Maneka Sanjay Gandhi has commented that this platform will soon be available for women in the private sector.¹¹⁹⁶

¹¹⁹¹ How Much Do You Earn? New Law Tackles Gender Pay Gap, The Local (Berlin) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.thelocal.de/20180112/germany-tackles-gender-pay-gap>.

¹¹⁹² Press Release: 190 more working women hostels proposed to be set up for all over the country to benefit about 19,000 working women, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>.

¹¹⁹³ Press Release: 190 more working women hostels proposed to be set up for all over the country to benefit about 19,000 working women, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>.

¹¹⁹⁴ Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (sHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>.

¹¹⁹⁵ Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (sHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>.

¹¹⁹⁶ Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (sHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=168892>.

On 4 August 2017, the WCD issued advisories to all states and union territories to implement the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace Act.¹¹⁹⁷ Additionally, the WCD advised states, union territories, secretary industries, and commerce of the states in all industries, including the private sector, to facilitate workshops and awareness programs to educate employees about the act's provisions.¹¹⁹⁸

On 28 August 2017, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment Manish Kuma Gupta urged all state and union territory commissioners to enact the amended provisions of the Maternity Benefit Act, and to take punitive action against employees who have disregarded the Act.¹¹⁹⁹ The Secretary also admonished the commissioners to ensure that all the measures of the statute were implemented fully.¹²⁰⁰ The amendments to the Maternity Benefit Act include increased maternity leave from 12 to 26 weeks for working mothers with less than two surviving children, providing support for nursing mothers who work at home, requiring establishments with 50 or more employees to build a nursery for its employees, and extending maternity benefits for “commissioning mothers” and “adopting mothers” by 12 weeks.¹²⁰¹

On 30 August 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture outlined several initiatives to increase female participation in the agricultural market.¹²⁰² These measures include setting aside 30 per cent of the budget for women beneficiaries in programme and development activities, creating programs to ensure women receive benefits from the aforementioned programme activities, developing women self-help groups to increase female access to microcredit programs through capacity-building activities, ensuring female representation in important authoritative agricultural-economic bodies, and designating 15 October as Women Farmer's Day.¹²⁰³

¹¹⁹⁷ Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches Sexual Harassment electronic-Box (sHe-Box) for registering complaints related to sexual harassment at workplace, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=168892>.

¹¹⁹⁸ Press Release: Advisories issued to State/UT Governments for effective implementation of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>.

¹¹⁹⁹ Press Release: Improving working conditions of labourers through reform in Labour Laws, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Labour & Employment (New Delhi) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/pmreleases.aspx?mincode=21>.

¹²⁰⁰ Letter: The Maternity Benefit (Amendment), 2017, Government of India Ministry of Labour & Employment (New Delhi) 1 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.labour.nic.in/sites/default/files/Advisory.pdf>.

¹²⁰¹ Letter: The Maternity Benefit (Amendment), 2017, Government of India Ministry of Labour & Employment (New Delhi) 1 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.labour.nic.in/sites/default/files/Advisory.pdf>.

¹²⁰² Press Release: Agriculture Ministry is trying to ensure women participation in the mainstream agriculture: Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture (New Delhi) 30 August 2017. Access date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=170364>.

¹²⁰³ Press Release: Agriculture Ministry is trying to ensure women participation in the mainstream agriculture: Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture (New Delhi) 30 August 2017. Access date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=170364>.

On 11 October 2017, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved two development plans proposed and funded by the World Bank.¹²⁰⁴ The plans include the Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP), which aims at including marginalized communities as part of development processes, and Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement (STRIVE).¹²⁰⁵

On 30 October 2017, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Radha Mohan Singh announced that the Indian government plans to ensure women receive benefits under policies including organic farming, and self-employment programs.¹²⁰⁶ Furthermore, the Minister emphasized that women can play a large role in driving the Second Green Revolution, contingent on access to appropriate facilities and technology, and reaffirmed the initiatives proclaimed by the Ministry of Agriculture on 30 August 2017.¹²⁰⁷

On 7 November 2017, the Ministry of Women and Child Development extended the SHe-Box online sexual assault complaint platform to the private sector, marking the full launch and implementation of SHe-Box.¹²⁰⁸

On 27 November 2017, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, in coordination with the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) inaugurated a training program to empower Elected Women Representatives (EWRs).¹²⁰⁹ The program aims to help women become elected representatives so that they can fully participate in their respective governance processes.¹²¹⁰ It will train approximately 50 EWRs from each district.¹²¹¹ The training

¹²⁰⁴ Press Release: Women can propel the country towards second Green Revolution and change the landscape of the development if they get opportunities and facilities: Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture (New Delhi) 15 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171730>.¹²⁰⁴ Press Release: Women can propel the country towards second Green Revolution and change the landscape of the development if they get opportunities and facilities: Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture (New Delhi) 15 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171730>.

¹²⁰⁵ Press Release: Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship 11 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx>.

¹²⁰⁶ Press Release: Women can propel the country towards second Green Revolution and change the landscape of the development if they get opportunities and facilities: Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture (New Delhi) 15 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171730>.

¹²⁰⁷ Press Release: Women can propel the country towards second Green Revolution and change the landscape of the development if they get opportunities and facilities: Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture (New Delhi) 15 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171730>.

¹²⁰⁸ Press Release: SHe-Box Online Complaint Management System for working women to lodge complaints of sexual harassment at workplace launched by Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171730>.

¹²⁰⁹ Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches an intensive program to train elected Women Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions Around 20,000 EWRs to be trained by March 2018, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1510978>.

¹²¹⁰ Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches an intensive program to train elected Women Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions Around 20,000 EWRs to be trained by March 2018, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1510978>.

program will include teaching women simple engineering skills, academic education, and financial literacy.¹²¹²

On 22 December 2017, the Integrated Child Development Services, which has been renamed the Anganwadi Services, recognized Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as “honorary workers.”¹²¹³ Anganwadi are predominantly women-employed centers that provide basic healthcare support to mothers and children in rural India.¹²¹⁴ These women employees often offer their services voluntarily and on a part time basis.¹²¹⁵ Additional plans have been made to improve the conditions of Anganwadi centers.¹²¹⁶

On 28 December 2017, the maternity benefit program (MBP) became available to all pregnant women and lactating mothers, except those employed by the Indian government, state government, or public sector or those that are already receiving similar benefits.¹²¹⁷ The program provides partial compensation, in the form of cash incentives, for any wage loss due to the delivery and care of a child.¹²¹⁸

On 28 December 2017, the WCD announced the success of the Women of India Festivals in New Delhi, which promoted the sale of organic products manufactured and produced by women entrepreneurs and farmers, especially those from rural areas.¹²¹⁹ Participants sold an extensive range

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¹²¹² Press Release: Smt Maneka Sanjay Gandhi launches an intensive program to train elected Women Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions Around 20,000 EWRs to be trained by March 2018, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1510978>.

¹²¹³ Press release: 4 lakh AWCs to be constructed by 2019 in convergence between Ministries of WCD, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 22 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1513870>.

¹²¹⁴ Press release: 4 lakh AWCs to be constructed by 2019 in convergence between Ministries of WCD, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 22 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1513870>.

¹²¹⁵ Press release: 4 lakh AWCs to be constructed by 2019 in convergence between Ministries of WCD, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 22 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1513870>.

¹²¹⁶ Press release: 4 lakh AWCs to be constructed by 2019 in convergence between Ministries of WCD, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 22 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1513870>.

¹²¹⁷ Press release: Maternity benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 28 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514488>.

¹²¹⁸ Press release: Maternity benefits under Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 28 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514488>.

¹²¹⁹ Press release: Government assistance to women/women entrepreneurs for production and sale of organic products, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 28 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

of organic products including, but not limited to: cereals, rice, spices, honey, tea, coffee, organic cotton fabric linen, and cow dung air purifiers.¹²²⁰

On 3 January 2018, the Ministry of Labour and Employment announced various programs to support the health of women working with beedi rolling.¹²²¹ The program reimburses women for health issues, such as tuberculosis, heart disease, and cancer, that may develop while working with beedi and provides additional maternity benefits.¹²²²

On 4 January 2018, the WCD announced that 206 trainers, who were responsible for teaching the women in the EWRs program, will soon be introduced at the village level to expand the Beti Bachao Beti Padhoa Scheme.¹²²³

On 8 February 2018, the WCD announced that it would be implementing various programs to benefit women, including the creation of working women hostels and national nurseries that care for the children of working mothers.¹²²⁴

On 9 February 2018, the WCD announced that 107 complaints had been submitted through the sHe-Box workplace harassment online reporting system, indicating the system's continued success.¹²²⁵ Additionally, the WCD institutions and organizations was tasked with leading programs to discourage sexual harassment in the workplace.¹²²⁶

On 9 February 2018, the WCD announced that it would consider creating a National Women Entrepreneurship Council (NWEC) dedicating to promoting entrepreneurship, gender equity, financial inclusion, and economic independence of women.¹²²⁷

On 20 February 2018, the WCD announced that a creche facility would be built in the Parliament House, to look after the children of women working in Parliament and set a national example of a

¹²²⁰ Press release: Government assistance to women/women entrepreneurs for production and sale of organic products, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²²¹ Press release: Safety of women involved in Beedi Rolling, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Labour and Employment (New Delhi) 10 January 2018. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1515237>.

¹²²² Press release: Safety of women involved in Beedi Rolling, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Labour and Employment (New Delhi) 10 January 2018. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1515237>.

¹²²³ Press release: 206 master trainers have been trained under the programme for training and capacity building of Women Elected Representatives, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1515490>.

¹²²⁴ Press release: Government is implementing various schemes/programmes for welfare of women and children across the country, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²²⁵ Press Release: 107 complaints received on SHe-box till date, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²²⁶ Press Release: 107 complaints received on SHe-box till date, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²²⁷ Press release: WCD Ministry considering setting up National Women Entrepreneurship Council, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

gender-inclusive and supportive working environment.¹²²⁸ Union Minister Gandhi previously highlighted the need for creche facilities, since over one third of the women working in parliament are women.¹²²⁹

On 28 February 2018, the Union Cabinet approved the Trafficking of Persons Bill for introduction to Parliament.¹²³⁰ The bill addresses the trafficking of women for the purposes of forced labour.¹²³¹

India has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the implementation of an online platform to report sexual harassment in the workplace, developments in the agricultural industry, amendments to the Maternity Benefit, and implemented education programs specifically targeted at improving women's access to skill training programs.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrea Ho

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 6 October 2017, Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection Yohana Yembise praised the Women's Association of Indonesian Entrepreneurs (IWAPI) for its work on women's economic empowerment and announced that the Ministry would continue to work with IWAPI in its 3 ENDS or 3 AKHIRI Featured Programs to address unequal economic opportunities for women.¹²³²

On 13 October 2017, Minister Yembise announced the establishment of five centres for women's studies at five universities in Yogyakarta, and the status of Yogyakarta as a city that is women and

¹²²⁸ Press Release: Crèche facility to come up at Parliament House Development comes after SmtManekaGandhi apprised LS Speaker about the need, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 20 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²²⁹ Press Release: Crèche facility to come up at Parliament House Development comes after SmtManekaGandhi apprised LS Speaker about the need, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 20 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²³⁰ Press Release: Cabinet approves the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²³¹ Press Release: Cabinet approves the Trafficking of Persons (Prevention, Protection and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Women and Child Development (New Delhi) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/PressReleseDetail.aspx?PRID=1514490>.

¹²³² Minister Yohana aiming to foster change, Angel Investment Network Indonesia (Jakarta) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://angin.id/2017/10/23/inspiring-women-minister-yohana-aiming-to-foster-change/>.

child-friendly.¹²³³ The centres will focus on developing programs to increase equal opportunities in the workforce.¹²³⁴

On 13 December 2017, Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs Ian Shugart met with the Turkish Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Korean Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Australian Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mexican Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Istanbul.¹²³⁵ Indonesia reaffirmed its commitment to promote gender equality and female empowerment and improve women's living standards and "equal participation in all spheres of life and strengthening their status in society" with help from UN Women.¹²³⁶

On 29 January 2018, Minister Yembise inaugurated a program to encourage women to take jobs in Parliament, both at the regional and national level.¹²³⁷ The program aims to help women who want to become political decision-makers and members of political parties and legislature.¹²³⁸

On 25 February 2018, Minister Yembise introduced another initiative to increase female participation in political parties.¹²³⁹ This program is part of overarching goal to encourage women to take on political appointments and jobs in government.¹²⁴⁰

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to the labour market. Indonesia's Ministry of Women and Empowerment has promoted women entrepreneurial programs, and other workplace-skilled based programs to increase the successes of women in the workforce. Indonesia has also established centers for women's studies at five universities, thus creating educational and training opportunities for women.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrea Ho

¹²³³ Women's Empowerment Minister Encourages Woman and Child Friendly Development, University Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://ugm.ac.id/en/news/14935-womens.empowerment.minister.encourages.woman.and.child.friendly.development>.

¹²³⁴ Women's Empowerment Minister Encourages Woman and Child Friendly Development, University Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://ugm.ac.id/en/news/14935-womens.empowerment.minister.encourages.woman.and.child.friendly.development>.

¹²³⁵ Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

¹²³⁶ Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

¹²³⁷ Ministry of Women Arrange 'Big Scenario' for Women to 'Master' Parliament, KBR News (Jakarta) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://kbr.id/nasional/01-2018/kementerian_perempuan_susun_skenario_besar_agar_perempuan_kuasai_parlemen/94755.html.

¹²³⁸ Ministry of Women Arrange 'Big Scenario' for Women to 'Master' Parliament, KBR News (Jakarta) 29 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://kbr.id/nasional/01-2018/kementerian_perempuan_susun_skenario_besar_agar_perempuan_kuasai_parlemen/94755.html.

¹²³⁹ Minister of PPPA Expects Target of Women Representation in Parliament Reached, Berita Satu News (Denpasar) 25 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.beritasatu.com/politik/480365-menteri-ppa-berharap-target-keterwakilan-perempuan-di-parlemen-tercapai.html>.

¹²⁴⁰ Minister of PPPA Expects Target of Women Representation in Parliament Reached, Berita Satu News (Denpasar) 25 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.beritasatu.com/politik/480365-menteri-ppa-berharap-target-keterwakilan-perempuan-di-parlemen-tercapai.html>.

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 26 July 2017, Minister of Education, University and Research Valeria Fedeli presented the National Digital School Plan (PNSD), which seeks to revive the education system through digital innovation.¹²⁴¹ The presentation outlined the plan's implementation, including digitizing class registration and creating new pedagogies in different teaching environments.¹²⁴² One of the goals of this plan is to address and reduce women's high school drop-out rates.¹²⁴³

On 27 October 2017, Minister Fedeli presented the National Education Plan for Respect, which equips schools with resources and tools to foster change and equality in society.¹²⁴⁴ The plan allocated over EUR11 million to a variety of projects.¹²⁴⁵ It will follow the guidelines in the 2015 Law 107 on the Promotion of Gender Equality Education.¹²⁴⁶

On 7 November 2017, the Government of Italy met with the International Energy Agency (IEA) to further the Women in Clean Energy (C3E) Initiative and IEA Technology Collaboration Programme (TCP).¹²⁴⁷ The C3E TCP aims to improve women's participation in clean energy by preparing them with the skills and opportunities to enter the field.¹²⁴⁸

On 20 November 2017, the Department of Equal Opportunities began a campaign condemning gender-based violence.¹²⁴⁹ The videos depicted violence against women and spread a message regarding the various government supports available for victims.¹²⁵⁰

¹²⁴¹ The Next Steps of the Digital Plan for Innovation, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.governo.it/articolo/scuola-i-prossimi-passi-del-piano-digitale-innovazione/7888>.

¹²⁴² The Next Steps of the Digital Plan for Innovation, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.governo.it/articolo/scuola-i-prossimi-passi-del-piano-digitale-innovazione/7888>.

¹²⁴³ Education and Training Monitor 2017 Italy, European Commission (Luxembourg) 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/education/sites/education/files/monitor2017-it_en.pdf.

¹²⁴⁴ Respect the Differences, National Plan for Education to Respect, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.governo.it/articolo/rispetta-le-differenze-piano-nazionale-l-educazione-al-rispetto/8352>.

¹²⁴⁵ Respect the Differences, National Plan for Education to Respect, Italian Government Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.governo.it/articolo/rispetta-le-differenze-piano-nazionale-l-educazione-al-rispetto/8352>.

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¹²⁴⁷ "Women in Clean Energy" Initiative Gets Backing from Governments and Industry, International Energy Agency (Paris) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 12 February 2018. <https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/november/women-in-clean-energy-initiative-gets-backing-from-governments-and-industry.html>.

¹²⁴⁸ "Women in Clean Energy" Initiative Gets Backing from Governments and Industry, International Energy Agency (Paris) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 12 February 2018. <https://www.iea.org/newsroom/news/2017/november/women-in-clean-energy-initiative-gets-backing-from-governments-and-industry.html>.

¹²⁴⁹ Communication Campaign Against Violence Against Women, the Department for Equal Opportunity (Rome) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 12 February 2018. <http://www.governo.it/media/campagna-di-comunicazione-contro-la-violenza-sulle-donne/8478>.

On 21 November 2017, the Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) and UN Women reached an agreement to promote a programme to create equal access to work opportunities for women.¹²⁵¹ The programme will offer Palestinian women training in market-oriented skills.¹²⁵²

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets. Italy has taken actions to improve women's quality education and training through the National Education Plan for Respect and the National Digital School Plan and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation has taken steps to create equal work opportunities for women in Palestine.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Anahid Najafizadeh

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 1 and 2 November 2017, the Government of Japan hosted the World Assembly of Women.¹²⁵³ The Assembly featured leading figures from around the world and led discussions on various women's issues, including the economic benefits produced by working women, diverse ways of working, social development, and difficulties shared by women around the world.¹²⁵⁴ The speech came right after the publication of the World Economic Forum's 2017 Global Gender Gap report on 2 November 2017, which ranked Japan 114 out of 144 countries, a drop from 111 in 2016.¹²⁵⁵

On 3 November 2017, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe encouraged more women to join the workforce and boost economic growth.¹²⁵⁶ Abe also pledged to contribute USD50 million to the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative, making Japan the largest country financial contributor to the initiative.¹²⁵⁷

¹²⁵⁰ Communication Campaign Against Violence Against Women, the Department for Equal Opportunity (Rome) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 12 February 2018. <http://www.governo.it/media/campagna-di-comunicazione-contro-la-violenza-sulle-donne/8478>.

¹²⁵¹ The Italian Government and UN Women Sign an Agreement to Support Women's Economic Empowerment in Palestine, UN Women (Jerusalem) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 12 February 2018. <http://palestine.unwomen.org/en/news-and-events/stories/2017/11/decent-work-signing>.

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¹²⁵³ Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page23e_000484.html.

¹²⁵⁴ Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/fp/hr_ha/page23e_000484.html.

¹²⁵⁵ In Tokyo Ivanka Trump praises Abe's 'womenomics' efforts, Japan Times (Tokyo) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/11/03/national/politics-diplomacy/tokyo-ivanka-trump-says-world-boost-women-cutting-edge-industries/#.Whdml7Q-eb8>.

¹²⁵⁶ In Tokyo Ivanka Trump praises Abe's 'womenomics' efforts, Japan Times (Tokyo) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/11/03/national/politics-diplomacy/tokyo-ivanka-trump-says-world-boost-women-cutting-edge-industries/#.Whdml7Q-eb8>.

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On 30 November 2017, the Modern Index Strategy Indexes released the MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index, which demonstrates the performance of the top 500 Japanese companies in promoting and maintaining gender diversity in the workforce.¹²⁵⁸ The index includes companies that lead initiatives which support women's participation and advancement in the workforce.¹²⁵⁹

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets. Japan has made progress towards increasing women's participation in the workforce such as making a pledge to the Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative; Japan has set up awarding system to recognize the incentive for women and companies; however, Japan has not taken steps to improve the quality of women's education and training opportunities.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Zbijun Zhou

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 24 August 2017, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced the pending expansion of health insurance benefits for pregnant women would become effective in September 2017.¹²⁶⁰ The program is in cooperation with the National Health Insurance Corporation, which incorporated additional funding of KRW500,000 for families' medical costs.¹²⁶¹ The amount will also increase to KRW900,000 with additional children being born.¹²⁶²

On 20 September 2017, the Ministry of Unification approved a plan to send USD8 million in humanitarian aid to North Korea, USD4.5 million of which is for the under the World Food Programme (WFP) to provide nutritional products for children and pregnant women).¹²⁶³ In addition, Korea will provide USD3.5 million worth of vaccines and other medical treatments to women and children through United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).¹²⁶⁴

¹²⁵⁸ MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index, Modern Index Strategy Indexes (New York) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.msci.com/msci-japan-empowering-women-index>.

¹²⁵⁹ MSCI Japan Empowering Women Index, Modern Index Strategy Indexes (New York) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.msci.com/msci-japan-empowering-women-index>.

¹²⁶⁰ Gov't to expand health insurance benefits for pregnant women, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2017/08/24/0200000000AEN20170824002800320.html>.

¹²⁶¹ Gov't to expand health insurance benefits for pregnant women, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2017/08/24/0200000000AEN20170824002800320.html>.

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¹²⁶³ South Korea approves \$8 million aid to North Korea, timing to be decided later, Reuters (London) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-southkorea-aid/south-korea-approves-8-million-aid-to-north-korea-timing-to-be-decided-later-idUSKCN1BW0AG>.

¹²⁶⁴ South Korea approves \$8 million aid to North Korea, timing to be decided later, Reuters (London) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-southkorea-aid/south-korea-approves-8-million-aid-to-north-korea-timing-to-be-decided-later-idUSKCN1BW0AG>.

On 21 November 2017, the Government of Korea launched a five-year plan to increase the number of women in high-ranking public-sector posts, as part of the effort to bolster the workforce.¹²⁶⁵ Minister of Gender Equality Chung Hyun-back expressed that one of the goals of this plan is to encourage private companies to follow suit with this initiative in the private sector too.¹²⁶⁶

On 13 December 2017, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Kyung-wha met with the Turkish and Indonesian Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Australian Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Mexican Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Istanbul.¹²⁶⁷ Korea reaffirmed its commitment to promote gender equality and female empowerment and improve their living standards and “equal participation in all spheres of life and strengthening their status in society” with help from UN Women.¹²⁶⁸

On 15 December 2017, the Ministries of Employment and Labour as well as Gender Equality and Family announced the Plan to Eliminate Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in the Workplace.¹²⁶⁹ It improves monitoring on sexual harassment in the workplace, establishes online centres to report sexual harassment, raises public awareness about violence against women through advertisement on sexual harassment help processes, and provides mandatory training on forms of sexual harassment in the workforce.¹²⁷⁰ The plan also “lays out the plans to disseminate manuals on how to react after experiencing sexual harassment and to expand training for HR specialist.”¹²⁷¹

Korea was fully complied with its commitment to improve women’s access to labour markets. Korea has introduced allowances for children to aid women in returning back into the workforce and has provided educational training opportunities for learning ways to handle sexual violence in the workplace.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Zbijun Zhou

¹²⁶⁵ South Korea to step up efforts to boost women in top public posts, Bloomberg Politics(New York) 19 November 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-19/korea-to-step-up-efforts-to-boost-women-in-top-public-posts>.

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¹²⁶⁷ Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

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¹²⁶⁹ Ministry of Employment and Labor (MOEL) and the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family (MOGEF) jointly announced the “Plan to Eliminate Sexual Harassment and Sexual Violence in the Workplace, Ministry of Gender Equality (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. http://www.mogef.go.kr/eng/pr/eng_pr_s101d.do;jsessionid=OxIzb0ERT2vRzY3Z4lBywOBI.mogef21?mid=eng001&bbsn=705309.

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Mexico: –1

Mexico has failed to comply with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 5 December 2017, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Alfonso Navarrete attended a conference organized by the 20th Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labour, in Bridgetown, Barbados.¹²⁷² The objective of the conference included improving gender equality and labour rights for vulnerable populations.¹²⁷³

On 13 December 2017, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abraham Zamora met with the Turkish and Indonesian Deputy Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Korean Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Australian Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Istanbul.¹²⁷⁴ Mexico reaffirmed its commitment to promote gender equality and female empowerment and improve their living standards and “equal participation in all spheres of life and strengthening their status in society” with help from UN Women.¹²⁷⁵

While Mexico attended conferences addressing gender equality in the labour force, it has not improved women's access to labour markets by providing quality education and training, as well as supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and/or legal reforms.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of –1.

Analyst: Nicole Vucemilo

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 27 September 2017, the Ministry of Economic Development, with the support of the Committee on Women's Entrepreneurship Development, initiated the second Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Efficiency and Success Target Awards with Japan, China, Vietnam, Taiwan, and Chile.¹²⁷⁶ The competition aims to promote women's entrepreneurship across the Asia-Pacific region and to share the stories of success and best practices for running businesses, both

¹²⁷² XX Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labour (IACML) of the OAS: Main Outcomes of the Meeting, Organization of American States (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. https://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dhdee/labor_and_employment/pages/cpo_trab_XX_cimt.asp.

¹²⁷³ XX Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labour (IACML) of the OAS: Main Outcomes of the Meeting, Organization of American States (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. https://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dhdee/labor_and_employment/pages/cpo_trab_XX_cimt.asp.

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¹²⁷⁶ On 27th September, 2017 in Hue (Vietnam), the 2nd APEC Business Efficiency and Success Target Award (APEC BEST AWARD), a competition for women in business, will start as part of the Women and Economy Forum, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 26 September 2017. Access date: 6 January 2018. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/announcements/2017260902>.

inside and outside the APEC region.¹²⁷⁷ Participants included Russia, Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, Philippines, Korea, Papua New Guinea, Mexico, and Chile.¹²⁷⁸

On 29 December 2017, President Vladimir Putin authorized a law to provide monthly payments to Russian families who adopt a Russian child or deliver a second child.¹²⁷⁹ The President also initiated a second law, which extends the maternity capital program by three years.¹²⁸⁰ The program gives mothers who deliver two or more children a “maternity capital,” which they may dedicate to their living conditions, own pension, or children’s education.¹²⁸¹

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to improve women’s access to labour markets through actions such as initiating the second APEC Business Efficiency and Success Target Award and providing the opportunity to educate women with the five-year women’s strategy. However, Russia has not taken actions to provide women with quality access to education and training.

Thus, Russia is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Micaela Corcoran

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to improve women’s access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 26 September 2017, the Government of Saudi Arabia lifted the ban on women’s ability to drive and allowed women to begin learning how to drive.¹²⁸² The move aims to encourage economic growth by increasing women’s participation in the workforce.¹²⁸³

On 18 February 2018, the Ministry of Commerce and Investment stated that women can now launch their own business and benefit from governmental e-services without having to prove consent from

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¹²⁷⁹ Putin signs law on support of families with children, Russian Legal Information Agency (Moscow) 29 December 2017. Access date: 7 January 2018. http://www.rapsinews.com/legislation_news/20171229/281492291.html.

¹²⁸⁰ Putin signs law on support of families with children, Russian Legal Information Agency (Moscow) 29 December 2017. Access date: 7 January 2018. http://www.rapsinews.com/legislation_news/20171229/281492291.html.

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¹²⁸² Article: Saudi Arabia Agrees to Let Women Drive, The New York Times (New York) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/26/world/middleeast/saudi-arabia-women-drive.html>.

¹²⁸³ Article: Saudi Arabia Agrees to Let Women Drive, The New York Times (New York) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/26/world/middleeast/saudi-arabia-women-drive.html>.

a male guardian.¹²⁸⁴ This will allow women to carry out all business-related procedures electronically and make the process more accessible to them.¹²⁸⁵

On 26 February 2018, the Government of Saudi Arabia opened army registration to women.¹²⁸⁶ The General Directorate for Passports announced that it would accept 140 applications, but received a total of 107,000.¹²⁸⁷ Applicants must be a Saudi national or live in Saudi Arabia, hold a high school diploma, be between 25 and 35, and pass an acceptance test.¹²⁸⁸ The move to enhance women's status is part of the greater 2030 Vision launched by Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman.¹²⁸⁹

On 11 July 2017, the Ministry of Education announced that beginning in the next school year, girls will be able to attend physical education classes in public schools.¹²⁹⁰ The decision is also part of Vision 2030 to get 40 per cent of Saudis to exercise at least once per week and will allow girls to "build and care for their bodies."¹²⁹¹

On 29 September 2017, King Salman bin Abdulaziz ordered the Minister of the Interior Saud bin Naif to draft a law that criminalizes sexual harassment.¹²⁹² The law will outline penalties to prohibit "such acts and deter anyone who feels tempted to commit them."¹²⁹³

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through improved women quality education and training in physical education classes and by supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms such as allowing women to own their own businesses, join the military, and drive cars.

¹²⁸⁴ Article: Saudi Women to Own Businesses Without Male Consent Following a Royal Decree Allowing Women to Drive, Egyptian Streets (Egypt) 21 February 2018. Access date: 28 February 2018. <https://egyptianstreets.com/2018/02/21/saudi-women-to-own-businesses-without-male-consent-government-announces-in-efforts-to-modernize-kingdom/>.

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¹²⁸⁶ Article: In a first, Saudi Women Can Join the Army, Gulf News (Dubai) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://gulfnews.com/news/gulf/saudi-arabia/in-a-first-saudi-women-can-join-the-army-1.2179268>.

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¹²⁹⁰ Article: Saudi Arabia to Offer Physical Education Classes for Girls, New York Times (New York) 11 July 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/11/world/middleeast/saudi-arabia-girls-islam-physical-education.html?_r=0.

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¹²⁹² After allowing women to drive Saudi Arabia steers toward anti-harassment laws, fatwa rights, The New Arab (London) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2017/9/29/saudi-arabia-steers-toward-anti-harassment-laws-fatwa-rights>.

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Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Almeera Khalid

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

In July 2017, the Department of Labour Inspection and Enforcement Services (IES) began reviewing companies operating in South Africa for their compliance with the South African Employment Equity Act.¹²⁹⁴ Ultimately, the Department issued "41 employers ... with the Director-General Recommendations and [they were given] 60 days to comply with the recommendations."¹²⁹⁵ Further, "nine employers are undergoing prosecution for failure to prepare Employment Equity Plans."¹²⁹⁶

On 19 August 2017, Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane organized a conference to foster dialogue on the importance of women being developers, producers, and implementers of products in the sanitation and hygiene industry.¹²⁹⁷ The Minister stated that economic opportunities for women in providing sanitation services is a key goal for the Department.¹²⁹⁸

On 30 August 2017, Parliament released the report, Towards Women's Economic Empowerment: an overview of challenges, achievements, legislative mechanisms, and programmes.¹²⁹⁹ The report discusses actions taken thus far and highlights areas that need further engagement, including: access to education, sexual harassment, unpaid care work, and gender-based violence.¹³⁰⁰

¹²⁹⁴ Labour on invoking Employment Equity Act to reverse Non-Compliance with Legislation, South African Government Department of Labour (Pretoria) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017.

<http://www.labour.gov.za/DOL/media-desk/media-statements/2017/government-closer-to-invoking-employment-equity-act-to-reverse-non-compliance-with-legislation-labour-deputy-minister-inkosi-phathekile-holomisa-1>.

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¹²⁹⁷ Bringing women into the sanitation dialogue, Infrastructure News (Gauteng) 19 August 2017. Access date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.infrastructurene.ws/2017/08/19/bringing-women-into-the-sanitation-dialogue/>.

¹²⁹⁸ Bringing women into the sanitation dialogue, Infrastructure News (Gauteng) 19 August 2017. Access date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.infrastructurene.ws/2017/08/19/bringing-women-into-the-sanitation-dialogue/>.

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<https://www.parliament.gov.za/storage/app/media/uploaded-files/International%20Womens%20Conference%202017%20-%20Womens%20Economic%20Empowerment%20-%20August%202017.pdf>.

On 2 October 2017, Minister of Transport Joe Maswanganyi announced a new railway project in the city of Ekurhuleni that will be employed predominantly by women and youth.¹³⁰¹ The infrastructure project is expected to create 8000 jobs.¹³⁰² The project will start in 2018 and invest ZAR2.5 billion to construct 12 rail stations.¹³⁰³

On 4 October 2017, the Department of Labour called for improved education for women in the construction industry.¹³⁰⁴ In particular, Department of Labour Chief Inspector for Occupational Health and Safety Tibor Szana called on the industry to “prepare health and safety measures to accommodate women and youth in their fields of interest.”¹³⁰⁵

On 5-6 October 2017, the Government of South Africa hosted and co-sponsored the Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum Conference in Cape Town.¹³⁰⁶ The event focused on “equity, impact and inclusive growth towards Agenda 2030 and a sustainable African future.”¹³⁰⁷ It sought to “collaborate and make plans about how we can invest, grow and develop African women-led businesses.”¹³⁰⁸

On 28-29 November 2017, Minister of Tourism Tokozile Xasa hosted the annual Women in Tourism Conference.¹³⁰⁹ The Women in Tourism program aims to “elevate women representation in the sector through the 30 in 5 programme which advocates for the attainment of a 30% target for women at executive level within the next five years.”¹³¹⁰ The conference provided a venue for “dialogue on the challenges that affect the socio-economic empowerment of women” in South Africa.¹³¹¹ It concluded with a resolution to develop an autonomous body to promote female

¹³⁰¹ Multimillion rand rail project to empower Ekurhuleni Women, Infrastructure News (Gauteng) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 4 November 2017. <http://www.infrastructurenews.co.za/2017/10/02/multimillion-rand-rail-project-to-empower-ekurhuleni-women/>.

¹³⁰² Multimillion rand rail project to empower Ekurhuleni Women, Infrastructure News (Gauteng) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 4 November 2017. <http://www.infrastructurenews.co.za/2017/10/02/multimillion-rand-rail-project-to-empower-ekurhuleni-women/>.

¹³⁰³ Bringing women into the sanitation dialogue, Infrastructure News (Gauteng) 19 August 2017. Access date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.infrastructurenews.co.za/2017/08/19/bringing-women-into-the-sanitation-dialogue/>.

¹³⁰⁴ Women and youth swell construction industry - Labour Chief Inspector, Department of Labour South African Government (Pretoria) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <http://www.labour.gov.za/DOL/media-desk/media-statements/2017/women-and-youth-swell-construction-industry-labour-chief-inspector>.

¹³⁰⁵ Women and youth swell construction industry - Labour Chief Inspector, Department of Labour South African Government (Pretoria) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <http://www.labour.gov.za/DOL/media-desk/media-statements/2017/women-and-youth-swell-construction-industry-labour-chief-inspector>.

¹³⁰⁶ Cape Town set to host the first AWIEF conference in South Africa, Ventures Africa (Cape Town) September 19 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://venturesafrica.com/cape-town-sets-to-host-the-first-awief-conference-in-south-africa/>.

¹³⁰⁷ Cape Town set to host the first AWIEF conference in South Africa, Ventures Africa (Cape Town) September 19 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://venturesafrica.com/cape-town-sets-to-host-the-first-awief-conference-in-south-africa/>.

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¹³⁰⁹ Women in Tourism (WiT) Conference 2017, Department of Tourism (Cape Town) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. [https://www.tourism.gov.za/AboutNDT/Branches1/domestic/News/Pages/WomWomen-in-Tourism-\(WiT\)-Conference-2017en-in-Tourism-\(WiT\)-Conference-2017.aspx](https://www.tourism.gov.za/AboutNDT/Branches1/domestic/News/Pages/WomWomen-in-Tourism-(WiT)-Conference-2017en-in-Tourism-(WiT)-Conference-2017.aspx).

¹³¹⁰ Tourism on Women in Tourism Conference, South African Government (Cape Town) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 2 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/tourism-women-tourism-conference-29-nov-2017-0000>.

¹³¹¹ Tourism on Women in Tourism Conference, South African Government (Cape Town) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 2 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/tourism-women-tourism-conference-29-nov-2017-0000>.

economic empowerment.¹³¹² The Department of Tourism also pledged to facilitate partnerships to promote female financial education.¹³¹³

On 30 November 2017, the National Assembly passed the Labour Laws Amendment Bill, which grants parental leave to parents not entitled to maternity leave and allows the right to claim “parental, adoptive and commissioning parental benefits from the Unemployment Insurance Fund.”¹³¹⁴ The Commission for Gender Equality hailed the bill for recognizing “the gender related inequalities which continue to impede the socio-economic development of vulnerable groups in South Africa.”¹³¹⁵

On 10 December 2017, Minister Susan Shabangu hosted a meeting on violence against women and children as part of the South African government’s 16 Days of Activism campaign.¹³¹⁶ The meeting was intended to extend the campaign to a longer-term and more inclusive programme such as the #365 Days of Activism campaign.¹³¹⁷ These campaigns focus on improving understandings of “lived experiences of communities in relation to violence against women” to inform policy.¹³¹⁸

On 11-12 December 2017, the National Youth Development Agency hosted public consultations on its Integrated Youth Strategy (IYS).¹³¹⁹ One of the main goals of the IYS is to “to initiate catalytic programmes designed to benefit youth from disadvantaged backgrounds” primarily young women.¹³²⁰

On 25 January 2018, Minister of Communications Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane called for increased female involvement in Information Communications Technology at the Regional Gender Sensitisation Workshop.¹³²¹ The Minister emphasized the importance of encouraging young women

¹³¹² Tourism on Women in Tourism Conference, South African Government (Cape Town) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 2 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/tourism-women-tourism-conference-29-nov-2017-0000>.

¹³¹³ Tourism on Women in Tourism Conference, South African Government (Cape Town) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 2 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/tourism-women-tourism-conference-29-nov-2017-0000>.

¹³¹⁴ Gender Commission hails historic bill on paternity leave, South African Government (Cape Town) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gender-commission-hails-historic-bill-paternity-leave-30-nov-2017-0000>.

¹³¹⁵ Gender Commission hails historic bill on paternity leave, South African Government (Cape Town) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gender-commission-hails-historic-bill-paternity-leave-30-nov-2017-0000>.

¹³¹⁶ Minister Susan Shabangu hosts an Imbizo on on Violence Against Women and Children South African Government (Cape Town) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-susan-shabangu-hosts-imbizo-violence-against-women-and-children-10-dec-7-dec-2017>.

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¹³¹⁹ National Youth Development Agency hosts consultation workshop 11 to 12 Dec, South African Government (Cape Town) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/national-youth-development-agency-hosts-consultations-11-12-dec-8-dec-2017-0000>.

¹³²⁰ National Youth Development Agency hosts consultation workshop 11 to 12 Dec, South African Government (Cape Town) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/national-youth-development-agency-hosts-consultations-11-12-dec-8-dec-2017-0000>.

¹³²¹ Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane on women empowerment at Regional Gender Sensitisation Workshop, South African Government (Cape Town) 25 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-ngubane-women-empowerment-regional-gender-sensitisation-workshop>.

to consider careers in Science or ICT.¹³²² The workshop was thus focused on female representation in positions of power and included representatives from countries such as Namibia, Botswana, Kenya, Nigeria, Mauritius, and Uganda.¹³²³

On 5 and 8 February 2018, the Government of South Africa hosted and co-sponsored the annual Mining Indaba Conference.¹³²⁴ The conference included two commissions on women in mining: Gender Proactive Mining Law and Policy and Closing the Gender Gap in Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining (ASM): A Conversation Amongst Female Leaders.¹³²⁵ The first commission “discussed how mining laws could unlock the potential of women in the sector” and assessed the best legislative frameworks to promote gender proactive mining.¹³²⁶ The second commission explored possible connections between the issues facing women in both the mining and industrial industries as well as the lessons they could offer one another.¹³²⁷ They also discussed the creation of a universal framework to address gender gaps across the mining sector.¹³²⁸

On 13 February 2018, the Statistician-General Risenga Maluleke announced that unemployment has declined by 1 per cent in the fourth quarter labour force survey.¹³²⁹ The Department of Small Business responded by reiterating their support of small, medium, and micro enterprises with a particular focus on the National Gazelles Program, which prioritizes women, youth, and the disabled as part of addressing historic injustices suffered by vulnerable groups.¹³³⁰

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to increase women’s participation in the labour force. South Africa has improved women’s education and training opportunities by hosting conferences like the Africa Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum. South Africa has also

¹³²² Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane on women empowerment at Regional Gender Sensitisation Workshop, South African Government (Cape Town) 25 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-ngubane-women-empowerment-regional-gender-sensitisation-workshop>.

¹³²³ Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi-Ngubane on women empowerment at Regional Gender Sensitisation Workshop, South African Government (Cape Town) 25 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-mmamoloko-kubayi-ngubane-women-empowerment-regional-gender-sensitisation-workshop>.

¹³²⁴ Commission for Gender Equality on women empowerment and transformation in mining industry, South African Government (Cape Town) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/cge-responds-gender-equality-women-empowerment-and-transformation-mining-industry-19-feb>.

¹³²⁵ Commission for Gender Equality on women empowerment and transformation in mining industry, South African Government (Cape Town) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/cge-responds-gender-equality-women-empowerment-and-transformation-mining-industry-19-feb>.

¹³²⁶ Commission for Gender Equality on women empowerment and transformation in mining industry, South African Government (Cape Town) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/cge-responds-gender-equality-women-empowerment-and-transformation-mining-industry-19-feb>.

¹³²⁷ Commission for Gender Equality on women empowerment and transformation in mining industry, South African Government (Cape Town) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/cge-responds-gender-equality-women-empowerment-and-transformation-mining-industry-19-feb>.

¹³²⁸ Commission for Gender Equality on women empowerment and transformation in mining industry, South African Government (Cape Town) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/cge-responds-gender-equality-women-empowerment-and-transformation-mining-industry-19-feb>.

¹³²⁹ Small Business Development on role of Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises in creating employment, Department of Small Business Development (Cape Town) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/small-business-development-role-small-medium-and-micro-sized-enterprises-creating>.

¹³³⁰ Small Business Development on role of Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises in creating employment, Department of Small Business Development (Cape Town) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/small-business-development-role-small-medium-and-micro-sized-enterprises>.

taken actions to support infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and legal action through its commitment to include women in the railway project as well as the Labour Laws Amendment Bill.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kate Reeve

Turkey: 0

Turkey has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 13 December 2017, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Ahmet Yildiz met with the Indonesian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Korean Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Australian Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Mexican Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs in Istanbul.¹³³¹ Turkey reaffirmed its commitment to promote gender equality and female empowerment, improve their living standards and “equal participation in all spheres of life and strengthening their status in society” with help from UN Women.¹³³²

Turkey has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets as it has taken actions with MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey and Australia) to discuss ways to improve women's conditions in all spheres of life in cooperation with UN Women. Turkey has not taken concrete steps to provide quality education and training.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Almeera Khalid

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 25 August 2017, Minister for Higher Education Shirley-Anne Somerville told Scottish universities to improve opportunities for female academics.¹³³³ The Minister stated that a process will be initiated to fix the imbalance including a culture of long hours, inflexible terms, conditions, and pressures placed on female researchers that can be conflicting with family responsibilities.¹³³⁴ The Minister also

¹³³¹ Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

¹³³² Report: 11th MIKTA Foreign Ministers Meeting, MIKTA (Istanbul) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 27 February 2018. http://www.mfa.gov.tr/site_media/html/11th-mikta-fm-joint-communique-final.pdf.

¹³³³ Minister tells Scottish universities to improve opportunities for female academics, The Herald (Edinburgh) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/15496366.Minister_tells_Scottish_universities_to_improve_opportunities_for_female_academics/.

¹³³⁴ Minister tells Scottish universities to improve opportunities for female academics, The Herald (Edinburgh) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/15496366.Minister_tells_Scottish_universities_to_improve_opportunities_for_female_academics/.

stated that she will place pressure on all higher education institutions to do more for female researchers and professors.¹³³⁵

On 16 October 2017, the UK government launched a new Diversity and Inclusion Strategy that outlines plans to settle and achieve aims to improve the gender balance of the civil service at all levels, including in the most senior posts.¹³³⁶ The UK has already published guidance on diverse panels to limit the impact of unconscious bias in selection and eliminated almost all male selection panels for post at the senior level.¹³³⁷ The UK aims to improve in diversity and access to employment at the senior level, especially in male-dominated job roles.¹³³⁸

On 18 December 2017, the UK passed a law that requires employers with 250 employees or more to publish annual gender pay data.¹³³⁹ It aims to provide unprecedented transparency, generate wider debate, and encourage employers to take the action required to close the gap.¹³⁴⁰

The UK has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training and through supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and legal reforms. The UK has placed pressure upon higher education institutions to do more for female students, researchers, and professors and changed and created new legal reforms towards gender equality.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joanna Ilunga- Kapinga

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 8-10 August 2017, the USCo-hosted a panel titled "The Power of Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs): Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth through Textiles and Agribusiness" with the Government of Togo at the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Forum.¹³⁴¹ The panel reiterated the importance of advancing women's full participation in the economy and "highlighted the impact and success women entrepreneurs have had under AGOA,

¹³³⁵ Minister tells Scottish universities to improve opportunities for female academics, The Herald (Edinburgh) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/15496366.Minister_tells_Scottish_universities_to_improve_opportunities_for_female_academics/.

¹³³⁶ A Brilliant Civil Service: becoming the UK's most inclusive employer, Government of UK Civil Service, (London) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a-brilliant-civil-service-becoming-the-uks-most-inclusive-employer>.

¹³³⁷ Narrowing the gender pay gap, Government of UK Civil Service, (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://civilservice.blog.gov.uk/2017/12/18/narrowing-the-gender-pay-gap/>.

¹³³⁸ Narrowing the gender pay gap, Government of UK Civil Service, (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://civilservice.blog.gov.uk/2017/12/18/narrowing-the-gender-pay-gap/>.

¹³³⁹ Narrowing the gender pay gap, Government of UK Civil Service, (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://civilservice.blog.gov.uk/2017/12/18/narrowing-the-gender-pay-gap/>.

¹³⁴⁰ Narrowing the gender pay gap, Government of UK Civil Service, (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://civilservice.blog.gov.uk/2017/12/18/narrowing-the-gender-pay-gap/>.

¹³⁴¹ AGOA: Helping Women Entrepreneurs Succeed, Dipnote (Washington) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2017/08/24/en/agoa-helping-women-entrepreneurs-succeed>.

while also addressing the continued need to reduce and eliminate barriers.”¹³⁴² The panel discussed how “MSMEs can use the benefits of CFTA [Continental Free Trade Area] to expand intra African trade, and to create value chains across national borders to achieve ... sustainable economies.”¹³⁴³

On 10 August 2017, the US and India announced that they will co-host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit on 28-30 November 2017.¹³⁴⁴ The event will focus on the theme of “Women First, Prosperity for All” and be held in Hyderabad, India.¹³⁴⁵ It is geared towards four key business sectors: 1) energy and infrastructure, 2) healthcare and life Sciences, 3) financial technology and digital economy, and 4) media and entertainment.¹³⁴⁶

On 29 August 2017, the US Office of Management and Budget announced the initiation of a review and immediate stay of the effectiveness of those aspects of the Employer Information Report (EEO-1 Report) that were revised on September 29, 2016.¹³⁴⁷ These revisions requested data on race and ethnicity, gender, and wages and hours worked from employers with 100 or more employees, and federal contractors with 50 or more employees.¹³⁴⁸

On 18 October 2017, the Department of State announced an International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) called Hidden No More: Empowering Women Leaders in Stem.¹³⁴⁹ IVLP invited 50 women leaders to the US to “explore best practices in effective recruitment, training, and development of women and other underrepresented groups in STEM and learn how they can institutionalize opportunities for women in their own countries.”¹³⁵⁰

¹³⁴² AGOA: Helping Women Entrepreneurs Succeed, Dipnote (Washington) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2017/08/24/en/agoa-helping-women-entrepreneurs-succeed>.

¹³⁴³ 16t hUS-Sub-Saharan Africa Trade & Economic Cooperation Forum Agenda, AGOA Civil Society Network (Washington), 7 August 2017.

<https://www.agoacsonetwork.org/resources/Documents/CSOAWEP%20Agenda%2008%2004%2017nobrev.pdf>.

¹³⁴⁴ The United States and India to Host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, DipNote (Washington) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2017/08/16/en/united-states-and-india-co-host-2017-global-entrepreneurship-summit>.

¹³⁴⁵ The United States and India to Host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, DipNote (Washington) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2017/08/16/en/united-states-and-india-co-host-2017-global-entrepreneurship-summit>.

¹³⁴⁶ The United States and India to Host the Global Entrepreneurship Summit, DipNote (Washington) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://blogs.state.gov/stories/2017/08/16/en/united-states-and-india-co-host-2017-global-entrepreneurship-summit>.

¹³⁴⁷ Memorandum: EEO-1 Form; Review and Stay, United States Office of Management and Budget (Washington) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

https://www.reginfo.gov/public/jsp/Utilities/Review_and_Stay_Memo_for_EEOC.pdf?ncid=edlinkushpmsg00000313.

¹³⁴⁸ Memorandum: EEO-1 Form; Review and Stay, United States Office of Management and Budget (Washington) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

https://www.reginfo.gov/public/jsp/Utilities/Review_and_Stay_Memo_for_EEOC.pdf?ncid=edlinkushpmsg00000313.

¹³⁴⁹ Hidden No More: Here’s How the State Department is Empowering International Leaders in Stem, United States Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (Washington) 18 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://eca.state.gov/highlight/hidden-no-more-heres-how-state-department-empowering-international-women-leaders-stem>.

¹³⁵⁰ Hidden No More: Here’s How the State Department is Empowering International Leaders in Stem, United States Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (Washington) 18 August 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://eca.state.gov/highlight/hidden-no-more-heres-how-state-department-empowering-international-women-leaders-stem>.

On 29 November 2017, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced several new initiatives to support female economic development.¹³⁵¹ These include: a pledge to issue calls for the Women Connect Challenge in early 2018, with the goal of bridging the gender divide in digital technology; a USD2 million commitment from the Feed the Future program to support and mentor female entrepreneurs in Africa; an undetermined amount of funding to help the Government of India raise TB awareness; and the launch of a health-impact bond to improve maternal health.¹³⁵²

On 13 December 2017, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, the Democrat on the US Senate Committee on Entrepreneurship and Small Business, released a report on current atmosphere for female entrepreneurship in the US.¹³⁵³ The report is titled *Tackling the Gender Gap: What Women Entrepreneurs Need to Thrive* and highlights “the intersecting financial, cultural and structural obstacles facing women entrepreneurs in 2017.”¹³⁵⁴ The purpose of the report is to advance the dialogue on the gender gap “among the public and private sectors and contributes to a culture that finds more ways to help women entrepreneurs succeed.”¹³⁵⁵ It also offers public and private sector recommendations to support women-led entrepreneurship.¹³⁵⁶

On 15 December 2017, the Department of Labour announced the renewal of an alliance between the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) and the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC).¹³⁵⁷ The alliance centres around “hazards of particular concern to women in the construction industry, including personal protective equipment selection, sanitation, and workplace intimidation and violence.”¹³⁵⁸

¹³⁵¹ USAID Administrator Green Announces New Efforts to Empower Women Entrepreneurs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 5 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-29-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-new-efforts-to-empower-women-entrepreneurs>.

¹³⁵² USAID Administrator Green Announces New Efforts to Empower Women Entrepreneurs, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 5 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-29-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-new-efforts-to-empower-women-entrepreneurs>.

¹³⁵³ Shaheen Releases Report on Women’s Entrepreneurship, U.S Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (Washington) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/pressreleases?ID=D4C695D9-1EE2-4D41-AE67-30CD7D2EA829>.

¹³⁵⁴ *Tackling the Gender Gap: What Women Entrepreneurs Need to Thrive*, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (Washington) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 5 January 2018. https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/2/5/25bd7ee9-a37b-4d2b-a91a-8b1ad6f5bd58/536DC6E705BBAD3B555BFA4B60DEA025.sbc-tackling-the-gender-gap.december-2017-final.pdf.

¹³⁵⁵ *Tackling the Gender Gap: What Women Entrepreneurs Need to Thrive*, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (Washington) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 5 January 2018. https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/2/5/25bd7ee9-a37b-4d2b-a91a-8b1ad6f5bd58/536DC6E705BBAD3B555BFA4B60DEA025.sbc-tackling-the-gender-gap.december-2017-final.pdf.

¹³⁵⁶ *Tackling the Gender Gap: What Women Entrepreneurs Need to Thrive*, Senator Jeanne Shaheen (Washington) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 5 January 2018. https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/2/5/25bd7ee9-a37b-4d2b-a91a-8b1ad6f5bd58/536DC6E705BBAD3B555BFA4B60DEA025.sbc-tackling-the-gender-gap.december-2017-final.pdf.

¹³⁵⁷ OSHA and the National Association of Women in Construction Renew Alliance to Protect the Safety and Health of Female Construction Workers, United States Department of Labour (Washington) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/12152017>.

¹³⁵⁸ OSHA and the National Association of Women in Construction Renew Alliance to Protect the Safety and Health of Female Construction Workers, United States Department of Labour (Washington) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/trade/12152017>.

On 12 February 2018, President Donald Trump released the government's federal budget for 2019.¹³⁵⁹ The budget allocated USD39.3 million to the Department of State and USAID to support existing programming, an undisclosed amount of which will be direct to women's economic empowerment in other countries.¹³⁶⁰ However, the budget also reduced funding for the Department of Health Human Services, which includes a USD129 million reduction in maternal health and childcare programs, limiting women's access to healthcare.¹³⁶¹ The budget also requires states to provide six weeks of paid parental leave through unemployment insurance, of which one in four unemployed American women qualify for unemployment insurance.¹³⁶²

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to increase women's participation in the labour force. The United States has improved education and training opportunities through its multiple international programs through USAID and domestic programs such as the OSHA-NAWIC alliance. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has also announced new initiatives to support female economic development and announced the International Visitor Leadership Program. However, President Trump reduced funding for maternal health and childcare programs, which cut women's access to healthcare.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kate Reeve

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the provision of quality education and training, supporting infrastructure, public services and social protection policies and legal reforms, where appropriate.

On 20 September 2017, the EU and United Nations launched a Spotlight Initiative to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls.¹³⁶³ The Spotlight Initiative was launched by European Commission Vice-President Federica Mogherini and Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica, together with UN Secretary-General António Guterres and UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed.¹³⁶⁴ The initiative is an investment in gender equality

¹³⁵⁹ Briefing on the President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for the US Department of State and USAID, U.S. Department of State (Washington) 12 February 2018. Access Date: March 1 2018.

<https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/278256.htm>.

¹³⁶⁰ Briefing on the President's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Request for the US Department of State and USAID, U.S. Department of State (Washington) 12 February 2018. Access Date: March 1 2018.

<https://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2018/02/278256.htm>.

¹³⁶¹ Department of Health and Human Services: The Budget for Fiscal Year 2019, US Department of Health and Human Services (Washington) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BUDGET-2019-APP/pdf/BUDGET-2019-APP-1-11.pdf>.

¹³⁶² Strengthening Unemployment Protections in America: Modernizing Unemployment Insurance and Establishing a Jobseeker's Allowance, Center for American Progress (Washington) 2016. Access date: March 1 2018. <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/poverty/reports/2016/06/16/138492/strengthening-unemployment-protections-in-america/>.

¹³⁶³ Press release: EU and UN team up to eliminate violence against women and girls, UN Women (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/9/press-release-eu-and-un-team-up-to-eliminate-violence-against-women-and-girls>.

¹³⁶⁴ Press release: EU and UN team up to eliminate violence against women and girls, UN Women (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/9/press-release-eu-and-un-team-up-to-eliminate-violence-against-women-and-girls>.

and women's empowerment.¹³⁶⁵ It is supported by a multi-stakeholder trust fund with the EU as its main contributor, contributing EUR500 million.¹³⁶⁶ The core area of focus for this initiative will include strengthening legislative frameworks, policies and institutions, preventive measures, access to services, and improving data gathering in Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Pacific, and the Caribbean for women and girls.¹³⁶⁷ During the event, Vice-President Mogherini stated that the EU is committed to combatting all forms of violence against women and girls.¹³⁶⁸

On 11 October 2017, the No Non Nein campaign was launched as a dedication to ending violence against women.¹³⁶⁹ The project trains staff who work in bars, security, and halls to help victims when gender-based violence takes place.¹³⁷⁰ The European Commission is dedicating EUR15 million funding to non-governmental organizations working in this field.¹³⁷¹ The funding aims to help address violence and harassment against women as well as to reduce the political and economic inequality between women and men, especially in the workforce.¹³⁷²

In November 2017, the EU, International Labour Organization, and UN Women launched a sub-initiative as part of the Spotlight Initiative, entitled Safe and Fair: Realizing women migrant workers' rights and opportunities in the region covered by the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).¹³⁷³ This initiative is funded by the EU with a budget of EUR25 million and will run for five years, starting in 2018 and focusing on ASEAN.¹³⁷⁴ The programme aims to achieve safe and fair labour migration for all women in the ASEAN region by addressing women migrant workers'

¹³⁶⁵ Press release: EU and UN team up to eliminate violence against women and girls, UN Women (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/9/press-release-eu-and-un-team-up-to-eliminate-violence-against-women-and-girls>.

¹³⁶⁶ Press release: EU and UN team up to eliminate violence against women and girls, UN Women (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/9/press-release-eu-and-un-team-up-to-eliminate-violence-against-women-and-girls>.

¹³⁶⁷ Press release: EU and UN team up to eliminate violence against women and girls, UN Women (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/9/press-release-eu-and-un-team-up-to-eliminate-violence-against-women-and-girls>.

¹³⁶⁸ Press release: EU and UN team up to eliminate violence against women and girls, UN Women (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/9/press-release-eu-and-un-team-up-to-eliminate-violence-against-women-and-girls>.

¹³⁶⁹ Press release: European Commission — Fact Sheet, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-1602_en.htm.

¹³⁷⁰ Press release: Sexual violence campaign heralded across Europe, Brunel University London (London) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.brunel.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/articles/Sexual-violence-campaign-heralded-across-Europe>.

¹³⁷¹ Press release: European Commission — Fact Sheet, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-1602_en.htm.

¹³⁷² Press release: European Commission — Fact Sheet, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-1602_en.htm.

¹³⁷³ Press: EU, ILO and UN Women join forces to realize women migrant workers' rights and opportunities in the ASEAN region, UN Women (Bangkok) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/11/press-release--eu-ilo-and-un-women-to-realize-women-migrant-workers-rights-and-opportunities>.

¹³⁷⁴ Press: EU, ILO and UN Women join forces to realize women migrant workers' rights and opportunities in the ASEAN region, UN Women (Bangkok) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/11/press-release--eu-ilo-and-un-women-to-realize-women-migrant-workers-rights-and-opportunities>.

vulnerabilities, enhancing their access to essential services, and strengthening rights-based and gender-responsive approaches to violence against women and migration governance.¹³⁷⁵

On 20 November 2017, Commissioner for Justice and Gender Equality Věra Jourová published a proposal to redress the gender pay gap.¹³⁷⁶ Under the proposal, companies whose non-executive directors are more than 60 per cent male would be required to prioritise women when candidates of equal merit are being considered for a post.¹³⁷⁷ The quota aims to improve diversity and pay practices in the work field and address the slow progress to gender equality in the senior ranks of publicly listed businesses within the EU.¹³⁷⁸

On 30 November 2017, African and European Parliamentarians brought 30 high-level representatives from the European Parliament and African Parliament during the Fifth African Union (AU)-EU summit.¹³⁷⁹ During the summit, AU-EU representatives adopted a joint declaration outlining common priorities for the EU-Africa partnership.¹³⁸⁰ Gender equality was one of the key talking points.¹³⁸¹ The summit's final statement drew attention to women's representation and calls on the equality of opportunities in terms of access to decision-making structures, resources, technologies, and human rights protection.¹³⁸²

On 21 December 2017, the EU and UN Women launched a women's rights and empowerment program to strengthen the resilience of Syrian women and girls and host communities in Iraq, Jordan, and Turkey.¹³⁸³ The program aims to reach 60,000 people in need, mostly women living in situations characterized by increasing domestic violence, isolation, and economic insecurity.¹³⁸⁴ The program also aims to address economic vulnerability and violence by increasing women's access to financial assets, recovery, and income opportunities, while also providing immediate and life-saving protection

¹³⁷⁵ Press: EU, ILO and UN Women join forces to realize women migrant workers' rights and opportunities in the ASEAN region, UN Women (Bangkok) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/11/press-release--eu-ilo-and-un-women-to-realize-women-migrant-workers-rights-and-opportunities>.

¹³⁷⁶ Press: EU to push for 40% quota for women on company boards, The Guardian (Brussels) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/20/eu-to-push-for-40-quota-for-women-on-company-boards>.

¹³⁷⁷ Press: EU to push for 40% quota for women on company boards, The Guardian (Brussels) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/20/eu-to-push-for-40-quota-for-women-on-company-boards>.

¹³⁷⁸ Press: EU to push for 40% quota for women on company boards, The Guardian (Brussels) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/nov/20/eu-to-push-for-40-quota-for-women-on-company-boards>.

¹³⁷⁹ AU-EU MPs push on gender, migration ahead of summit, Devex (Abidjan) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://www.devex.com/news/au-eu-mps-push-on-gender-migration-ahead-of-summit-91641>.

¹³⁸⁰ AU-EU MPs push on gender, migration ahead of summit, Devex (Abidjan) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://www.devex.com/news/au-eu-mps-push-on-gender-migration-ahead-of-summit-91641>.

¹³⁸¹ AU-EU MPs push on gender, migration ahead of summit, Devex (Abidjan) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://www.devex.com/news/au-eu-mps-push-on-gender-migration-ahead-of-summit-91641>.

¹³⁸² AU-EU MPs push on gender, migration ahead of summit, Devex (Abidjan) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 21 January 2018. <https://www.devex.com/news/au-eu-mps-push-on-gender-migration-ahead-of-summit-91641>.

¹³⁸³ Press: European Union–UN Women partnership bolsters efforts in response to Syrian crisis, UN Women (New York) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/12/press-release-european-union-un-women-partnership-bolsters-efforts-in-response-to-syrian-crisis>.

¹³⁸⁴ Press: European Union–UN Women partnership bolsters efforts in response to Syrian crisis, UN Women (New York) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/12/press-release-european-union-un-women-partnership-bolsters-efforts-in-response-to-syrian-crisis>.

services.¹³⁸⁵ It also seeks to enhance women's representation and rights.¹³⁸⁶ Funding will be coming from the EU's Madad Fund, which has established in part to contribute to women's empowerment in the context of the crisis.¹³⁸⁷

On 6 February 2018, on the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Vice-President Mogherini, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica, and Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality Věra Jourová reaffirmed the EU's strong commitment to eradicate FGM.¹³⁸⁸

On 7 March 2018, the European Commission initiated a strategy to improve women's participation in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector.¹³⁸⁹ The initiative will focus on the digital sector to address topics including women shaping media, empowering women and girls through digital inclusion, and advancing equality in the digital age.¹³⁹⁰ It will focus on three main areas: breaking negative stereotypes, skills and education, and women's entrepreneurship.¹³⁹¹

The EU has fully complied with its commitment to improve women's access to labour markets through the Spotlight Initiative and the proposal to redress the gender pay gap. The EU has improved women's access to labour markets by supporting infrastructure, public services, social protection policies, and legal reforms. It has also provided quality education and training for women through digital inclusion initiatives.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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¹³⁸⁵ Press: European Union–UN Women partnership bolsters efforts in response to Syrian crisis, UN Women (New York) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/12/press-release-european-union-un-women-partnership-bolsters-efforts-in-response-to-syrian-crisis>.

¹³⁸⁶ Press: European Union–UN Women partnership bolsters efforts in response to Syrian crisis, UN Women (New York) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/12/press-release-european-union-un-women-partnership-bolsters-efforts-in-response-to-syrian-crisis>.

¹³⁸⁷ Press: European Union–UN Women partnership bolsters efforts in response to Syrian crisis, UN Women (New York) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2017/12/press-release-european-union-un-women-partnership-bolsters-efforts-in-response-to-syrian-crisis>.

¹³⁸⁸ Press release: Joint Statement on the International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation, European Commission (Brussels) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/news-and-events/joint-statement-international-day-zero-tolerance-female-genital-mutilation-0_en.

¹³⁸⁹ Press release: The EU wants to boost gender equality in the ICT industry, Government Computing (Brussels) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://central-government.governmentcomputing.com/news/the-eu-wants-to-boost-gender-equality-in-the-ict-industry-6075411>.

¹³⁹⁰ Press release: European Commission — Fact Sheet, European Commission Press Release Database (Brussels) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-1602_en.htm.

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5. Health: Health System Strengthening

“We strive for cooperative action to strengthen health systems worldwide, including through developing the health workforce.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China			+1
France		0	
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico		0	
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.80		

Background

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the G20 committed to strengthening global health systems and the health workforce.¹³⁹² The G20 has previously made global health commitments: over the past decade these have been mostly limited to commitments to funding efforts to eradicate the Ebola virus disease,¹³⁹³ and to combatting antimicrobial resistance.¹³⁹⁴ While strengthening health systems was addressed in the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the 2016

¹³⁹² G20 Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Summit (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/EN/_Anlagen/G20/G20-leaders-declaration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=11.

¹³⁹³ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Summit (Brisbane) 21 November 2014. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2014-g20-abschlusserklaerung-eng.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1.

¹³⁹⁴ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Summit (Brisbane) 21 November 2014. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2014-g20-abschlusserklaerung-eng.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1. See also G20 Leaders’ Communiqué, G20 Summit (Hangzhou) 8 September 2016. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-09-04-g20-kommunique-en.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1.

Hangzhou Summit, the 2017 Hamburg Summit marks the first time the G20 has committed to health systems and health workforce strengthening in a leaders' declaration.¹³⁹⁵

Under Germany's G20 Presidency, health has risen in prominence on the summit agenda. For the first time ever, the G20 Health Ministers met in Berlin on 19-20 May 2017 to discuss "global health crisis management," "health systems strengthening," and "antimicrobial resistance."¹³⁹⁶ In their discussion of "health systems strengthening," the ministers expressed their anticipation of the 70th World Health Assembly (WHA)'s adoption of Working for Health: A Five-Year Action Plan for Health Employment and Inclusive Economic Growth (2017-2021),¹³⁹⁷ the joint publication by WHO, the International Labour Organization and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) on improving the health workforce.¹³⁹⁸ Commissioned in 2016 by the UN Secretary General at the request of the General Assembly, "Working for Health" was indeed adopted by the WHA on 29 May 2017.¹³⁹⁹ The subsequent Leaders' Declaration released at the 2017 Hamburg Summit publicly reaffirmed the G20's commitments to the development of health systems and the health workforce, under the Summit's pillar of "Building Resilience."¹⁴⁰⁰

The G20's focus on improving health systems and the health workforce reflects its continued commitment to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, also known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a resolution adopted unanimously by the UN General Assembly on 25 September 2015.¹⁴⁰¹ At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 publicly "committed to further aligning its work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development," and announced improving health systems as part of its efforts to fulfil SDGs 1, 3 and 5.¹⁴⁰² SDG 1 is to "end poverty in all its forms everywhere;" SDG 3 is to "ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;" and SDG 5 is to "achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls."¹⁴⁰³ The Leaders' Declaration, as well as the Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for

¹³⁹⁵ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Summit (Hangzhou) 8 September 2016. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-09-08-g20-agenda-action-plan.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1.

¹³⁹⁶ Berlin Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 20 May 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G20-Gesundheitsministertreffen/G20_Health_Ministers_Declaration_engl.pdf.

¹³⁹⁷ Berlin Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 20 May 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G20-Gesundheitsministertreffen/G20_Health_Ministers_Declaration_engl.pdf.

¹³⁹⁸ Human resources for health and implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations' High-Level Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth, WHO (Geneva) 15 May 2017. Access Date: 31 October 2017. http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA70/A70_18-en.pdf.

¹³⁹⁹ Working for Health: Five year action plan for health employment & inclusive economic growth adopted at the 70th World Health Assembly, WHO (Geneva) 29 May 2017. Access Date: 31 October 2017. http://www.who.int/hrh/news/2017/working4health_fiveyearactionplan/en/.

¹⁴⁰⁰ G20 Leaders' Declaration, G20 Summit (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/EN/_Anlagen/G20/G20-leaders-declaration.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=11.

¹⁴⁰¹ Historic New Sustainable Development Agenda Unanimously Adopted by 193 UN Members, United Nations (New York) 27 September 2015. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2015/09/historic-new-sustainable-development-agenda-unanimously-adopted-by-193-un-members/>.

¹⁴⁰² G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Summit (Hangzhou) 8 September 2016. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-09-08-g20-agenda-action-plan.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1.

¹⁴⁰³ Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Sustainable Development UN (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>.

Sustainable Development, both reiterate the G20's commitment to fulfilling these goals and view of strengthening health systems as a key strategy to accomplishing this.¹⁴⁰⁴

SDG 3.8, achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC), is particularly pertinent to the G20's commitment to fulfilling the SDGs, as it acts as a strategic objective for strengthening health systems.¹⁴⁰⁵ The "Health Ministers' Declaration" acknowledges a paper by WHO and the World Bank, "Healthy systems for universal health coverage — a joint vision for healthy lives," as the "reference framework" for health systems strengthening (HSS).¹⁴⁰⁶ The paper was published for the International Health Partnership for Universal Health Coverage (UHC2030) and outlines the strategies for HSS through five performance dimensions: equity, quality, responsiveness, efficiency and resilience; and through three action areas: service delivery, health financing and governance.¹⁴⁰⁷ While the G20 is not an official partner of UHC2030,¹⁴⁰⁸ the G20 has recognized this paper as a worthy guideline for G20 members' HSS policies.

While the G20's commitment to strengthening global health systems and the health workforce is reflective of its larger commitment to the SDGs, it is also a significant strategy for strengthening socio-economic stability.¹⁴⁰⁹ The commitment to health is thus demonstrative of how the G20's goals of financial and economic cooperation have extended to have wide-reaching societal impacts.¹⁴¹⁰

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment is to "strive for cooperative action to strengthen health systems worldwide, including through developing the health workforce." There are three components to this commitment: cooperative action, strengthening global health systems, and developing the health workforce. Each component must be fulfilled in order to achieve full compliance.

Part One: Cooperative Action

The first component, "cooperative action," signifies that members must demonstrate their participation in cooperative initiatives either with other states, or with international organizations such as WHO or the OECD. Not only must initiatives be cooperative, they must also be actions. The three action areas outlined by "Healthy systems for universal health coverage" (service delivery, health financing, and governance) are valuable starting points for assessing whether or not an

¹⁴⁰⁴ Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-hamburg-update.html>.

¹⁴⁰⁵ Berlin Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 20 May 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G20-Gesundheitsministertreffen/G20_Health_Ministers_Declaration_engl.pdf.

¹⁴⁰⁶ Berlin Declaration of the G20 Health Ministers, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 20 May 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/G/G20-Gesundheitsministertreffen/G20_Health_Ministers_Declaration_engl.pdf.

¹⁴⁰⁷ Healthy systems for universal health coverage — a joint vision for healthy lives, UHC2030 (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. https://www.uhc2030.org/fileadmin/uploads/uhc2030/Documents/About_UHC2030/mgt_arrangemts___docs/UHC2030_Official_documents/UHC2030_vision_paper_WEB2.pdf.

¹⁴⁰⁸ UHC2030 Partners, UHC2030 (Geneva). Access Date: 31 October 2017. <https://www.uhc2030.org/about-us/uhc2030-partners/>.

¹⁴⁰⁹ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Summit (Hangzhou) 8 September 2016. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2016-09-08-g20-agenda-action-plan.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1.

¹⁴¹⁰ The History of the G20 Summit, G20 Summit. Access Date: 31 October 2017. https://www.g20.org/Webs/G20/EN/G20/History/history_node.html.

initiative may be deemed an action. For example, joint declarations unaccompanied by specific policy initiatives thus do not apply to compliance. An example of a suitable cooperative action would be an increase in official development assistance for health by a member done in conjunction with WHO.

Part Two: Strengthening Health Systems Worldwide

The second component, “strengthen health systems world-wide,” uses WHO’s definition of a health system, i.e., the activities, people, institutions and resources whose goals are to maintain and improve health, and combat ill health under the umbrella of policy.¹⁴¹¹ WHO outlines “a robust financing mechanism; a well-trained and adequately paid workforce; reliable information on which to base decisions and policies; well maintained facilities and logistics to deliver quality medicines and technologies”¹⁴¹² as essential to all strong health systems. Members’ health policies that count towards compliance must thus specifically target health systems. Examples of applicable policies include cooperating to increase the distribution of health services in rural areas, supporting the development of health science research capabilities, or assisting in implementing vital statistics systems, among many others. As this component also includes the caveat “worldwide,” initiatives that are purely domestic in nature will not count towards compliance. However, domestic initiatives may count for compliance if they are conducted under the purview of “cooperative action,” wherein a domestic policy is implemented in conjunction with another state or international organization.

Part Three: Developing the Health Workforce

The final component for assessing compliance is the focus on “developing the health workforce.” A “health workforce” is composed of individuals responsible for all human aspects of a health system. Members must demonstrate initiatives that specifically develop human aspects through methods such as those recommended by the “Five-Year Action Plan for Health Employment and Inclusive Economic Growth.” Examples include improving education of health professionals or increasing health career opportunities for disadvantaged members of society, such as women and youth.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take action according to all three components of this commitment. If only two or one are achieved, members will receive a score of partial compliance. A score of no compliance will be accorded only with no demonstrable compliance in any of the three aforementioned factors by a member.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member does not partake in cooperative policy actions AND does not strengthen worldwide health systems AND does not develop the health workforce.
0	G20 member partakes in cooperative policy actions AND strengthens worldwide health systems BUT does not develop the health workforce OR does not partake in cooperative policy actions BUT strengthens worldwide health systems AND develops the health workforce OR partakes in cooperative policy actions AND develops the health workforce BUT does not strengthen worldwide health systems OR complies with only one of the three requirements
+1	G20 member partakes in cooperative policy actions AND strengthens worldwide health systems AND develops the health workforce

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¹⁴¹¹ Health Systems Strengthening Glossary, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 30 October 2017. http://www.who.int/healthsystems/hss_glossary/en/index5.html.

¹⁴¹² Health Systems, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 30 October 2017. http://www.who.int/topics/health_systems/en/.

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 23 August 2017, the Ministry of Health met with representatives from ten countries, and from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to commit to strategies to reduce obesity and to minimize obesogenic environments.¹⁴¹³ The commitments included expanded regulation of packaged foods and limiting sodium and trans fat content in foods.¹⁴¹⁴

On 8 September 2017, Minister of Health Jorge Lemus and Jassen Latin America South Laboratory General Manager Roy Benchimol agreed to joint actions aimed at strengthening national health outcomes through improving prevention and treatment of diseases, improving training of health professionals, disseminating information of public health policy, and expediting response time for clinical trial authorization.¹⁴¹⁵ Furthermore, the Ministry agreed to an investment of ARS78 million in clinical pharmacology studies from 2017 to 2020, which will in turn create an estimated 3,000 jobs for laboratory personnel, including statisticians, principal investigators, and laboratory assistants.¹⁴¹⁶

On 20 October 2017, Minister Lemus, President Mauricio Macri, and Uruguayan President Tabaré Vázquez met at the World Health Organization (WHO) conference on Noncommunicable Diseases (NCDs).¹⁴¹⁷ They established the multilateral goal of reducing NCD mortality in Uruguay by the year 2030 through epidemiological surveillance, health delivery improvements, physical activity and nutrition education promotion, and regulation of tobacco and alcohol.¹⁴¹⁸

On 9 November 2017, Minister Lemus, Minister of Finance Luis Caputo, and Italian Management Unit Development Fund of Deposits and Loans Head Stefano Gatti held a meeting to sign a loan in the amount of EUR42 million to Argentina from Italy.¹⁴¹⁹ It is to be used for the acquisition of medical equipment and training of health professionals in the implementation of the Program of

¹⁴¹³ Argentina Presentó en Chile la Estrategia de Regulación de Entornos Obesogénicos, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 23 August 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-presento-en-chile-la-estrategia-de-regulacion-de-entornos-obesogenicos>.

¹⁴¹⁴ Argentina Presentó en Chile la Estrategia de Regulación de Entornos Obesogénicos, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 23 August 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-presento-en-chile-la-estrategia-de-regulacion-de-entornos-obesogenicos>.

¹⁴¹⁵ Ministerio de Salud y Farmacéutica Janssen Firmaron un Acuerdo Marco de Cooperación, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ministerio-de-salud-y-farmaceutica-janssen-firmaron-un-acuerdo-marco-de-cooperacion>.

¹⁴¹⁶ Ministerio de Salud y Farmacéutica Janssen Firmaron un Acuerdo Marco de Cooperación, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/ministerio-de-salud-y-farmaceutica-janssen-firmaron-un-acuerdo-marco-de-cooperacion>.

¹⁴¹⁷ Lemus Disertó en la Conferencia Mundial sobre Enfermedades No Transmisibles en Uruguay, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lemus-diserto-en-la-conferencia-mundial-sobre-enfermedades-no-transmisibles-en-uruguay>.

¹⁴¹⁸ Lemus Disertó en la Conferencia Mundial sobre Enfermedades No Transmisibles en Uruguay, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/lemus-diserto-en-la-conferencia-mundial-sobre-enfermedades-no-transmisibles-en-uruguay>.

¹⁴¹⁹ Argentina Firmó con Italia Financiamiento para Fortalecer Prestaciones de Salud, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-firmo-con-italia-financiamiento-para-fortalecer-prestaciones-de-salud>.

Support for the Public Sector Phase II.¹⁴²⁰ Argentina is also to receive aid from PAHO to help train their professionals.¹⁴²¹

On 15 November 2017, the Third Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on HIV/AIDS took place in Haiti with representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.¹⁴²² The forum reaffirmed the goals of HIV/AIDS impact reduction by the year 2020 and established strategies for sustainability in responses to HIV/AIDS, to be implemented by the year 2030.¹⁴²³

On 21 November 2017, the Ministry of Health announced participation in the first WHO ministerial Conference on Ending Tuberculosis in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response in Moscow.¹⁴²⁴ At the conference, Minister Lemus arranged with WHO General Director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus a 2018 conference about municipal health systems.¹⁴²⁵ Additionally, the Ministry announced the final review of the Protocol of Intentions on Matters of Health between Argentina and Italy with Minister of Health of Emilia Romagna Sergio Venturi.¹⁴²⁶

On 4 December 2017, Minister of Health Adolfo Rubinstein and Salteño Governor Manuel Urtubey, as well as municipal health ministers from Salta, Buenos Aires, Santiago del Estero, Jujuy, and Misiones, signed an agreement to use funds from the Support Program for the Public Sector, Phase II, which granted Argentina a loan from the Italian government for the purposes of health system improvement, to purchase and implement new medical equipment in clinics in the aforementioned

¹⁴²⁰ Argentina Firmó con Italia Financiamiento para Fortalecer Prestaciones de Salud, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-firmo-con-italia-financiamiento-para-fortalecer-prestaciones-de-salud>.

¹⁴²¹ Argentina Firmó con Italia Financiamiento para Fortalecer Prestaciones de Salud, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-firmo-con-italia-financiamiento-para-fortalecer-prestaciones-de-salud>.

¹⁴²² Argentina Está al Frente del Grupo que Reúne a las Autoridades de VIH-sida en América Latina y el Caribe, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 15 July 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-esta-al-frente-del-grupo-que-reune-las-autoridades-de-vih-sida-en-america-latina>.

¹⁴²³ Argentina Está al Frente del Grupo que Reúne a las Autoridades de VIH-sida en América Latina y el Caribe, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 15 July 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-esta-al-frente-del-grupo-que-reune-las-autoridades-de-vih-sida-en-america-latina>.

¹⁴²⁴ Se Realizó en Moscú la Primera Conferencia Ministerial Mundial, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizo-en-moscu-la-primera-conferencia-ministerial-mundial>.

¹⁴²⁵ Se Realizó en Moscú la Primera Conferencia Ministerial Mundial, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizo-en-moscu-la-primera-conferencia-ministerial-mundial>.

¹⁴²⁶ Se Realizó en Moscú la Primera Conferencia Ministerial Mundial, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/se-realizo-en-moscu-la-primera-conferencia-ministerial-mundial>.

cities.¹⁴²⁷ The funds will also be used to train more healthcare personnel and thereby expand the health workforce.¹⁴²⁸

On 7 December 2017, the XLI Meeting of Ministers of Health with the Southern Common Market (Mercosur) took place between Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay as full members, as well as Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, and Suriname as associate nations.¹⁴²⁹ Minister Rubinstein committed to promotion of equitable care, prevention of noncommunicable, chronic diseases, such as diabetes, and expansion of health coverage, working towards Minister Rubinstein's goal of universal health coverage.¹⁴³⁰ He intends to do this through expanding public-sector health spending in health and reorganizing the financial system for health to integrate more health services.¹⁴³¹

Argentina has successfully strengthened their own health system, as well as those of other countries, through cooperative action. It has also expanded and trained the health workforce of others as well as of themselves. Argentina has worked with multitudinous countries from three continents, led health conferences, trained civilians to be health workers, and created networks to expand access to health care.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 20 July 2017, Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop announced a contribution of AUD500,000 to the World Health Organization (WHO) to help fight dengue fever in Sri Lanka.¹⁴³² The funds will be used to implement a “comprehensive Dengue Prevention and Control Plan to enhance hospital triage and case management, cleaning, public awareness and surveillance

¹⁴²⁷ Cinco Provincias Serán Beneficiadas con Equipamiento Médico y Capacitación de Recursos Humanos, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/cinco-provincias-seran-beneficiadas-con-equipamiento-medico-y-capacitacion-de-recursos>.

¹⁴²⁸ Cinco Provincias Serán Beneficiadas con Equipamiento Médico y Capacitación de Recursos Humanos, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/cinco-provincias-seran-beneficiadas-con-equipamiento-medico-y-capacitacion-de-recursos>.

¹⁴²⁹ Rubinstein Presentó los Lineamientos Estratégicos de su Gestión ante Ministros de Salud del Mercosur, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/rubinstein-presento-los-lineamientos-estrategicos-de-su-gestion-ante-ministros-de-salud-del>.

¹⁴³⁰ Rubinstein Presentó los Lineamientos Estratégicos de su Gestión ante Ministros de Salud del Mercosur, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/rubinstein-presento-los-lineamientos-estrategicos-de-su-gestion-ante-ministros-de-salud-del>.

¹⁴³¹ Rubinstein Presentó los Lineamientos Estratégicos de su Gestión ante Ministros de Salud del Mercosur, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/rubinstein-presento-los-lineamientos-estrategicos-de-su-gestion-ante-ministros-de-salud-del>.

¹⁴³² Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170720.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

systems.”¹⁴³³ In addition, Minister Bishop launched a partnership between Monash University’s Eliminate Dengue Program and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Health in order to reduce risk of dengue in Sri Lanka.¹⁴³⁴

On 12 August 2017, Minister Bishop announced the investment of AUD7.7 million in pilot programs to fight mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue fever, in Fiji, Vanuatu and Kiribati.¹⁴³⁵ These programs aim to build “countries’ capabilities to detect, assess and respond to diseases with epidemic potential.”¹⁴³⁶ Minister Bishop also announced an AUD4 million investment in winners of the LAUNCH Food Challenge in order to fight malnutrition, AUD2.5 million of which will go towards Pacific states.¹⁴³⁷ LAUNCH Food Challenge is a partnership between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and United States Agency for International Development (USAID).¹⁴³⁸

On 1 September 2017, Australia pledged AUD2 million to international relief efforts in Nepal following floods and landslides in the country.¹⁴³⁹ AUD1 million was designated to the World Food Programme (WFP) in order to treat moderate acute malnutrition, and AUD1 million was designated to Australian non-profit organizations to provide emergence food, shelter, clean water and healthcare.¹⁴⁴⁰ Australia also pledged the provision of hygiene supplies and health services to 6,600 Nepalese women and girls.¹⁴⁴¹

On 9 September 2017, Minister Bishop announced AUD5 million in humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh and Myanmar in response to violence in Rakhine State in Myanmar. The funding goes towards the WFP, International Organization for Migration (IOM), and Red Cross.¹⁴⁴²

¹⁴³³ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170720.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴³⁴ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170720.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴³⁵ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170812.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴³⁶ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170812.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴³⁷ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170812.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴³⁸ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170812.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴³⁹ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017 Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170901.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴⁰ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170901.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴¹ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170901.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴² Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170909.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

On 16 September 2017, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade announced AUD30 million in support for Yemen, South Sudan, and Somalia in order to combat famine and medical emergencies. In South Sudan and Somalia, the funding will go towards providing food, clean water, and medical and psychological support to survivors of sexual violence.¹⁴⁴³ In Yemen, the funding will go towards providing food and access to clean water, and combatting cholera.¹⁴⁴⁴ The support will be provided through the WFP, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Australian non-profit organizations.¹⁴⁴⁵

On 17 September 2017, the Government of Australia pledged up to AUD15 million to provide "essential health services for displaced people in Bangladesh" who have been affected by the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar.¹⁴⁴⁶ The funds will go towards the WFP, IOM, and other humanitarian organizations.¹⁴⁴⁷

On 8 October 2017, Australia announced the launch of the Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative.¹⁴⁴⁸ This initiative will disperse AUD300 million over five years (2017-2022) to fund research on infectious diseases (AUD16 million), develop new pharmaceutical products (AUD75 million), and strengthen health systems in developing countries of the Western Pacific region, including Cambodia and Papua New Guinea.¹⁴⁴⁹ The initiative also includes a new Health Security Corps, which will coordinate the placement of Australian health professionals across the Western Pacific region, enabling them to share their expert knowledge with local health workforces.¹⁴⁵⁰ The initiative's AUD300 million budget will also include AUD20 million over four years to WHO's Health Emergencies Program.¹⁴⁵¹

On 9 October 2017 Region Committee for the Pacific Region, the Federal Government signed its first Country Cooperation Strategy (CCS) with WHO, between Minister of Health Greg Hunt and

¹⁴⁴³ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170916a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴⁴ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

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¹⁴⁴⁵ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170916a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴⁶ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170919.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴⁷ Additional humanitarian assistance for Myanmar and Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) September 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170919.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁴⁸ Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative, Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171008.aspx.

¹⁴⁴⁹ Health Security in the 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper, Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) November 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://indopacifichealthsecurity.dfat.gov.au/Pages/News/News/White-Paper.aspx>.

¹⁴⁵⁰ New initiatives put regional health security at the forefront of Australian aid priorities, Devex (Canberra) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.devex.com/news/new-initiatives-put-regional-health-security-at-the-forefront-of-australian-aid-priorities-91224>.

¹⁴⁵¹ Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative, Australia Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171008.aspx.

WHO Regional Director for the Western Pacific Dr. Shin Young-soo.¹⁴⁵² The CCS identifies “four strategic priorities as a focus for the partnership over the coming five years: 1) health security; 2) people-centered health systems for universal health coverage (UHC); 3) regulatory strengthening; and 4) working together to support to WHO in its efforts to achieve organizational excellence.”¹⁴⁵³

On 23 October 2017, Minister Bishop announced a further AUD10 million to support people affected by the Rohingya crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh.¹⁴⁵⁴ The funding will support the WFP, Save The Children, Oxfam, Care, Australian Red Cross, and UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), each of which will focus on providing medical care for those injured by the violence and in providing maternal health services to the displaced persons, 70 per cent of whom are young children and pregnant or breastfeeding women.¹⁴⁵⁵

On 14 November 2017, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade published a “success story” about eye-care non-governmental organization, Sight For All, which is operating in Myanmar and has been supported by the Australia NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).¹⁴⁵⁶ The Government of Australia has provided regular foreign aid funding through the ANCP, which is estimated to provide AUD129.3 million in 2017-18¹⁴⁵⁷ to various initiatives—including supporting other eye-health projects that have provided training for biomedical technicians in Kiribati¹⁴⁵⁸ and Pakistan.¹⁴⁵⁹

On 15 December 2017, Minister Bishop announced AUD600,000 in humanitarian support for communities affected by volcanic activity in Bali, Indonesia.¹⁴⁶⁰ This humanitarian support will help meet the needs of 17,000 displaced persons, providing sanitation services and medical care.¹⁴⁶¹

¹⁴⁵² New Country Cooperation Strategy signed will leverage Aust's experience and expertise to solve regional health problems, Twitter (Canberra) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://twitter.com/healthgovau/status/917274502752378880>.

¹⁴⁵³ Australia-WHO Country Cooperation Strategy 2018-2022 (Canberra) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://iris.wpro.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665.1/13681/WPRO-2017-DPM-028-eng.pdf>.

¹⁴⁵⁴ Rohingya Crisis: Australia Commits Further \$10M In Humanitarian Aid, Huffington Post Australia (Sydney) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://www.huffingtonpost.com.au/2017/10/23/rohingya-crisis-australia-commits-further-10m-in-humanitarian-aid_a_23252087/.

¹⁴⁵⁵ Further humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh and Myanmar, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171023.aspx.

¹⁴⁵⁶ Strengthening eye health care in Myanmar, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) November 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/who-we-work-with/ngos/ancp/news/Pages/strengthening-eye-health-care-in-myanmar.aspx>.

¹⁴⁵⁷ Australian NGO Cooperation Program, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, November 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/who-we-work-with/ngos/ancp/Pages/australian-ngo-cooperation-program.aspx>.

¹⁴⁵⁸ Supporting a restorative eye clinic in Kiribati, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/who-we-work-with/ngos/ancp/news/Pages/supporting-restorative-eye-clinic-kiribati.aspx>.

¹⁴⁵⁹ Improving access to primary eye health services in Pakistan, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/who-we-work-with/ngos/ancp/news/Pages/improving-access-primary-eye-health-services-pakistan.aspx>.

¹⁴⁶⁰ Humanitarian assistance to Indonesia, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171215a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁶¹ Humanitarian assistance to Indonesia, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171215a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

On 21 December 2017, Minister Bishop announced the deployment of a team of medical experts to Bangladesh to assess the conditions in a disease outbreak following the Rohingya crisis.¹⁴⁶² The Australian Medical Assistance Team (AUSMAT) will be funded from the Government of Australia's existing AUD30 million commitment to help people affected by the Rohingya crisis.¹⁴⁶³ Australian medical professionals will work with WHO partners to contain the disease outbreak.¹⁴⁶⁴

On 18 January 2018, Australia announced AUD1.5 million in support for the IOM in order to combat a diphtheria outbreak among Rohingya living in camps in Bangladesh.¹⁴⁶⁵ The support will "supply life-saving medicines, help quarantine the sick, train local medical staff, and boost community awareness activities aimed at reducing infection rates."¹⁴⁶⁶

On 16 February 2018, Minister Bishop pledged AUD3 million in funding to support short and long-term recovery efforts in Tonga following Tropical Cyclone Gita.¹⁴⁶⁷ The funding will support the Red Cross Movement, the Tongan Women and Children's Crisis Centre, and Australian NGOs.¹⁴⁶⁸ In the long term, Australia pledged to support restoration of critical infrastructure, as well as health and education services.¹⁴⁶⁹

On 19-20 February 2018, Australia hosted the inaugural Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP) summit.¹⁴⁷⁰ The summit included "senior digital health officials from Austria, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Italy, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and the WHO."¹⁴⁷¹ According to the Digital Health Agency, the GDHP "is an opportunity for deep, transformational engagement by governments, digital health agencies, and the WHO so they can learn, share policy and other evidence that supports

¹⁴⁶² Australian medical team to assess disease outbreak in Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171221.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁶³ Australian medical team to assess disease outbreak in Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171221.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁶⁴ Australian medical team to assess disease outbreak in Bangladesh, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_171221.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁶⁵ Additional humanitarian assistance to Tonga and Samoa, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180216a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁶⁶ Additional humanitarian assistance to Tonga and Samoa, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

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¹⁴⁶⁷ Additional humanitarian assistance to Tonga and Samoa, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2018 Access Date: 18 March 2018.

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¹⁴⁶⁸ Additional humanitarian assistance to Tonga and Samoa, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2018 Access Date: 18 March 2018.

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¹⁴⁶⁹ Additional humanitarian assistance to Tonga and Samoa, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) February 2018 Access Date: 18 March 2018.

https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180216a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK+g9ZKEg==.

¹⁴⁷⁰ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁴⁷¹ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

them to deliver better digital health services.”¹⁴⁷² Australia will host the GDHP secretariat for the next year.¹⁴⁷³

Australia has demonstrated a strong commitment to pursuing cooperative action, as demonstrated by its partnerships with international organizations such as the WFP and WHO, and by its role in establishing the GDHP. Australia has also strengthened international health systems, particularly in Sri Lanka, the Pacific region and Myanmar. In addition, Australia has developed health workforces, as demonstrated by its establishment of a new Health Security Corps, and by its training of biomedical technicians in Kiribati and Pakistan.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Bruce Cinnamon

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 19 September 2017, the Brazilian and Chilean Ministries of Health met to discuss healthy eating policies as well building food guides and policies regarding front food labeling.¹⁴⁷⁴ The meeting was mediated alongside the General Coordination of Food and Nutrition alongside the Advisory Board on International Health Affairs.¹⁴⁷⁵ The two nations began preparations for bilateral health cooperation.¹⁴⁷⁶

On 26 September 2017, the Brazilian and American governments signed a partnership to produce the second stage of the Zika vaccine.¹⁴⁷⁷ This agreement was signed between Minister of Health Ricardo Barros and United States Minister of Health Thomas Price at the Pan American Sanitary Conference.¹⁴⁷⁸ The agreement marks the beginning the human testing phase of the Zika vaccine

¹⁴⁷² Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁴⁷³ Global Digital Health Partnership — 19 & 20 February 2018 Summit Canberra, Australia Communique, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership/Global-Digital-Health-Partnership-Summit-Communique-February-2018-FINAL.pdf>.

¹⁴⁷⁴ Brasil e Chile debatem políticas de alimentação saudável, Ministry of Health (Brasília) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/index.php/o-ministerio/aisa/noticias-aisa/29687-brasil-e-chile-debatem-politicas-de-alimentacao-saudavel>.

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¹⁴⁷⁷ Brazil to speed up zika virus vaccine production, says Health minister, EBC Agencia Brasil (Brasília) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/en/geral/noticia/2017-09/brazil-speed-zika-virus-vaccine-production-says-health-minister>.

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clinical trial.¹⁴⁷⁹ The American and Brazilian researchers will streamline the vaccine production process to develop it efficiently.¹⁴⁸⁰

On 6 October 2017, Brazil and Bolivia signed a cooperation agreement on health in the border region between the two states.¹⁴⁸¹ The agreement was signed by the Secretary of Strategic and Participatory Management at the Ministry of Health Gerlane Baccarin and by the Bolivian Minister of Foreign Affairs Fernando Huanacuni.¹⁴⁸² The agreement aims to stimulate coordination efforts in the border region, and to create the Working Group on Health at the Brazil-Bolivia Border.¹⁴⁸³ This group will identify the issues that affect health at the border.¹⁴⁸⁴

On 20 October 2017, the World Bank approved a USD50 million commitment to initiate the Paraíba Sustainable Rural Development Project in Brazil.¹⁴⁸⁵ Together, the World Bank and Brazil will work towards improving access to clean and safe water for the citizens of Paraíba by investing in desalination facilities, household rainwater harvesting systems, and rehabilitation of piped and non-piped water systems.¹⁴⁸⁶

On 15 November 2017, the Third Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) took place in Haiti with representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.¹⁴⁸⁷ The forum reaffirmed the goals of HIV/AIDS impact

¹⁴⁷⁹ Brazil to speed up zika virus vaccine production, says Health minister, EBC Agencia Brasil (Brasília) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/en/geral/noticia/2017-09/brazil-speed-zika-virus-vaccine-production-says-health-minister>.

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¹⁴⁸¹ Brasil e Bolívia assinam acordo de cooperação em saúde na área de fronteira, Ministry of Health (Brasília) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/index.php/o-ministerio/aisa/noticias-aisa/29922-brasil-e-bolivia-assinam-acordo-de-cooperacao-em-saude-na-area-de-fronteira>.

¹⁴⁸² Brasil e Bolívia assinam acordo de cooperação em saúde na área de fronteira, Ministry of Health (Brasília) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/index.php/o-ministerio/aisa/noticias-aisa/29922-brasil-e-bolivia-assinam-acordo-de-cooperacao-em-saude-na-area-de-fronteira>.

¹⁴⁸³ Brasil e Bolívia assinam acordo de cooperação em saúde na área de fronteira, Ministry of Health (Brasília) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/index.php/o-ministerio/aisa/noticias-aisa/29922-brasil-e-bolivia-assinam-acordo-de-cooperacao-em-saude-na-area-de-fronteira>.

¹⁴⁸⁴ Brasil e Bolívia assinam acordo de cooperação em saúde na área de fronteira, Ministry of Health (Brasília) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://portalsaude.saude.gov.br/index.php/o-ministerio/aisa/noticias-aisa/29922-brasil-e-bolivia-assinam-acordo-de-cooperacao-em-saude-na-area-de-fronteira>.

¹⁴⁸⁵ Paraíba Sustainable Rural Development, The World Bank (Washington) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://projects.worldbank.org/P147158?lang=en>.

¹⁴⁸⁶ Paraíba Sustainable Rural Development, The World Bank (Washington) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://projects.worldbank.org/P147158?lang=en>.

¹⁴⁸⁷ Argentina Está al Frente del Grupo que Reúne a las Autoridades de VIH-sida en América Latina y el Caribe, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 15 July 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-esta-al-frente-del-grupo-que-reune-las-autoridades-de-vih-sida-en-america-latina>.

reduction by the year 2020 and established strategies for sustainability in responses to HIV/AIDS, to be implemented by the year 2030.¹⁴⁸⁸

On 19 December 2017, the Ministry of Health and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) began a pilot project to improve the nutritional status of indigenous children under five, and to promote food and nutritional surveillance in indigenous villages.¹⁴⁸⁹ Part of the project are workshops with develop skills of indigenous families to understand what factors lead to child malnutrition, how to improve the quality of food and how to intervene directly in eating habits.¹⁴⁹⁰ The workshops are specifically tailored to the community that the Ministry of Health and UNICEF are trying to reach.¹⁴⁹¹ The aims of this program are to reduce child mortality and malnutrition, as well as negate the impact of the increase in consumption of industrialized products.¹⁴⁹²

On 27 December 2017, Brazil and Russia announced a five-year agreement under which the JSC Isotope will provide the National Nuclear Energy Commission with isotope products for diagnostic nuclear medicine.¹⁴⁹³ The agreement extends current weekly isotope supplies from Russia to include lutetium-177, yttrium-90, cobalt-57, and ionizing radiation based on iridium-192, germanium-68, and gallium-68.¹⁴⁹⁴

On 25 January 2018, Brazil launched the world's largest yellow fever vaccination campaign with strategic and material support from the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The campaign will use fractional doses to vaccinate approximately 23.8 million people in Brazil.¹⁴⁹⁵

Brazil has partially complied with its health compliance targets. The Ministry of Health has demonstrated cooperative action by initiating projects to improve health and sanitation in rural areas

¹⁴⁸⁸ Argentina Está al Frente del Grupo que Reúne a las Autoridades de VIH-sida en América Latina y el Caribe, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 15 July 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-esta-al-frente-del-grupo-que-reune-las-autoridades-de-vih-sida-en-america-latina>.

¹⁴⁸⁹ Ministry of Health and UNICEF promote food and nutritional surveillance workshops in indigenous villages, Ministry of Health (Brasilia) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://portalms.saude.gov.br/noticias/sesai/42210-ministerio-da-saude-e-unicef-promovem-oficinas-de-vigilancia-alimentar-e-nutricional-em-aldeias-indigenas>.

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¹⁴⁹¹ Ministry of Health and UNICEF promote food and nutritional surveillance workshops in indigenous villages, Ministry of Health (Brasilia) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://portalms.saude.gov.br/noticias/sesai/42210-ministerio-da-saude-e-unicef-promovem-oficinas-de-vigilancia-alimentar-e-nutricional-em-aldeias-indigenas>.

¹⁴⁹² Ministry of Health and UNICEF promote food and nutritional surveillance workshops in indigenous villages, Ministry of Health (Brasilia) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://portalms.saude.gov.br/noticias/sesai/42210-ministerio-da-saude-e-unicef-promovem-oficinas-de-vigilancia-alimentar-e-nutricional-em-aldeias-indigenas>.

¹⁴⁹³ Rosatom expands Russian-Brazilian cooperation in the field of nuclear medicine, Rosatom (Moscow) January 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.isotop.ru/en/view/2218/>.

¹⁴⁹⁴ Brazil and Russia extend cooperation in nuclear medicine, World Nuclear News (London) December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/C-Russia-and-Brazil-extend-cooperation-in-nuclear-medicine-27121701.html>.

¹⁴⁹⁵ Brazil launches world's largest campaign with fractional dose yellow fever vaccine, Pan American Health Organization (Washington) January 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=14065&Itemid=135&lang=en.

of Brazil alongside international organizations such as UNICEF and the World Bank. In addition, Brazil is actively cooperating with other states to share their expertise and to continue improving the health of the international community. An example of this cooperation is the joint development of the Zika vaccine by Brazil and the United States which is helping to address an international health problem. However, Brazil has not made improvements to the health workforce.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Dorota Borowsky

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 7 September 2017, Global Affairs Canada (GAC) announced its Feminist International Assistance Policy, which places priority on reproductive and sexual health services and access for women and girls.¹⁴⁹⁶ The policy also emphasizes the need to increase female access to nutrition, to “fight infectious diseases through equity-based approaches,” and to empower female health workers.¹⁴⁹⁷

On 18 October 2017, the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), a Canadian crown corporation aimed at supporting research in developing countries, and Cancer Research UK launched the Economics of Tobacco Control Research Initiative, a five-year initiative to prevent tobacco-related diseases and promote public health in Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa.¹⁴⁹⁸ The initiative offers up to CAD1 million over four years to support research on effective local policy solutions for tobacco control.¹⁴⁹⁹

On 15 November 2017, the IDRC announced two new initiatives to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers for women in developing countries.¹⁵⁰⁰ The first is a CAD15 million fellowship program for early career female scientists funded by IDRC and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency through the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)’s Organization for Women in Science in the

¹⁴⁹⁶ Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Policy, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://www.international.gc.ca/gac-amc/campaign-campagne/iap-pai/index.aspx?lang=eng&utm_campaign=iap-pai-2017&utm_source=sm&utm_medium=twitter-en.

¹⁴⁹⁷ Canada’s Feminist International Assistance Plan, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/priorities-priorites/policy-politique.aspx?lang=eng - 5.1.

¹⁴⁹⁸ The Economics of Tobacco Control Research Initiative, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/initiative/economics-tobacco-control-research-initiative>.

¹⁴⁹⁹ The Economics of Tobacco Control Research Initiative, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/initiative/economics-tobacco-control-research-initiative>.

¹⁵⁰⁰ Two new initiatives to support STEM careers for women, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) 15 November 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/two-new-initiatives-support-stem-careers-women>.

Developing World.¹⁵⁰¹ The second is a grant of up to CAD1.5 million for 20 postdoctoral fellowships for indigenous Mexican women to pursue studies in STEM.¹⁵⁰²

On 17 November 2017, the Governments of Canada and India announced a joint venture to fund collaborative medical electronics research and development.¹⁵⁰³ A particular focus is on the development of low-field MRI scanners, which will improve portability and affordability, particularly for rural communities.¹⁵⁰⁴

On 13 December 2017, Canada announced an aid package of CAD50 million to the Rohingya humanitarian crisis.¹⁵⁰⁵ Organizations that will receive aid include Medecins sans Frontieres and Medecins du Monde.¹⁵⁰⁶ Targeting funding will also go towards safe water supply, sanitation and hygiene facilities, sexual health and reproductive services, and mental health supports.¹⁵⁰⁷

On 7 February 2018, the Centre of Excellence for CRVS Systems launched a new website to improve ease of access to online resources for developing countries aiming to improve their civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems.¹⁵⁰⁸ CRVS improvements increase populations' access to public health services, and allow governments to better prioritize health goals.¹⁵⁰⁹ The Centre of Excellence was established by GAC and IRDC.¹⁵¹⁰

On 9 February 2018, GAC announced seven new programs designed to improve the sexual and reproductive health of adolescent girls and women, and health of populations with emergency needs.

¹⁵⁰¹ Two new initiatives to support STEM careers for women, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) 15 November 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/two-new-initiatives-support-stem-careers-women>.

¹⁵⁰² Two new initiatives to support STEM careers for women, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) 15 November 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/two-new-initiatives-support-stem-careers-women>.

¹⁵⁰³ India-Canada joint venture in medical electronics to ensure affordable healthcare, India Times (India) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/medical-devices/india-canada-joint-venture-in-medical-electronics-to-ensure-affordable-healthcare/61686467>.

¹⁵⁰⁴ India-Canada joint venture in medical electronics to ensure affordable healthcare, India Times (India) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/medical-devices/india-canada-joint-venture-in-medical-electronics-to-ensure-affordable-healthcare/61686467>.

¹⁵⁰⁵ Canada's response to Rohingya humanitarian crisis tops 50M dollars, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-aid-rohingya-myanmar-bangladesh-1.4446139>.

¹⁵⁰⁶ Canada's response to Rohingya humanitarian crisis tops 50M dollars, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-aid-rohingya-myanmar-bangladesh-1.4446139>.

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¹⁵⁰⁸ New website will help record vital life events to improve access to services for all, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/new-website-will-help-record-vital-life-events-improve-access-services-all>

¹⁵⁰⁹ About CRVS Systems, Centre of Excellence IDRC (Canada). Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://crvssystems.ca/about-crvs-systems>.

¹⁵¹⁰ New website will help record vital life events to improve access to services for all, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/new-website-will-help-record-vital-life-events-improve-access-services-all>.

Overall, CAD86.9 Million was pledged to assist Southern Senegal, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad, and Niger.¹⁵¹¹

On 19 to 20 February 2018, Canada joined Austria, Australia, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Italy, Korea, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and WHO to establish the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP) at a summit in Canberra, Australia.¹⁵¹² The GDHP “is an opportunity for deep, transformational engagement by governments, digital health agencies, and the WHO so they can learn, share policy and other evidence that supports them to deliver better digital health services.”¹⁵¹³

On 21 February 2018, GAC announced three new initiatives to improve Haiti’s healthcare system.¹⁵¹⁴ The first is a pledge of CAD15 million over four years to the UN Population Fund aimed at building Haiti’s capacity to train, recruit, deploy, and retain midwives.¹⁵¹⁵ The second is a pledge of CAD20 million over five years to the UN Foundation and Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.¹⁵¹⁶ This project aims to improve women’s health and economic situations through the promotion of clean energy and cookstoves.¹⁵¹⁷ The third initiative pledges CAD550,000 to Partners in Health and Zanmi Lasante’s project of improving information collection systems to provide better sexual violence prevention services for women and girls.¹⁵¹⁸

On 22 February 2018, IDRC and the Government of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding to continue research in India on development innovation in fields such as finance, agriculture, industry and health.¹⁵¹⁹

On 28 February 2018, Minister of Finance Bill Morneau announced that Canadian foreign aid would be receiving an additional CAD2 billion over the next five years as part of the 2018-2019 budget reveal.¹⁵²⁰ Improving international healthcare systems is one of the stated goals of the aid.¹⁵²¹

¹⁵¹¹ Improving sexual and reproductive health and rights for women and girls, and humanitarian assistance, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018 https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/02/improving_sexualandreproductivehealthandrightsforwomenandgirls.html.

¹⁵¹² Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁵¹³ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁵¹⁴ Canada announces projects in Haiti’s health and agricultural sectors, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/02/canada_announcesprojectsinhaitishealthandagriculturalsectors.html.

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¹⁵¹⁸ Canada announces projects in Haiti’s health and agricultural sectors, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/02/canada_announcesprojectsinhaitishealthandagriculturalsectors.html.

¹⁵¹⁹ IDRC and the Government of India announce their renewed support for research, International Development Research Centre (Ottawa) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/news/idrc-and-government-india-announce-their-renewed-support-research>.

On 16 March 2018, GAC announced CAD8.15 million in humanitarian assistance for Rohingya refugees.¹⁵²² The funding will go towards the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Organization for Migration, World Food Programme, UN Population Fund, Adventist Development and Relief Agency, UN High Commission for Refugees, and Action Against Hunger.¹⁵²³ The health goals of the funding include providing clean drinking water, nutrition services, mental health and psychological support services, family planning and sexual health and reproductive services, and hygiene kits for women and girls.¹⁵²⁴

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to cooperative action as demonstrated by its joint initiatives with countries such as India, and organizations such as UNESCO. Canada has also strengthened health systems worldwide through actions such as the new Centre of Excellence for CRVS website, and through humanitarian aid and support. Canada has also improved the health workforce by encouraging women in STEM, and by providing training for Haitian midwives.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Heather Wong

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 29 July 2017, the Chinese government provided a new round of health aid to South Sudan, including an ambulance car with medical equipment for the Juba Teaching hospital, along with funds for the hospital's modernization and USD1 million toward the eradication of cholera.¹⁵²⁵ Ambassador to South Sudan He Xiandong and Minister of Health Chen Zhu, as well as South Sudan's Minister of Finance and Planning, met at the hospital for the handover ceremony.¹⁵²⁶

¹⁵²⁰ Canada's foreign aid spending still below OECD average after budget boost, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 28 February 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-foreign-aid-budget-1.4556537>.

¹⁵²¹ Canada's foreign aid spending still below OECD average after budget boost, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 28 February 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-foreign-aid-budget-1.4556537>.

¹⁵²² Canada commits \$8.15 million to aid Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and people in Myanmar, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/03/canada-commits-815-million-to-aid-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-and-people-in-myanmar.html>.

¹⁵²³ Canada commits \$8.15 million to aid Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and people in Myanmar, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/03/canada-commits-815-million-to-aid-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-and-people-in-myanmar.html>.

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¹⁵²⁵ China Provides Aid to South Sudan in Health Sector, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 20 July 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2017. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/zwbd_665378/y1481086.shtml.

¹⁵²⁶ China Provides Aid to South Sudan in Health Sector, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 20 July 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2017. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/wjb_663304/zwjg_665342/zwbd_665378/y1481086.shtml.

On 18 October 2017, Premier Xi Jinping addressed the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to announce the establishment of a medical insurance network to ensure 1.4 billion people worldwide.¹⁵²⁷ He stressed that the government would ensure the delivery of comprehensive lifecycle health services for its people and provide basic healthcare, medical insurance and quality and efficient healthcare services.¹⁵²⁸ During the Congress, the Premier also announced the launch of the “Healthy China Initiative” which will improve the accessibility of medical and health services.¹⁵²⁹

On 12 November 2017, China, Korea, and Japan agreed to exchange information and technology pertaining to managing chronic disease at the Tripartite Health Ministers’ meeting.¹⁵³⁰ They additionally agreed to incorporate traditional medicine under the international disease classification and create international industrial standards in traditional medicine through the International Organization for Standardization.¹⁵³¹ In the context of China, Korea and Japan, traditional medicine includes treatments such as acupuncture, herbal medicine, and cupping.¹⁵³²

On 14 November 2017, Premier Xi attended the foundation-laying ceremony for the Mahosot hospital in Laotian capital Vientiane along with Laotian President Bounnhang Vorachit.¹⁵³³ During the event, which was part of a larger visit by Premier Xi, who pledged a USD90 million grant to the hospital which will open in 2020.¹⁵³⁴ The Chinese government has also agreed to supply doctors for the first three years of the hospital’s operation.¹⁵³⁵

On 26 November 2017, Peace Ark, a Chinese naval hospital ship, completed its several month-long voyage around the African continent providing medical treatment to civilians.¹⁵³⁶ The near 100 day voyage included “246 surgeries, for 52,000 people in Djibouti, Sierra Leone, Gabon, the Republic of

¹⁵²⁷ China Establishes World’s Largest Medical Insurance Network, All-China Women’s Federation (Beijing) 20 October 2017. Access Date: November 25, 2017.

<http://www.womenofchina.cn/womenofchina/html1/features/health/1710/2715-1.htm>.

¹⁵²⁸ China Establishes World’s Largest Medical Insurance Network, All-China Women’s Federation (Beijing) 20 October 2017. Access Date: November 25, 2017.

<http://www.womenofchina.cn/womenofchina/html1/features/health/1710/2715-1.htm>.

¹⁵²⁹ President Xi’s ‘Healthy China’ vow will save lives proactively, Chinadaily (Beijing) 25 October 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2017. usa.chinadaily.com.cn/epaper/2017-10/25/content_33684899.htm.

¹⁵³⁰ S. Korea, China, Japan to enhance cooperation on aging population, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/11/12/0504000000AEN20171112002100315.html>.

¹⁵³¹ S. Korea, China, Japan to enhance cooperation on aging population, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017.

<http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/11/12/0504000000AEN20171112002100315.html>.

¹⁵³² Traditional, complementary and integrative medicine: Activities, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.who.int/traditional-complementary-integrative-medicine/activities/en/>.

¹⁵³³ Xi Jinping Jointly Attends Foundation-laying Ceremony for Mahosot Hospital with General Secretary of the LPRP Central Committee and President Bounnhang Vorachit of Laos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1511171/shtml.

¹⁵³⁴ Xi Jinping Jointly Attends Foundation-laying Ceremony for Mahosot Hospital with General Secretary of the LPRP Central Committee and President Bounnhang Vorachit of Laos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China (Beijing). 14 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017.

http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1511171/shtml.

¹⁵³⁵ China’s aid a matter of life and death for Laos, Asia Times (Hong Kong). 12 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <http://www.atimes.com/article/chinas-aid-matter-life-death-laos/>.

¹⁵³⁶ China’s experience helps Africa, Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (Beijing) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <http://www.focac.org/eng/zxxx/t1522601.htm>.

Congo, Angola, Mozambique and Tanzania.”¹⁵³⁷ In Dar Es Salaam, the ship also provided medical training to local medical staff.¹⁵³⁸

On 14 December 2017, the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare announced an agreement with China’s national health and family planning commission to “cooperate in healthcare areas of [mutual interest].”¹⁵³⁹ These areas include advancing health care coverage, and furthering the technology of traditional medicine, mental health, patient safety, and aging.¹⁵⁴⁰ The two health ministries also agreed to work together to prepare against and manage infectious diseases and cancer.¹⁵⁴¹

On 2 February 2018, the British Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding with the China Food and Drug Administration.¹⁵⁴² The two organizations agree to “new areas of cooperation such as an exchange of learning from the accelerated access review and how to regulate the trading of medicines online.”¹⁵⁴³

On 27 February 2018, the Ministry of Defense provided several types of medical equipment to the Cambodian Government-run Praeh Ket Meala military hospital.¹⁵⁴⁴ The equipment all serves to support heart and blood treatments, and includes scanning machines and operating tools.¹⁵⁴⁵

In establishing an international medical insurance program, providing health aid to South Sudan, Cambodia and Laos, and treating patients across Africa via the Peace Ark, China has clearly strived for cooperative action to strengthen health systems worldwide. In addition, by supplying doctors to the Mahosot hospital and training medical staff in Dar Es Salaam, the Chinese government demonstrated that it has undertaken cooperative action to develop the health workforce internationally.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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¹⁵³⁷ China’s experience helps Africa, Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (Beijing) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. <http://www.focac.org/eng/zxxx/t1522601.htm>.

¹⁵³⁸ Chinese naval hospital ship Peace Ark arrives in Tanzania, Chinadaily (Beijing) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/world/2017-11/20/content_34757172.htm.

¹⁵³⁹ Korea, China agree to cooperate on healthcare, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=2132>.

¹⁵⁴⁰ Korea, China agree to cooperate on healthcare, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=2132>.

¹⁵⁴¹ Korea, China agree to cooperate on healthcare, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=2132>.

¹⁵⁴² UK and China sign memorandum of Understanding on Medicine and Device Regulation, UK Department of International Affairs, (London) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-china-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-medicine-and-device-regulation>.

¹⁵⁴³ UK and China sign memorandum of Understanding on Medicine and Device Regulation, UK Department of International Affairs, (London) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-china-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-medicine-and-device-regulation>.

¹⁵⁴⁴ China gifts medical equipment to state-run military hospital, Khmer Times (Phnom Penh). 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.khmertimeskh.com/50110602/china-gifts-medical-equipment-to-state-run-military-hospital/>.

¹⁵⁴⁵ China gifts medical equipment to state-run military hospital, Khmer Times (Phnom Penh). 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.khmertimeskh.com/50110602/china-gifts-medical-equipment-to-state-run-military-hospital/>.

France: 0

France has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 13 July 2017, France and Monaco signed agreements on healthcare improvements, and on the handling of blood products.¹⁵⁴⁶ The first agreement will make French emergency healthcare resources available to Monaco, will pool medical resources, and will allow Monaco to integrate into France's regional mechanisms for responding to health crises, thereby allowing Monaco to engage with the World Health Organization (WHO)'s International Health Regulations.¹⁵⁴⁷ The second agreement will allow France's national blood collection authority to handle blood collected in Monaco to improve efficiency and effectiveness of blood distribution and transfusion.¹⁵⁴⁸

On 24 October 2017, President Emmanuel Macron and Egyptian President Abdel Fatah al-Sisi signed a number of memoranda of understanding, including an agreement for a French Development Agency (AFD) loan of EUR30 million to restore healthcare centres in five Egyptian governorates.¹⁵⁴⁹ The loan is accompanied by a EUR1 million program led primarily by the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) to improve health education, nutrition, and disease prevention.¹⁵⁵⁰

From 15 to 17 October 2017, France collaborated with Germany and the European Commission to host the 9th World Health Summit in Berlin.¹⁵⁵¹ The summit brought together over 2000 decision-makers and representatives from over 100 countries.¹⁵⁵² Commitments, in the form of endorsements and advocacy, were made regarding the following six areas: strong and reliable government, global health security, healthy and resilient cities, responsible approaches to big data, research, innovation and development, and lastly innovation and strengthening health systems in Africa.¹⁵⁵³

¹⁵⁴⁶ France and Monaco sign agreements to cooperate on healthcare safety and on handling blood products, Government of Monaco (Monaco) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://en.gouv.mc/Portail-du-Gouvernement/Policy-Practice/Social-Affairs-and-Health/News/France-and-Monaco-sign-agreements-to-cooperate-on-healthcare-safety-and-on-handling-of-blood-products>.

¹⁵⁴⁷ France and Monaco sign agreements to cooperate on healthcare safety and on handling blood products, Government of Monaco (Monaco) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://en.gouv.mc/Portail-du-Gouvernement/Policy-Practice/Social-Affairs-and-Health/News/France-and-Monaco-sign-agreements-to-cooperate-on-healthcare-safety-and-on-handling-of-blood-products>.

¹⁵⁴⁸ France and Monaco sign agreements to cooperate on healthcare safety and on handling blood products, Government of Monaco (Monaco) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://en.gouv.mc/Portail-du-Gouvernement/Policy-Practice/Social-Affairs-and-Health/News/France-and-Monaco-sign-agreements-to-cooperate-on-healthcare-safety-and-on-handling-of-blood-products>.

¹⁵⁴⁹ En Egypte, Le Groupe AFD Reinforce son soutien au Programme de reformes socio-economiques, Agency of Development (France) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/fr/en-egypte-le-groupe-afd-renforce-son-soutien-au-programme-de-reformes-socio-economiques>.

¹⁵⁵⁰ En Egypte, Le Groupe AFD Reinforce son soutien au Programme de reformes socio-economiques, Agency of Development (France) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/fr/en-egypte-le-groupe-afd-renforce-son-soutien-au-programme-de-reformes-socio-economiques>.

¹⁵⁵¹ World Health Summit 2017 (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/world-health-summit-2017.html>.

¹⁵⁵² World Health Summit 2017 (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/world-health-summit-2017.html>.

¹⁵⁵³ M8 Alliance Declaration World Health Summit 2017, World Health Summit (Berlin). Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://d1wjxwc5zmlmv4.cloudfront.net/fileadmin/user_upload/downloads/2017/WHS_Berlin/Data/M8_Alliance_Declaration_2017_Berlin.pdf.

On 9 February 2018, the Interministerial Committee on the International Cooperation for Development announced a new budget that increased the proportion of the French national budget that goes to foreign aid scales up to ultimately 0.55 per cent in 2022 from 0.38 per cent in 2016.¹⁵⁵⁴ Health is one of the explicitly mentioned domains of aid.¹⁵⁵⁵

On 21 February 2018, Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Yves Le Drian announced an emphasis on improving healthcare systems in Africa, with a focus on maternal, neonatal, and infant health.¹⁵⁵⁶

France has demonstrated a commitment to strengthening international health systems, as demonstrated by its agreements with Egypt and Monaco. France has also demonstrated cooperative action by collaborating with Germany and the European Commission to promote strengthening health systems in Africa. However, France has not demonstrated a commitment to improving the health workforces.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

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Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

In July 2017, Germany began rolling-out electronic reporting health systems in Nepal with support through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) in partnership with the Korea International Cooperation Agency.¹⁵⁵⁷ This initiative is working to connect health staff through an online health management information system using open source software, which helps to reduce administrative labour, and allow for improved health data sharing and communication.¹⁵⁵⁸ By June 2018, all 73 health facilities in Nuwakot District will be using e-reporting technology.¹⁵⁵⁹

In July 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), through the KfW Development Bank, granted EUR40 million to the Jordanian government for financial

¹⁵⁵⁴ Aide au développement: la France réhabilite l'aide bilatérale et double ses contributions aux ONG, La Quotidien de médecin (Malakoff) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018 https://www.lequotidiendumedecin.fr/actualites/breve/2018/02/09/aide-au-developpement-la-france-rehabilite-laide-bilaterale-et-double-ses-contributions-aux-ong_854969.

¹⁵⁵⁵ Aide au développement: la France réhabilite l'aide bilatérale et double ses contributions aux ONG, La Quotidien de médecin (Malakoff) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018 https://www.lequotidiendumedecin.fr/actualites/breve/2018/02/09/aide-au-developpement-la-france-rehabilite-laide-bilaterale-et-double-ses-contributions-aux-ong_854969.

¹⁵⁵⁶ Conseil des ministres du 21 février 2018. L'aide au développement, Vie Publique (Paris) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018 <http://discours.vie-publique.fr/notices/186000337.html>.

¹⁵⁵⁷ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

¹⁵⁵⁸ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

¹⁵⁵⁹ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

investment in improving water supply and disposal in the province of Irbid.¹⁵⁶⁰ Alongside funds from the European Union, for a total sum of EUR152 million, this initiative will help approximately one million people, including around 200,000 Syrian refugees.¹⁵⁶¹ The German contribution will be allocated towards water distribution and safeguarding hygienic disposal of waste water to improve health in the region.¹⁵⁶²

In August 2017, Minister of Health Hermann Gröhe established an International Advisory Board on Global Health, composed of six global health experts from around the world.¹⁵⁶³ This body will advise the Federal Ministry of Health on new strategies for global health policy.¹⁵⁶⁴

On 4 September 2017, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, South Africa, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom, as well as the Wellcome Trust, pledged EUR56.5 million for research on new antibiotic resistance treatments.¹⁵⁶⁵ This pledge was made at the Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (GARDP) event, hosted in Berlin by the Federal Ministries of Health and of Education and Research.¹⁵⁶⁶ Research will be conducted jointly by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative.¹⁵⁶⁷ Research and development by GARDP aims to deliver new treatments for bacterial infections where drug resistance is present and emerging.¹⁵⁶⁸ The funding will support four major health domains: sexually transmitted infections, antimicrobial memory recovery and exploratory research, neonatal sepsis, and paediatric antibiotics.¹⁵⁶⁹

On 15 September 2017, Germany expanded funding to the International Patient Counselling Services for Germany from EUR5.2 to EUR9 million.¹⁵⁷⁰ This program provides health counselling and legal

¹⁵⁶⁰ Improvement in the water supply for one million people in Jordan (Frankfurt) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_428672.html.

¹⁵⁶¹ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

¹⁵⁶² Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

¹⁵⁶³ Federal Health Minister convenes International Advisory Board on Global Health, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 17 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

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¹⁵⁶⁴ Federal Health Minister convenes International Advisory Board on Global Health, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 17 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

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¹⁵⁶⁵ More than EUR 56 million raised to fund initiative to fight antibiotic resistance Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/gardp-pledging-event.html>.

¹⁵⁶⁶ More than EUR 56 million raised to fund initiative to fight antibiotic resistance, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/gardp-pledging-event.html>.

¹⁵⁶⁷ Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership, Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (Geneva). Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gardp.org/about/>.

¹⁵⁶⁸ About, Global Antibiotic Research and Development Partnership (Geneva). Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.gardp.org/about/>.

¹⁵⁶⁹ More than EUR 56 million raised to fund initiative to fight antibiotic resistance, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/gardp-pledging-event.html>.

¹⁵⁷⁰ International Patient Safety Day, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/international-patient-safety-day.html>.

assistance to patients free of cost.¹⁵⁷¹ Furthermore, Germany celebrated the first annual International Patient Safety Day, as declared by the German Coalition for Patient Safety, alongside the UN and WHO.¹⁵⁷²

In October 2017, the GIZ funded the construction of an emergency unit at Azadi Hospital in Dohuk in collaboration with local partners in the autonomous region of Kurdistan in northern Iraq.¹⁵⁷³ The unit will be completed in 2019 and increase capacity of the hospital from 500 to 4,000 patients.¹⁵⁷⁴ Additionally, the BMZ has completed six health centres to deliver health care to people living in refugee camps, providing free treatment to 80,000 refugees and internally displaced peoples.¹⁵⁷⁵ This initiative also involves medical training for health professionals in the country, including training 2,000 women in three camps to work as health advisors.¹⁵⁷⁶

From 15 to 17 October 2017, Germany hosted the 9th World Health Summit in collaboration with French President Emmanuel Macron and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker.¹⁵⁷⁷ Commitments, in the form of endorsements and advocacy, were made in six areas: strong and reliable government, global health security, healthy and resilient cities, responsible approaches to big data, research, innovation and development, and lastly innovation and strengthening health systems in Africa.¹⁵⁷⁸

On 2 November 2017, the Federal Ministry of Health launched 'Migration and Health,' an Internet portal system to help migrants navigate healthcare systems for themselves and their families.¹⁵⁷⁹ The service is available in a number of foreign languages and is organized into four health related areas: health care systems, health and preventive health care, long-term care, and addiction and drugs.¹⁵⁸⁰ The portal also provides vital information on immunisations, child health, screening processes, and early detection programs.¹⁵⁸¹

From 6 to 17 November 2017, Germany hosted the 23rd meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, where health was a major theme

¹⁵⁷¹ International Patient Safety Day, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/international-patient-safety-day.html>.

¹⁵⁷² International Patient Safety Day, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/international-patient-safety-day.html>.

¹⁵⁷³ Improved healthcare for refugees in northern Iraq, German Corporation for International Cooperation (Bonn) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.giz.de/en/mediacenter/56328.html>.

¹⁵⁷⁴ Improved healthcare for refugees in northern Iraq, German Corporation for International Cooperation (Bonn) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.giz.de/en/mediacenter/56328.html>.

¹⁵⁷⁵ Improved healthcare for refugees in northern Iraq, German Corporation for International Cooperation (Bonn) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.giz.de/en/mediacenter/56328.html>.

¹⁵⁷⁶ Improved healthcare for refugees in northern Iraq, German Corporation for International Cooperation (Bonn) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.giz.de/en/mediacenter/56328.html>.

¹⁵⁷⁷ World Health Summit 2017, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/world-health-summit-2017.html>.

¹⁵⁷⁸ M8 Alliance Declaration World Health Summit 2017, World Health Summit (Berlin) October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. https://d1wjxwc5zmlmv4.cloudfront.net/fileadmin/user_upload/downloads/2017/WHS_Berlin/Data/M8_Alliance_Declaration_2017_Berlin.pdf.

¹⁵⁷⁹ New Internet Portal, Ministry of Migration and Health (Berlin) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/portal-migration-and-health.html>.

¹⁵⁸⁰ New Internet Portal, Ministry of Migration and Health (Berlin) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/portal-migration-and-health.html>.

¹⁵⁸¹ New Internet Portal, Ministry of Migration and Health (Berlin) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/portal-migration-and-health.html>.

of discussion, specifically pertaining to global responses to climate change related health issues.¹⁵⁸² Attention was primarily concerned with the least developed countries and small island developing states.¹⁵⁸³ At the conference commitments were made to implementing the Paris Agreement's health and climate agendas, as well as assessing current progress and barriers in healthcare in the context of climate change.¹⁵⁸⁴ Running parallel to the COP, the Fifth Global Climate and Health Summit was also hosted in Bonn, Germany during the same period.¹⁵⁸⁵ This summit committed members to investment in communities and health systems in the context of climate change, as well as in terms of strengthening collaboration between health organizations globally.¹⁵⁸⁶

On 7 December 2017, the BMZ, through the KfW Development Bank, committed EUR20 million for two development projects in northern Mali.¹⁵⁸⁷ One project, in collaboration with the French non-governmental organization ACTED, is building health centres in the country, including vaccination stations.¹⁵⁸⁸ The aim of this project is to improve healthcare access, thus allowing individuals the ability to generate a higher income through trade relationships.¹⁵⁸⁹

On 20 December 2017, the KfW Development Bank, on behalf of the BMZ, committed EUR10 million to support South Sudanese refugees.¹⁵⁹⁰ Within this commitment, funds are being allocated to developing sanitary facilities and hygiene programmes, and to constructing health stations for refugees, helping to improve healthcare for 13,000 people.¹⁵⁹¹

On 27 December 2017, the BMZ, through the KfW Development Bank, pledged EUR5 million for the Ebola support program in Liberia.¹⁵⁹² This initiative will help equip the health sector in Liberia to

¹⁵⁸² Health and Climate Change at COP23, World Health Organization (Bonn) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/health-climate-cop23/en/>.

¹⁵⁸³ Health and Climate Change at COP23, World Health Organization (Bonn) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/health-climate-cop23/en/>.

¹⁵⁸⁴ Health and Climate Change at COP23, World Health Organization (Bonn) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/events/2017/health-climate-cop23/en/>.

¹⁵⁸⁵ Fifth Global Climate and Health Summit, World Health Organization (Bonn) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/globalchange/mediacentre/news/5th-global-climate/en/>.

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¹⁵⁸⁷ More stability for northern Mali, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_446592.html.

¹⁵⁸⁸ More stability for northern Mali, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_446592.html.

¹⁵⁸⁹ More stability for northern Mali, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_446592.html.

¹⁵⁹⁰ More support for refugees in Uganda, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_448960.html.

¹⁵⁹¹ More support for refugees in Uganda, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_448960.html.

¹⁵⁹² KfW supports Liberia in handling future epidemics, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 27 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_449728.html.

be better prepared for any future epidemics.¹⁵⁹³ Since 2015, KfW has helped to build nine medical facilities in the country and helped implement hygiene programmes in schools and local markets.¹⁵⁹⁴ KfW's largest project in the country is constructing isolation wards in hospitals for Ebola patients to be housed.¹⁵⁹⁵

From 14 to 17 February 2018, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Health Lutz Stroppe visited Ukraine for talks on health policy projects with the Ukrainian Minister of Health, Ulana Suprun.¹⁵⁹⁶ The purpose of the trip was to promote international cooperation in health policy.¹⁵⁹⁷ Health topics discussed included self-administration structures for physicians and bone marrow donation procedures.¹⁵⁹⁸ Secretary Stroppe visited local clinics and engaged in discussion with doctors and nurses. Meetings were held with the European Union and WHO, Joint UN Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).¹⁵⁹⁹

Germany has worked throughout its G20 presidency to make global health a priority issue, the country facilitated the first G20 commitment to health systems and improving the health workforce at the 2017 Hamburg Summit. Germany has taken multiple health oriented cooperative actions alongside other states and international organizations, including WHO, UNFCCC, and the M8 Alliance.¹⁶⁰⁰ Germany has demonstrated an effort to improving global health systems in countries such as Liberia and Mali, and has implemented specific policies to improve the health workforce by providing training to medical professionals in Kurdistan.

Therefore, Germany receives a score of +1

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India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

¹⁵⁹³ KfW supports Liberia in handling future epidemics, Bank of Responsibility (Frankfurt) 27 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.kfw-entwicklungsbank.de/International-financing/KfW-Development-Bank/News/News-Details_449728.html.

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¹⁵⁹⁶ State Secretary Lutz Stroppe makes a health policy trip to Ukraine, Federal Ministry of Health (Berlin), 17 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/ministry/2018/health-policy-trip-to-ukraine.html>.

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On 13 July 2017, Union Minister of State Health and Family Welfare Fagga Singh Kulaste announced the initiation of a telemedicine network at Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Research (Jipmer) in Puducherry connecting hospitals and healthcare institutions in South Asia and South East Asian countries.¹⁶⁰¹ The telemedicine network aims to minimize the disparity of health care access between urban and rural Bay of Bengal Initiative of Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries.¹⁶⁰² BIMSTEC countries include Bangladesh, Myanmar, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan, and Nepal.¹⁶⁰³

On 24 July 2017, a delegation of CII from healthcare met representatives of International Trade Center in Geneva to concur a plan of action to foster exchange and partnership opportunities between India and Africa with consultation from various healthcare stakeholders.¹⁶⁰⁴ They discussed the possibility of broadening cooperation in two sectors in East Africa — health and education.¹⁶⁰⁵

On 5 September 2017, Healthcare UK announced its support for a large project in India to create a network of 11 Medicities across India.¹⁶⁰⁶ The programme, called the Indo-UK Institute of Health, is one of the largest healthcare initiatives in the world.¹⁶⁰⁷ The programme aims to provide integrated healthcare across all of India through partnering with global professionals in research, education, technology, and health care.¹⁶⁰⁸

On 28 September 2017, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Norway's Ministry of Foreign Affairs signed a letter of intent which affirmed their intention of collaborating to improve reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health in India.¹⁶⁰⁹ Norway and India have committed to channel their efforts towards implementing the District Implementation Plan for Improving Maternal and Child Health Outcomes from September 2017.¹⁶¹⁰ Both countries continue to work together on research projects, remain partners in Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness

¹⁶⁰¹ Jipmer to bridge gap in healthcare access with South Asian partners, The Times of India (Puducherry) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/puducherry/jipmer-to-bridge-gap-in-healthcare-access-with-south-asian-partners/articleshow/59567897.cms>.

¹⁶⁰² Jipmer to bridge gap in healthcare access with South Asian partners, The Times of India (Puducherry) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/puducherry/jipmer-to-bridge-gap-in-healthcare-access-with-south-asian-partners/articleshow/59567897.cms>.

¹⁶⁰³ Jipmer to bridge gap in healthcare access with South Asian partners, The Times of India (Puducherry) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/puducherry/jipmer-to-bridge-gap-in-healthcare-access-with-south-asian-partners/articleshow/59567897.cms>.

¹⁶⁰⁴ India, East Africa to collaborate in healthcare, edu sectors, Outlook India (Coimbatore) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/india-east-africa-to-collaborate-in-healthcare-edu-sectors/1106601>.

¹⁶⁰⁵ India, East Africa to collaborate in healthcare, edu sectors, Outlook India (Coimbatore) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.outlookindia.com/newscroll/india-east-africa-to-collaborate-in-healthcare-edu-sectors/1106601>.

¹⁶⁰⁶ India's Major Healthcare System Development, UK Government (London) 5 September 2017. Date of Access: 15 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/indias-major-healthcare-system-development>.

¹⁶⁰⁷ India's Major Healthcare System Development, UK Government (London) 5 September 2017. Date of Access: 15 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/indias-major-healthcare-system-development>.

¹⁶⁰⁸ India's Major Healthcare System Development, UK Government (London) 5 September 2017. Date of Access: 15 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/indias-major-healthcare-system-development>.

¹⁶⁰⁹ Norway to cooperate India in improving maternal health: Envoy, India Today (New Delhi) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/norway-to-cooperate-india-in-improving-maternal-health-envoy/1/1088577.html>.

¹⁶¹⁰ Norway to cooperate India in improving maternal health: Envoy, India Today (New Delhi) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/norway-to-cooperate-india-in-improving-maternal-health-envoy/1/1088577.html>.

Innovations and continue to flourish the Norway India Partnership Initiative that designs and tests innovations which can be used by the Indian government to improve domestic health systems.¹⁶¹¹

On 5 November 2017, Medtronic, a U.S.-based private medical device company and part of delegation of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, partnered with the Uttar Pradesh government to overcome structural barriers towards healthcare.¹⁶¹²

On 11 November 2017, it was announced that India will be collaborating with Australia's National Trauma Research Institute to develop trauma care policy.¹⁶¹³ Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, attached to Madras Medical College, will be developed into an extensive trauma care centre.¹⁶¹⁴ This collaboration enables the health department to develop a trauma registry which allows hospitals to have unified, comprehensive health records.¹⁶¹⁵

On 14 November 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Philippines to discuss its commitment to improve public health systems and the potential contributions of Indian infrastructure companies to the Philippines' "build, build, build" programme.¹⁶¹⁶

On 17 November 2017, India and Canada announced a joint venture in medical electronics to enhance healthcare accessibility by improving cost-effectiveness.¹⁶¹⁷ The project, completed in 2019, will allow for newer and more efficient MRI machines to become accessible by rural populations.¹⁶¹⁸

On 30 November 2017, Minister of Health JP Nadda and Italian Minister of Health Beatrice Lorenzin signed a memorandum of understanding to collaborate in the field of pharmaceuticals, training of medical personnel, climate change impact, food safety, and hygiene awareness.¹⁶¹⁹

¹⁶¹¹ Norway to cooperate India in improving maternal health: Envoy, India Today (New Delhi) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/norway-to-cooperate-india-in-improving-maternal-health-envoy/1/1088577.html>.

¹⁶¹² US based medical device company to partner with UP govt for healthcare, The Times of India (Lucknow) 5 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/us-based-medical-device-company-to-partner-with-up-govt-for-healthcare/articleshow/61520206.cms>.

¹⁶¹³ Comprehensive trauma care policy to be evolved, The Hindu (Tamil Nadu) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/comprehensive-trauma-care-policy-to-be-evolved/article20138246.ece>.

¹⁶¹⁴ Comprehensive trauma care policy to be evolved, The Hindu (Tamil Nadu) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/comprehensive-trauma-care-policy-to-be-evolved/article20138246.ece>.

¹⁶¹⁵ Comprehensive trauma care policy to be evolved, The Hindu (Tamil Nadu) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-tamilnadu/comprehensive-trauma-care-policy-to-be-evolved/article20138246.ece>.

¹⁶¹⁶ India, Phillipines inks deal on defence, agriculture, The Indian Express (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-philippines-ink-deals-on-defence-agriculture-pm-modi-duterte-asean-summit-4936341>.

¹⁶¹⁷ India-Canada joint venture in medical electronics to ensure affordable healthcare, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2018. <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/medical-devices/india-canada-joint-venture-in-medical-electronics-to-ensure-affordable-healthcare/61686467>.

¹⁶¹⁸ India-Canada joint venture in medical electronics to ensure affordable healthcare, The Economic Times (New Delhi) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2018. <https://health.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/medical-devices/india-canada-joint-venture-in-medical-electronics-to-ensure-affordable-healthcare/61686467>.

¹⁶¹⁹ India and Italy sign MoU for enhanced cooperation in health sector, Jagran Josh (India) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2018. <https://www.jagranjosh.com/current-affairs/india-and-italy-sign-mou-for-enhanced-cooperation-in-health-sector-1512027192-1>.

On 7 December 2017, Minister Nadda and Cuban Minister of Public Health Dr. Roberto Tomas Morales Ojeda signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate in the field of biotechnology and pharmaceuticals.¹⁶²⁰ The countries will also be exchanging and training of medical and healthcare personnel.¹⁶²¹ They will cooperate to concur plans to prevent non-communicable diseases and discuss the impact of climate change on communicable diseases and vector borne diseases.¹⁶²²

On 24 January 2018, the World Health Organization (WHO) awarded prequalification to ROTVAC, a rotavirus vaccine. This vaccine prevents deaths and hospitalization due to rotavirus diarrhea.¹⁶²³ While the vaccine was launched in 2015 and became a part of the national immunization program in 2016, this prequalification will increase accessibility of ROTVAC vaccine in developing countries with a high prevalence of the rotavirus.¹⁶²⁴

On 31 January 2018, the Kakamega County General Hospital in Kenya to provide primary and secondary care as a result of the INR2 billion worth agreement signed between Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta and Prime Minister Modi.¹⁶²⁵ India will be bringing oncology experts and medical professionals to Kenya to enhance primary and secondary oncology care in Kenya.¹⁶²⁶

On 5 February 2018, delegates from top National Health Service (NHS) hospitals arrived in India to discuss innovation in healthcare through implementation of cutting-edge technology, such as artificial intelligence, wearable sensors and virtual reality.¹⁶²⁷ The British delegation aims to discuss cost-effectiveness, increased accessibility in remote areas, and personalized care with India.¹⁶²⁸

On 5 February 2018, the Export Import Bank of India (EXIM) announced its plan to invest in Myanmar's healthcare sector to improve health care facilities and provide accessible high-quality care

¹⁶²⁰ India, Cuba sign MoU for enhanced cooperation in health sector, Jagran Josh (India) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2018. <https://www.jagranjosh.com/current-affairs/india-cuba-sign-mou-for-enhanced-cooperation-in-health-sector-1512621987-1>.

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¹⁶²³ WHO grants prequalification to Bharat Biotech's rotavirus vaccine ROTVAC, Biospectrum (India) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.biospectrumindia.com/news/22/10251/who-grants-prequalification-to-bharat-biotechs-rotavirus-vaccine-rotavac.html>.

¹⁶²⁴ WHO grants prequalification to Bharat Biotech's rotavirus vaccine ROTVAC, Biospectrum (India) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.biospectrumindia.com/news/22/10251/who-grants-prequalification-to-bharat-biotechs-rotavirus-vaccine-rotavac.html>.

¹⁶²⁵ India offers medical expertise for cancer treatment in Kenya, Little India (Kenya) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.biospectrumindia.com/news/22/10251/who-grants-prequalification-to-bharat-biotechs-rotavirus-vaccine-rotavac.html>.

¹⁶²⁶ India offers medical expertise for cancer treatment in Kenya, Little India (Kenya) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.biospectrumindia.com/news/22/10251/who-grants-prequalification-to-bharat-biotechs-rotavirus-vaccine-rotavac.html>.

¹⁶²⁷ NHS delegates in India to promote innovation in healthcare, Digital Health (India) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.net/2018/02/nhs-india-innovation-healthcare/>.

¹⁶²⁸ NHS delegates in India to promote innovation in healthcare, Digital Health (India) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.net/2018/02/nhs-india-innovation-healthcare/>.

through Exim Bank's Market Outreach Programme.¹⁶²⁹ EXIM was set up in 1982 under an act of parliament.¹⁶³⁰

On 15 February 2018, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani met with Prime Minister Modi to sign two Memorandums of Understanding to foster co-operation in healthcare, focusing on establishing human resources and health care facilities in both nations.¹⁶³¹ Both parties also plan to collaborate in exchanging knowledge about traditional medicine and drug/drugless therapies.¹⁶³²

On 19-20 February 2018, India, along with representatives from 13 other countries and WHO, met in Canberra at the inaugural the Global Digital Health Partnership Summit, hosted by the Australian Digital Health Agency.¹⁶³³ The partnership allows global experts to cooperate on projects and share knowledge to implement digital health services across countries more efficiently, taking into account that many of these countries face similar global health issues.¹⁶³⁴

On 28 February 2018, India and Macedonia signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance medical personnel training, exchange health professionals, and set up healthcare facilities in both countries.¹⁶³⁵

India has made progress in improving their own health system as well as contributing to assist improving world-wide health systems and healthcare workforce. India has made collaborative efforts to improve its domestic health system through partnerships with countries such as the UK, Canada and Australia. India has also made efforts to improve international health systems in countries such as Kenya and the Philippines. In addition, India has also demonstrated its commitment to improving the health workforce through its agreement with Italy to improve health personnel training.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

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Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

¹⁶²⁹ India's Exim Bank to Invest in Myanmar's healthcare sector, Mizzima (Myanmar) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <http://www.mizzima.com/development-news/india-s-exim-bank-invest-myanmar-s-healthcare-sector>.

¹⁶³⁰ India's Exim Bank to Invest in Myanmar's healthcare sector, Mizzima (Myanmar) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <http://www.mizzima.com/development-news/india-s-exim-bank-invest-myanmar-s-healthcare-sector>.

¹⁶³¹ India, Iran sign 9 agreements during Hassan Rouhani's visit: MoUs on medicine, trade and connectivity key highlights, First Post (India) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <http://www.mizzima.com/development-news/india-s-exim-bank-invest-myanmar-s-healthcare-sector>.

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¹⁶³³ Global digital health network announced as Australia takes a lead in international collaboration (Canberra) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <http://www.healthcareit.com.au/article/global-digital-health-network-announced-australia-takes-lead-role-international>.

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¹⁶³⁵ Cabinet approves India-Macedonia MoU in health, Business Standard (New Delhi) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/cabinet-approves-india-macedonia-mou-on-health-118022801262_1.html.

On 15 July 2017, the Ministry of Health recruited and trained 1,963 Hajj providers to support the annual pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia, with the aim of ensuring that each pilgrim, Indonesian or non-Indonesian, could receive immediate medical attention from qualified personnel.¹⁶³⁶

On 31 August 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno LP Marsudi launched the Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance with Myanmar (AKIM) consisting of 11 community organizations to provide humanitarian aid to the Burmese state of Rakhine.¹⁶³⁷ The alliance consists of health, education, economy and basic assistance programs, and will last for two years.¹⁶³⁸ Indonesia is providing the community with USD2 million (from the government and Indonesian community) in aid and supporting medical training of health personnel in Rakhine.¹⁶³⁹

On 3 September 2017, Indonesia promised to evaluate implementation of K3 in companies yearly and compensate companies devoted to K3 for their employees.¹⁶⁴⁰ The government also displayed support to Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries to increase cooperation in implementation of occupational safety and health (K3) to achieve sustainable economic growth at the ASEAN summit.¹⁶⁴¹

On 7 September 2017, Minister of Health Nila Moeloek committed to establishing a health system robust against climate change along with other South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO) countries in a meeting with health minister members present at the South East Asia Regional Conference.¹⁶⁴² Programs undertaken by Indonesia as part of this commitment include advocacy of climate change adoption strategies, ensuring capacity of health care workers in adapting with climate change, and reviewing vulnerability for malaria and dengue fever.¹⁶⁴³

On 22 September 2017, Minister Marsudi submitted the instrument of ratification that the Government of Indonesia commits to protect citizens from risks of mercury contamination and reaffirms its commitment to achieve Sustainable Development Goals at the United Nations

¹⁶³⁶ Ministry of Health Prepares 1,963 Hajj Health Provider 2017, Hidayatullah.com (Jakarta) 15 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.hidayatullah.com/berita/info-haji-umrah/read/2017/07/15/119866/kemenkes-siapkan-1-963-tenaga-penyelenggara-kesehatan-haji-2017.html>.

¹⁶³⁷ Foreign Minister Retno Launches Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance for Myanmar, Sindo News (Jakarta) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://international.sindonews.com/read/1235597/40/menlu-retno-luncurkan-aliansi-kemanusiaan-indonesia-untuk-myanmar-1504167196>.

¹⁶³⁸ Foreign Minister Retno Launches Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance for Myanmar, Sindo News (Jakarta) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://international.sindonews.com/read/1235597/40/menlu-retno-luncurkan-aliansi-kemanusiaan-indonesia-untuk-myanmar-1504167196>.

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¹⁶⁴⁰ Indonesia encourages ASEAN to Improve Occupational Safety and Health, Tribun News (Jakarta) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.tribunnews.com/nasional/2017/09/04/indonesia-dorong-asean-tingkatkan-keselamatan-dan-kesehatan-kerja>.

¹⁶⁴¹ Indonesia encourages ASEAN to Improve Occupational Safety and Health, Tribun News (Jakarta) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.tribunnews.com/nasional/2017/09/04/indonesia-dorong-asean-tingkatkan-keselamatan-dan-kesehatan-kerja>.

¹⁶⁴² Indonesia calls for health action to address climate change, Antara News (Jakarta) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.antaranews.com/berita/651427/indonesia-serukan-aksi-kesehatan-untuk-menghadapi-perubahan-iklim>.

¹⁶⁴³ Indonesia calls for health action to address climate change, Antara News (Jakarta) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.antaranews.com/berita/651427/indonesia-serukan-aksi-kesehatan-untuk-menghadapi-perubahan-iklim>.

Minamata Convention.¹⁶⁴⁴ This is in response to complying a constitutional mandate to protect Indonesians from the threat of mercury pollution endangering human and ecosystem health.¹⁶⁴⁵

On 25 September 2017, the Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Cultural Affairs Puan Maharani met with Japanese Liberal Democratic Party Research Council Deputy Chairman Nishimura Yasutoshi and Japanese Deputy Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida in Tokyo to discuss cooperation with Japan in the area of health.¹⁶⁴⁶ Indonesia specifically pledged to help Japan meet its growing need for caregivers, and its need for skilled nurses.¹⁶⁴⁷

On 21 November 2017, Indonesia agreed to send 67 health workers, specifically nurses, to Japan after passing the selection of Indonesia-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement to meet the growing need of nurses in Japan.¹⁶⁴⁸

On 20 November 2017, Indonesia officially began construction of a hospital in Myanmar's western Rakhine state.¹⁶⁴⁹ The hospital cost USD1.8 million to build.¹⁶⁵⁰ The hospital will be completed mid-2018 and can be used by the Rakhine population.¹⁶⁵¹ The construction involves local contractors and raw materials from surrounding areas aiming to improve local economic opportunities.¹⁶⁵² The hospital was inaugurated by Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar, representatives of Myanmar's Ministry of Health, humanitarian organizations, the Indonesia Medical Emergency Rescue Committee, local community leaders, and Buddhists and Muslims.¹⁶⁵³

¹⁶⁴⁴ Indonesia submits the ratification instrument to the UN Minamata Convention, Kompas.com (Jakarta) 23 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://nasional.kompas.com/read/2017/09/23/20242211/indonesia-serahkan-instrumen-ratifikasi-konvensi-minamata-ke-pbb>.

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¹⁶⁴⁶ Indonesia will cooperate with Japan in healthcare, says Minister Puan, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/adv/2017/10/02/indonesia-to-cooperate-with-japan-in-health-care-says-minister-puan.html>.

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¹⁶⁴⁸ 67 Indonesian Health Workers Ready To Work In Japan, Sindo News (Jakarta) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://ekbis.sindonews.com/read/1259101/34/67-tenaga-kesehatan-indonesia-siap-bekerja-di-jepang-1511186430>.

¹⁶⁴⁹ Indonesia starts building hospital in Myanmar's Rakhine, Andolou Agency (Indonesia) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/indonesia-starts-building-hospital-in-myanmar-s-rakhine/972170>.

¹⁶⁵⁰ Indonesia starts building hospital in Myanmar's Rakhine, Andolou Agency (Indonesia) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/indonesia-starts-building-hospital-in-myanmar-s-rakhine/972170>.

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On 22 November 2017, Kaikoukai Healthcare Group from Japan visited Indonesia to expand the Kaikoukai Clinic Senayan program, which provides medical tourism services from Indonesia to Japan called Kaikoukai Japan Medical Tourism.¹⁶⁵⁴ Expansion of this program will improve health care options for Indonesian patients by providing them high quality care and minimally invasive techniques at an affordable cost while fostering a stronger partnership in improving health systems between the two countries.¹⁶⁵⁵

On 22 December 2017, Indonesia and United States launched a five-year program to improve health services for marginalized mothers and their newborns, in order to reduce preventable deaths.¹⁶⁵⁶ The aim of this program is to increase the efficiency of the health system by integrating health professionals, policymakers and insurance providers.¹⁶⁵⁷

On 29 December 2017, Minister of National Planning Bambang Brodjonegoro signed a memorandum of understanding with member countries of the Islamic Development Bank in Saudi Arabia.¹⁶⁵⁸ The countries will be cooperating on vaccine and pharmaceutical development amongst other economic collaborations.¹⁶⁵⁹

On 23 February 2018, Indonesia, along with representatives from 13 other countries and World Health Organization, joined to establish the Global Digital Health Partnership at a summit in Canberra, Australia hosted by Australian Digital Health Agency.¹⁶⁶⁰ The partnership allows global experts to cooperate on projects and share knowledge to implement digital health services across countries more efficiently, taking into account that many of these countries face similar global health issues.¹⁶⁶¹

Indonesia has improved the health workforce by recruiting and training health workers to support Hajj, and by training health personnel in Myanmar. Furthermore, the government has demonstrated cooperative action by committing to various worldwide initiatives developed by ASEAN, SEARO and the UN, which focus on areas such as the resilience of healthcare system, improving occupational safety and protecting people from mercury toxicity. Indonesia has also demonstrated a commitment to improving health systems through alliances with countries and non-governmental organizations to improve children's health in Indonesia, and through its agreements to send healthcare workers to Japan and build hospitals in Myanmar.

¹⁶⁵⁴ Kaikoukai Clinic Japan Expansion to Indonesia, Swa (Jakarta) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://swa.co.id/swa/trends/kaikoukai-clinic-jepang-ekspansi-ke-indonesia>.

¹⁶⁵⁵ Kaikoukai Clinic Japan Expansion to Indonesia, Swa (Jakarta) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://swa.co.id/swa/trends/kaikoukai-clinic-jepang-ekspansi-ke-indonesia>.

¹⁶⁵⁶ Indonesia, US Launch Program to Reduce Maternal, Infant Mortality (Jakarta) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesia-us-launch-program-reduce-maternal-infant-mortality/>.

¹⁶⁵⁷ Indonesia, US Launch Program to Reduce Maternal, Infant Mortality (Jakarta) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesia-us-launch-program-reduce-maternal-infant-mortality/>.

¹⁶⁵⁸ Indonesia to boost partnership with IDB members, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/12/29/indonesia-to-boost-partnership-with-idb-members.html>.

¹⁶⁵⁹ Indonesia to boost partnership with IDB members, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/12/29/indonesia-to-boost-partnership-with-idb-members.html>.

¹⁶⁶⁰ Global digital health network announced as Australia takes a lead in international collaboration (Canberra) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <http://www.healthcareit.com.au/article/global-digital-health-network-announced-australia-takes-lead-role-international>.

¹⁶⁶¹ Global digital health network announced as Australia takes a lead in international collaboration (Canberra) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <http://www.healthcareit.com.au/article/global-digital-health-network-announced-australia-takes-lead-role-international>.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Drishi Thakkar

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 28 July 2017, the Italian government enacted the Vaccine Decree, which makes ten vaccinations for children up to sixteen years old.¹⁶⁶² These vaccinations include anti-polio, anti-diphtheria, anti-tetanus, anti-hepatitis B, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella and anti-Haemophilus influenzae type b.¹⁶⁶³ The law was based on the recommendation made by the World Health Organization (WHO) to maintain “flock immunity” in response to lowering rates of vaccinations.¹⁶⁶⁴

On 26 September 2017, Director-General for Health Prevention Raniero Guerra, WHO Regional Director for Europe Zsuzsanna Jakab, and WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus signed a Country Cooperation Strategy, which defines a framework for cooperation between Italy and WHO from 2017-2022.¹⁶⁶⁵ The partnership aims to strengthen Italy’s national health policies, address the problem of communicable diseases, and strengthen Italy’s role in global health.¹⁶⁶⁶

On 2 October 2017, the Ministry of Health and the Serbian Ministry of Health signed the Celiac Agreement to enable doctors to better cooperate with their European colleagues, allow better exchange of information, provide better recommendations on how to diagnose and treat Celiac patients, and increase food safety control.¹⁶⁶⁷

¹⁶⁶² WHO and Italy sign first country cooperation strategy, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/italy/news/news/2017/09/who-and-italy-sign-first-country-cooperation-strategy>.

¹⁶⁶³ WHO and Italy sign first country cooperation strategy, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/italy/news/news/2017/09/who-and-italy-sign-first-country-cooperation-strategy>.

¹⁶⁶⁴ WHO and Italy sign first country cooperation strategy, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

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¹⁶⁶⁵ WHO and Italy sign first country cooperation strategy, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen). 26 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

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¹⁶⁶⁶ WHO and Italy sign first country cooperation strategy, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen). 26 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/italy/news/news/2017/09/who-and-italy-sign-first-country-cooperation-strategy>.

¹⁶⁶⁷ WHO and Italy sign first country cooperation strategy, Ministry of Health (Rome). 6 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_1_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=notizie&p=dalministero&id=3111.

On 31 October 2017, the Italian government allocated EUR500,000 to the United Nations Population Fund for improved sexual health and reproductive rights in Palestine.¹⁶⁶⁸ The funding will help ensure that Palestinian women will have better access to health services.¹⁶⁶⁹

On 4 November 2017, the Ministry of Health hosted the Global Nutrition Summit 2017 in Milan.¹⁶⁷⁰ The summit galvanized USD640 million in new funding from non-governmental organizations and philanthropies from countries such as India and Nigeria in order to tackle the global malnutrition crisis.¹⁶⁷¹ It also resulted in commitments from the governments of Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, and Madagascar to increase nutrition programs, as well as a commitment from the World Bank to extend and increase 2013 spending commitments on nutrition.¹⁶⁷²

On 9 November 2017, Argentina and Italy signed an agreement in which Italy provided Argentina with a EUR42 million loan to strengthen its health benefits and acquire equipment and training.¹⁶⁷³ This will allow Argentina to improve fifteen hospitals in five Argentine provinces as part of the Program of the Support of the Public Sector Phase II, which aims to improve the capacities of the Argentine healthcare sector.¹⁶⁷⁴

On 14 November 2017, the Italian government contributed EUR4.3 million to eradicate polio and improve the nutritional status of children in Afghanistan.¹⁶⁷⁵ Of this money, EUR2.5 million will go to WHO, which is working through the National Emergency Action Plan for Polio to eradicate the disease in Afghanistan.¹⁶⁷⁶ The remaining EUR1.8 million will go to the UN Children's Fund

¹⁶⁶⁸ Italy allocates 500,000 euros for sexual health in Palestine, Ansamed News (Rome). 31 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2017/10/31/italy-allocates-500000-euros-for-sexual-health-in-palestine_0da04adf-e899-43ed-9892-c2a3ea364c12.html.

¹⁶⁶⁹ Italy allocates 500,000 euros for sexual health in Palestine, Ansamed News (Rome). 31 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://www.ansamed.info/ansamed/en/news/sections/politics/2017/10/31/italy-allocates-500000-euros-for-sexual-health-in-palestine_0da04adf-e899-43ed-9892-c2a3ea364c12.html.

¹⁶⁷⁰ Press Release: Global Nutrition Summit 2017: Milan, Nutrition for Growth (Milan) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://nutritionforgrowth.org/press-release-global-nutrition-summit-2017-milan/>.

¹⁶⁷¹ Press Release: Global Nutrition Summit 2017: Milan, Nutrition for Growth (Milan) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://nutritionforgrowth.org/press-release-global-nutrition-summit-2017-milan/>.

¹⁶⁷² Press Release: Global Nutrition Summit 2017: Milan, Nutrition for Growth (Milan) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://nutritionforgrowth.org/press-release-global-nutrition-summit-2017-milan/>.

¹⁶⁷³ Argentina firmó con Italia financiamiento para fortalecer prestaciones de salud. Argentina.gob.ar, Federal Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-firmo-con-italia-financiamiento-para-fortalecer-prestaciones-de-salud>.

¹⁶⁷⁴ Argentina firmó con Italia financiamiento para fortalecer prestaciones de salud. Argentina.gob.ar, Federal Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-firmo-con-italia-financiamiento-para-fortalecer-prestaciones-de-salud>.

¹⁶⁷⁵ Government of Italy boosts efforts to eradicate polio and improve child nutrition in Afghanistan, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.emro.who.int/afg/afghanistan-news/government-of-italy-boosts-efforts-to-eradicate-polio-and-improve-child-nutrition-in-afghanistan.html>.

¹⁶⁷⁶ Government of Italy boosts efforts to eradicate polio and improve child nutrition in Afghanistan, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.emro.who.int/afg/afghanistan-news/government-of-italy-boosts-efforts-to-eradicate-polio-and-improve-child-nutrition-in-afghanistan.html>.

(UNICEF) to improve nutritional services for children under the age of five.¹⁶⁷⁷ This financial assistance will help to cover training of vaccinators, the delivery of vaccines, the monitoring of the coverage and quality of vaccination activities.¹⁶⁷⁸ In addition, the funds will help prevent new cases of malnutrition and strengthen community-based nutrition programming.¹⁶⁷⁹

On 29 November 2017, the Italian and Indian Ministers of Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding to improve bilateral collaboration in the health sector, particularly in the fields of pharmaceutical industry and regulation.¹⁶⁸⁰ In addition, they agreed to cooperate in training medical personnel and improving nutrition.¹⁶⁸¹

On 11 December 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced EUR3 million to the UN Population Fund's new Country Programme for Somalia, in the period of 2017-2020.¹⁶⁸² The contribution will help the Somali government reduce maternal deaths, address the issue of birth spacing, and end violence and harmful practices against women and girls.¹⁶⁸³

On 19 to 20 February 2018, Italy joined Austria, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Korea, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and WHO in Canberra, Australia to establish the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP).¹⁶⁸⁴ The GDHP "is an opportunity for deep, transformational engagement by governments,

¹⁶⁷⁷ Government of Italy boosts efforts to eradicate polio and improve child nutrition in Afghanistan, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.emro.who.int/afg/afghanistan-news/government-of-italy-boosts-efforts-to-eradicate-polio-and-improve-child-nutrition-in-afghanistan.html>.

¹⁶⁷⁸ Government of Italy boosts efforts to eradicate polio and improve child nutrition in Afghanistan, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.emro.who.int/afg/afghanistan-news/government-of-italy-boosts-efforts-to-eradicate-polio-and-improve-child-nutrition-in-afghanistan.html>.

¹⁶⁷⁹ Government of Italy boosts efforts to eradicate polio and improve child nutrition in Afghanistan, World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.emro.who.int/afg/afghanistan-news/government-of-italy-boosts-efforts-to-eradicate-polio-and-improve-child-nutrition-in-afghanistan.html>.

¹⁶⁸⁰ Italia e India firmano Memorandum d'intesa nel settore Salute, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=4979.

¹⁶⁸¹ Italia e India firmano Memorandum d'intesa nel settore Salute, Ministero della Salute (Rome) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.salute.gov.it/portale/news/p3_2_4_1_1.jsp?lingua=italiano&menu=salastampa&p=comunicatistampa&id=4979.

¹⁶⁸² Government of Italy grants UNFPA Somalia three million Euros for the reduction of maternal mortality in Somalia, Relief Web (Mogadishu) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/government-italy-grants-unfpa-somalia-three-million-euros-reduction-maternal>.
¹⁶⁸³ Government of Italy grants UNFPA Somalia three million Euros for the reduction of maternal mortality in Somalia, Relief Web (Mogadishu) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/government-italy-grants-unfpa-somalia-three-million-euros-reduction-maternal>.
¹⁶⁸⁴ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

digital health agencies, and the WHO so they can learn, share policy and other evidence that supports them to deliver better digital health services.”¹⁶⁸⁵

Italy demonstrated cooperative effort with other countries and organizations. Examples of this include hosting the Global Nutrition Summit this year in Milan, and collaborations with countries such as Serbia and Argentina. In addition, Italy has shown its commitment to strengthening health systems worldwide by investing in women and children’s health in countries such as Palestine and Somalia, as well as by providing financial aid to eradicate diseases like polio in Afghanistan. Italy has also demonstrated its commitment to improving the health workforce by contributing funding to improving vaccinator training in Afghanistan, and by agreeing to train medical personnel with India.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Dorota Borowsky

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 24 August 2017, Japan and Fiji signed a Record of Discussions pledging to implement the Project for Improvement of Health Services according to 5S-KAIZEN-TQM, a work environment philosophy “intended to enhance productivity, service quality, cost management, service efficiency, medical safety, motivation and moral of workers.”¹⁶⁸⁶ The project aims to build an organization framework at target Fijian hospitals to effectively integrate 5S-KAIZEN-TQM.¹⁶⁸⁷

On 25 September 2017, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Fumio Kishida and Indonesian Coordinating Minister for Human Development and Cultural Affairs Puan Maharani met in Tokyo to discuss cooperation with in the area of health based on each country’s requirements.¹⁶⁸⁸ Indonesia specifically pledged to help Japan meet its growing need for caregivers, and its need for skilled nurses.¹⁶⁸⁹

On 27 October 2017, the International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a technical cooperation agreement with Ghana’s Ministry of Health to improve the Continuum of Care in Ghana by introducing a combined Maternal and Child Health Record Book.¹⁶⁹⁰ The scheme will involve

¹⁶⁸⁵ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁶⁸⁶ Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with Fiji: Support for enhanced services at three major national hospitals, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/170824_01.html.

¹⁶⁸⁷ Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with Fiji: Support for enhanced services at three major national hospitals, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/170824_01.html.

¹⁶⁸⁸ Indonesia will cooperate with Japan in healthcare, says Minister Puan, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/adv/2017/10/02/indonesia-to-cooperate-with-japan-in-health-care-says-minister-puan.html>.

¹⁶⁸⁹ Indonesia will cooperate with Japan in healthcare, says Minister Puan, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/adv/2017/10/02/indonesia-to-cooperate-with-japan-in-health-care-says-minister-puan.html>.

¹⁶⁹⁰ JICA Develops Combined Maternal and Child Health Record Book for Ghana, Modern Ghana (Accra) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.modernghana.com/news/813678/jica-develops-combined-maternal-and-child-health-record-book.html>.

integrating several existing Maternal and Child Health Record Books into one comprehensive book that links the health records of mother and child from pregnancy until the child's fifth year.¹⁶⁹¹

On 12 November 2017, Japan, Korea, and China agreed to exchange information and technology pertaining to managing chronic disease at the Tripartite Health Ministers' meeting.¹⁶⁹² They additionally agreed to incorporate traditional medicine under the international disease classification and create international industrial standards in traditional medicine through the International Organization for Standardization.¹⁶⁹³ In the context of Japan, Korea, and China, traditional medicine includes treatments such as acupuncture, herbal medicine, and cupping.¹⁶⁹⁴

On 23 November 2017, the Kenyan Broadcasting Corporation announced the launch of a health development program seeking to integrate technology in the provision of healthcare as a collaboration between the Kenyan Government and the Policy and Human Resources Development of the Government of Japan.¹⁶⁹⁵ The project will develop a technologically aided platform that ensures that medical data is collected and monitored to allow for early warnings and risk management across Kenya, in collaboration with JICA.¹⁶⁹⁶

On 27 November 2017, JICA and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) signed an agreement to provide grant aid of up to JPY978 million to the Project for Infectious Diseases Prevention for Children.¹⁶⁹⁷ The agreement will fund vaccines for routine immunization in Afghanistan and raise awareness of vaccination in the country.¹⁶⁹⁸

On 7 December 2017, Japan and Laos signed a Record of Discussions introducing the Project for Sustainable Development and Quality Assurance of Health Care Professionals.¹⁶⁹⁹ This agreement

¹⁶⁹¹ Joint Press Release by Robert Cudjoe, Patrick Kuma-Aboagye, and Kie Kanda, Ghana Ministry of Health and Ghana Health Service with JICA Ghana Office (Accra) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/ghana/english/office/topics/c8h0vm000001qnsf-att/press_171027_02.pdf.

¹⁶⁹² S. Korea, China, Japan to enhance cooperation on aging population, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/11/12/0504000000AEN20171112002100315.html>.

¹⁶⁹³ S. Korea, China, Japan to enhance cooperation on aging population, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/11/12/0504000000AEN20171112002100315.html>.

¹⁶⁹⁴ Traditional, complementary and integrative medicine: Activities, World Health Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.who.int/traditional-complementary-integrative-medicine/activities/en/>.

¹⁶⁹⁵ Kenya, Japan Launch Programme to Integrate Technology in Healthcare, KBC Central (Nairobi) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.kbc.co.ke/technology/kenya-japan-launch-programme-integrate-technology-healthcare/>.

¹⁶⁹⁶ Kenya Partners with Japan to Launch Program to Integrate Technology in Healthcare, AFK Insider (Fort Lauderdale) 3 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://afkinsider.com/141462/kenya-partners-japan-launch-program-integrate-technology-healthcare/>.

¹⁶⁹⁷ Signing of Grant Agreement with UNICEF for Afghanistan: Supporting infectious disease control in Afghanistan through a partnership with UNICEF, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018, https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171128_01.html.

¹⁶⁹⁸ Signing of Grant Agreement with UNICEF for Afghanistan: Supporting infectious disease control in Afghanistan through a partnership with UNICEF, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018, https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171128_01.html.

¹⁶⁹⁹ Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with Laos: Supporting the creation of a licensing system for healthcare professionals toward achieving Universal Health Coverage, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171219_01.html.

will establish a licensing system for Laotian healthcare professionals, introduce a national licensing examination, particularly for nurses, and improve the medical professional training system.¹⁷⁰⁰

On 21 December 2017, Japan and the Philippines signed a Record of Discussions to introduce the Project for Introducing Evidence-based Relapse Prevention Programs to Drug Dependence Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers.¹⁷⁰¹ The project will include the development of drug addiction treatment and rehabilitation programs in the Philippines, and an accompanying training system, as well as the enhancement of research and monitoring functions.¹⁷⁰²

On 6 February 2018, Japan and Myanmar signed an agreement providing grant aid of up to JPY2.665 billion to build a new building and supply medical equipment for Dawei General Hospital in Tanintharyi Region.¹⁷⁰³ The new building will include outpatient, diagnostic imaging, surgery and sterilization departments, and laboratory, endoscopy and intensive care units.¹⁷⁰⁴

On 12 February 2018, JICA and the Iranian Ministry of Health and Medical Education signed an agreement providing grant aid of up to JPY1.534 billion to improve medical equipment in Tehran.¹⁷⁰⁵ The agreement specifically focuses on providing equipment for the detection and treatment of cancer and cardiovascular diseases.¹⁷⁰⁶

On 15 February 2018, Japan and Laos signed an agreement providing grant aid of up to JPY1.94 billion to improve the facilities of two Laotian hospitals.¹⁷⁰⁷ JICA also pledged to “strengthen health administration functions and improve the knowledge and technical skills of medical professionals.”¹⁷⁰⁸

¹⁷⁰⁰ Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with Laos: Supporting the creation of a licensing system for healthcare professionals toward achieving Universal Health Coverage, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171219_01.html.

¹⁷⁰¹ Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with the Philippines: Developing evidence-based drug dependence treatment and rehabilitation programs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171221_01.html.

¹⁷⁰² Signing of Record of Discussions on Technical Cooperation Project with the Philippines: Developing evidence-based drug dependence treatment and rehabilitation programs, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171221_01.html.

¹⁷⁰³ Signing of Grant Agreement with Myanmar: Supporting healthcare and medical services through facility and equipment upgrades at a regional core hospital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/180213_03.html.

¹⁷⁰⁴ Signing of Grant Agreement with Myanmar: Supporting healthcare and medical services through facility and equipment upgrades at a regional core hospital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/180213_03.html.

¹⁷⁰⁵ Signing of Grant Agreement with Myanmar: Supporting healthcare and medical services through facility and equipment upgrades at a regional core hospital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/180213_03.html.

¹⁷⁰⁶ Signing of Grant Agreement with Myanmar: Supporting healthcare and medical services through facility and equipment upgrades at a regional core hospital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/180213_03.html.

¹⁷⁰⁷ Signing of Grant Agreement with Myanmar: Supporting healthcare and medical services through facility and equipment upgrades at a regional core hospital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/180213_03.html.

¹⁷⁰⁸ Signing of Grant Agreement with Myanmar: Supporting healthcare and medical services through facility and equipment upgrades at a regional core hospital, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Japan) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/180213_03.html.

Japan has engaged in health initiatives with other states that seek to improve global health systems such as its projects in Iran, the Philippines and Kenya. It has demonstrated cooperative action through its agreements with Korea and China, and with organizations such as UNICEF in Afghanistan. Japan has also strengthened the health workforce through the creation of a licensing system for Laotian healthcare professionals.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Anna Wong

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

Since July 2017, the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) is helping the German development agency, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, to roll-out electronic reporting health systems in Nepal.¹⁷⁰⁹ This initiative is working to connect health staff through an online health management information system using open source software, which helps to reduce administrative labour, and allow for improved health data sharing and communication.¹⁷¹⁰ By June 2018, all 73 health facilities in Nuwakot District will be using e-reporting technology.¹⁷¹¹

On 19 July 2017, the Foundation for International Healthcare (KOFIH) donated USD24,629 worth of medical equipment to Ghana Health Service to improve care for pregnant women and new born children in the Volta region.¹⁷¹² The Ministry of Health and Welfare originally created KOFIH to provide humanitarian assistance through health support projects to developing countries.¹⁷¹³ This contribution is part of the Maternal and Neo-natal healthcare project for safe child birth and prenatal care in Volta.¹⁷¹⁴

On 24 July 2017, KOFIH announced an initiative with the Seoul National University College of Medicine, Addis Ababa Medical School, Black Lion Hospital, and Seoul National University Hospital for Korean doctors to train Ethiopian medical personnel to improve heart surgery capabilities.¹⁷¹⁵ The three-year memorandum of understanding will include training for thoracic surgeons,

¹⁷⁰⁹ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018.

http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

¹⁷¹⁰ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018.

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¹⁷¹¹ Bring the power of digital data to rural Nepal (Berlin) February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018.

http://health.bmz.de/events/In_focus/bringing_power_digital_data_rural_nepal/index.html.

¹⁷¹² Korea International Healthcare Foundation (Seoul) 31 March 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<http://www.law.go.kr/lsSc.do?menuId=0&p1=&subMenu=1&nwYn=1&query=%ED%95%9C%EA%B5%AD%EA%B5%AD%EC%A0%9C%EB%B3%B4%EA%B1%B4%EC%9D%98%EB%A3%8C%EC%9E%AC%EB%8B%A8&x=0&y=0#undefined>.

¹⁷¹³ Korea International Healthcare Foundation (Seoul) 31 March 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<http://www.law.go.kr/lsSc.do?menuId=0&p1=&subMenu=1&nwYn=1&query=%ED%95%9C%EA%B5%AD%EA%B5%AD%EC%A0%9C%EB%B3%B4%EA%B1%B4%EC%9D%98%EB%A3%8C%EC%9E%AC%EB%8B%A8&x=0&y=0#undefined>.

¹⁷¹⁴ KOFIH donates medical equipment to GHS, Ghana News Agency (Accra) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.ghananewsagency.org/health/kofih-donates-medical-equipment-to-ghs-119793>.

¹⁷¹⁵ KOFIH donates medical equipment to GHS, Ghana News Agency (Accra) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.ghananewsagency.org/health/kofih-donates-medical-equipment-to-ghs-119793>.

pediatricians, operating room nurses, Intensive Care Unit nurses, and anesthesiologists within Ethiopia.¹⁷¹⁶

On 26 July 2017, Korea pledged USD1 million to the World Health Organization (WHO)'s Contingency Fund for Emergencies.¹⁷¹⁷ The fund's aim is to enable WHO to respond rapidly to disease outbreak situations, and to contribute support in cases of natural disasters or humanitarian violations.¹⁷¹⁸

On 26 July 2017, Korea began hosting the Global Health Security Meeting and the Global Health Security Agenda Steering Group Meeting in association with WHO.¹⁷¹⁹ Over 40 countries, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations gathered to discuss health security and cooperative solutions to prevent and control infectious diseases.¹⁷²⁰

On 10 August 2017, KOICA announced a grant of USD6 million to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) as part of its 'Better Life for Girls' initiative to support Jordanian and Syrian children in achieving better health, education, and protection.¹⁷²¹ This initiative will last from 2017 to 2020. This grant will provide health education and improved sanitation in schools, allow children with disabilities to attend school, aim to prevent corporal punishment in schools, and provide support to at-risk women and girls.¹⁷²²

On 28 August 2017, WHO for the Western Pacific began a five-day Joint External Evaluation (JEE) mission to Korea to evaluate its preparedness and response measures for public health threats.¹⁷²³ The JEE report found that Korea has learned from its past experience with the 2015 MERS-CoV outbreak to improve its preparedness for national health threats.¹⁷²⁴ Korea was found to have strong

¹⁷¹⁶ KOFIH, SNU to enhance Ethiopia's heart surgery capabilities, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=931>.

¹⁷¹⁷ Republic of Korea contributes US\$ 1 million to speed up WHO's operational response to health emergencies (Seoul) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://www.who.int/about/who_reform/emergency-capacities/contingency-fund/republic-of-korea-contributes-one-million/en/.

¹⁷¹⁸ Republic of Korea contributes US\$ 1 million to speed up WHO's operational response to health emergencies (Seoul) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://www.who.int/about/who_reform/emergency-capacities/contingency-fund/republic-of-korea-contributes-one-million/en/.

¹⁷¹⁹ MOHW, WHO to hold health security conferences, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=937>.

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¹⁷²¹ KOICA grants US\$6 million to UNICEF for improved access for vulnerable children in Jordan to health, protection, and education services, UNICEF (Amman) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media_12146.html.

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¹⁷²³ Republic of Korea: Learning from an outbreak to improve health security, World Health Organization: Western Pacific Region (Manila) 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.wpro.who.int/mediacentre/features/20171002/en/>.

¹⁷²⁴ Republic of Korea: Learning from an outbreak to improve health security, World Health Organization: Western Pacific Region (Manila) 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.wpro.who.int/mediacentre/features/20171002/en/>.

immunization coverage, food borne disease monitoring systems, and laboratories that test for pathogens.¹⁷²⁵ Korea is the first developed country to allow the JEE process.¹⁷²⁶

On 8 September 2017, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced an agreement with the Russian Ministry of Health to work together in training their respective medical staff.¹⁷²⁷ One of the priorities outlined in the accord is for more structured management of trainees through the official channel between the health ministries.¹⁷²⁸ Additionally, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Seoul National University Bundang Hospital (SNUBH) and the Moscow International Medical Cluster to allow the SNUBH to run a hospital in Russia.¹⁷²⁹

On 15 September 2017, Korea donated medical equipment for tissue transplants, minimal invasive surgery, and locomotive system disorders, to three Belarusian healthcare and social institutions as a part of their official development assistance.¹⁷³⁰ This equipment included video image endoscopy systems, a pediatric bodybuilder with biological feedback, and artificial lungs.¹⁷³¹ This equipment will go to the Research Centre for Otorhinolaryngology, the National Rehabilitation Centre for Disabled Children, and the National Research Centre for Organ and Tissue Transplants, respectively.¹⁷³²

On 21 September 2017, the Ministry of Unification announced their decision to send USD8 million worth of aid to North Korea through the World Food Programme and UNICEF.¹⁷³³ This aid will allocate USD4,500,000 towards “nutritional products” for children and pregnant women, and USD3.5 million towards vaccines and medical care.¹⁷³⁴

On 2 November 2017, KOFIH and the Seoul National University College of Medicine announced that they would organize the 2017 Healthcare Worker Education Professional Course.¹⁷³⁵ The course

¹⁷²⁵ Republic of Korea: Learning from an outbreak to improve health security, World Health Organization: Western Pacific Region (Manila) 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017.

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¹⁷²⁸ Korea, Russia to cooperate on training medical workers, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=1326>.

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¹⁷³⁰ South Korean equipment for Belarusian healthcare, social services, Belarus News (Minsk) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://eng.belta.by/society/view/south-korean-equipment-for-belarusian-healthcare-social-services-104980-2017/>.

¹⁷³¹ South Korean equipment for Belarusian healthcare, social services, Belarus News (Minsk) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://eng.belta.by/society/view/south-korean-equipment-for-belarusian-healthcare-social-services-104980-2017/>.

¹⁷³² South Korean equipment for Belarusian healthcare, social services, Belarus News (Minsk) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://eng.belta.by/society/view/south-korean-equipment-for-belarusian-healthcare-social-services-104980-2017/>.

¹⁷³³ South Korea approves \$8 million aid to North Korea, timing to be decided later, Reuters (Seoul) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-southkorea-aid/south-korea-approves-8-million-aid-to-north-korea-timing-to-be-decided-later-idUSKCN1BW0AG?il=0>.

¹⁷³⁴ South Korea approves \$8 million aid to North Korea, timing to be decided later, Reuters (Seoul) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-missiles-southkorea-aid/south-korea-approves-8-million-aid-to-north-korea-timing-to-be-decided-later-idUSKCN1BW0AG?il=0>.

¹⁷³⁵ SNU to help Myanmar’s nursing education reform, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=1782>.

is an eight-week program established to train four Myanmar workers to reform nursing education within their country.¹⁷³⁶ It focuses on the administration of education and the development of a curriculum for health care workers.¹⁷³⁷

On 12 November 2017, Korea, China, and Japan agreed to exchange information and technology pertaining to managing chronic disease at the Tripartite Health Ministers' meeting.¹⁷³⁸ They additionally agreed to incorporate traditional medicine under the international disease classification and create international industrial standards in traditional medicine through the International Organization for Standardization.¹⁷³⁹ In the context of Korea, China, and Japan, traditional medicine includes treatments such as acupuncture, herbal medicine, and cupping.¹⁷⁴⁰

On 15 November 2017, Korea agreed to contribute USD500,000 to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).¹⁷⁴¹ These funds will contribute towards the continuation of the UNRWA's educational and health services to Palestinian refugees fleeing from Syria in Jordan.¹⁷⁴² The donation will help fund health centers, free access to schools, and vocational training centers.¹⁷⁴³

On 21 November 2017, the Government of Korea launched the Medical Korea global conference where healthcare professionals from various countries exchanged information about global healthcare and medical tourism.¹⁷⁴⁴ Qatar and Bahrain representatives met with Korean officials to "discuss state-funded movement of patients across borders and expansion of trading programs for

¹⁷³⁶ SNU to help Myanmar's nursing education reform, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=1782>.

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¹⁷³⁸ S. Korea, China, Japan to enhance cooperation on aging population, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/11/12/0504000000AEN20171112002100315.html>.

¹⁷³⁹ S. Korea, China, Japan to enhance cooperation on aging population, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/11/12/0504000000AEN20171112002100315.html>.

¹⁷⁴⁰ Traditional, complementary and integrative medicine: Activities, World Health Organization (Geneva) Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.who.int/traditional-complementary-integrative-medicine/activities/en/>.

¹⁷⁴¹ Republic of Korea contributes US\$ 500,000 to promote a better and safer life for Palestine refugees from Syria in Jordan, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (Amman) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/republic-korea-contributes-us-500000-promote-better-and-safer-life-0>.

¹⁷⁴² Republic of Korea contributes US\$ 500,000 to promote a better and safer life for Palestine refugees from Syria in Jordan, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (Amman) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/republic-korea-contributes-us-500000-promote-better-and-safer-life-0>.

¹⁷⁴³ Republic of Korea contributes US\$ 500,000 to promote a better and safer life for Palestine refugees from Syria in Jordan, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (Amman) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/republic-korea-contributes-us-500000-promote-better-and-safer-life-0>.

¹⁷⁴⁴ Medical Korea conference to open Nov.21 in Seoul, Pulse by Maeil Business News Korea (Seoul) 20 November 2016. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?sc=30800028&year=2017&no=769247>.

medical personnel.”¹⁷⁴⁵ Korea, Croatia, and Nicaragua also signed a memorandum of understanding to increase medical cooperation.¹⁷⁴⁶

On 27 November 2017, KOICA and the Cambodian Ministry of Health signed an agreement to fund a new ear, nose, and throat centre at the Preah Ang Duong Hospital in Cambodia.¹⁷⁴⁷ The centre will target the treatment of ear, nose, and throat diseases.¹⁷⁴⁸ KOICA will also help equip the centre with new medical machinery, and Korean doctors will also provide their expertise to medical trainees in the new facility.¹⁷⁴⁹

On 1 December 2017, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced an agreement with the Mongolian national university to establish a follow up care centre in a Mongolian hospital for Mongolian patients who have been originally treated in Korea.¹⁷⁵⁰ The goal of this system is to strengthen the quality of medical care.¹⁷⁵¹ Korean and Mongolian doctors will cooperate to assess their patients through an online based system.¹⁷⁵²

On 14 December 2017, Minister of Health Park Neunghoo signed an agreement with Iranian Health Minister Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi to cooperate in building three new hospitals in Iran to increase the supply of healthcare.¹⁷⁵³ The agreement is a chance to strengthen Iranian employment rates and to develop Iran’s medical technology.¹⁷⁵⁴

On 14 December 2017, the Ministry of Health and Welfare announced an agreement with the national health and family planning commission of the People’s Republic of China to “cooperate in healthcare areas of [mutual interest].”¹⁷⁵⁵ These areas include advancing health care coverage, and

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¹⁷⁴⁷ Korea to fund ear, nose and throat centre, Khmer Times (Phnom Penh) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <http://www.khmertimeskh.com/92736/>.

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¹⁷⁵¹ S. Korea joins hands with Mongolia on patient follow-up program, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20171207006500320>.

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¹⁷⁵³ S. Korea to finance construction of 3 hospitals in Iran, Islamic Republic News Agency (Seoul) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.irna.ir/en/News/82763844>

¹⁷⁵⁴ S. Korea to have a hand in Iran’s health sector, Tehran Times (Tehran) 17 December 2017. Access Date: 14 December 2017. <http://www.tehrantimes.com/news/419403/S-Korea-to-have-a-hand-in-Iran-s-health-sector>

¹⁷⁵⁵ Korea, China agree to cooperate on healthcare, Korea Biomedical Review (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=2132>

furthering the technology of traditional medicine, mental health, patient safety, and aging.¹⁷⁵⁶ Both Ministries agreed to work together to prepare and manage infectious diseases and cancer.¹⁷⁵⁷

On 17 December 2017, Korea pledged USD500,000 to help the UN Population Fund in Bangladesh with its “response to the ... sexual reproductive health and protection needs of women and girls affected by the ongoing Rohingya humanitarian crisis.”¹⁷⁵⁸ The donation will contribute to sustaining the Fund’s efforts of hiring midwives in Cox’s Bazaar, supplying “Clean Delivery Kits” to prevent infections during birth, and providing “Women Friendly Spaces” for female counsel and referrals to sexual abuse health clinics.¹⁷⁵⁹

On 8 February 2018, KOICA, Samsung Corporation, Good Neighbours, and USAID funded 2,590 electronic tablets to Ghana Health Service for health workers to more efficiently gather and analyze patient records.¹⁷⁶⁰ These e-Trackers allow workers to input patient information that automatically relays to the District Health Information System database.¹⁷⁶¹ Samsung contributed USD2 million for this project, and KOICA facilitated the USAID-Samsung initiative.¹⁷⁶²

On 8 February 2018, President Moon Jae-in and Swiss President Alain Berset agreed to launch a biological science initiative committee to increase their cooperation in health and medical sectors with “Swiss advanced basic science” and South Korean industrial technology.¹⁷⁶³

On 19 to 20 February 2018, Korea joined Austria, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong SAR, India, Indonesia, Italy, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, the United States, the United Kingdom, and WHO in Canberra, Australia to establish the Global Digital Health Partnership (GDHP).¹⁷⁶⁴ The GDHP “is an opportunity for deep, transformational engagement by governments,

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¹⁷⁵⁸ Republic of Korea pledges US\$ 500,000 to scale up UNFPA’s response to the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh, UNFPA Bangladesh (Cox’s Bazar) 17 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://bangladesh.unfpa.org/en/news/republic-korea-pledges-us-500000-scale-unfpa’s-response-rohingya-refugee-crisis-bangladesh>

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¹⁷⁶⁰ USAID and KOICA Enhance Health Care Using Samsung Tablets, Modern Ghana (Accra) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.modernghana.com/news/832600/usaid-and-koica-enhance-health-care-using-samsung-tablets.html>

¹⁷⁶¹ USAID and KOICA Enhance Health Care Using Samsung Tablets, Modern Ghana (Accra) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.modernghana.com/news/832600/usaid-and-koica-enhance-health-care-using-samsung-tablets.html>

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¹⁷⁶³ Leaders of S. Korea, Switzerland agree to boost science, technology cooperation, Yonhap News Agency (Yonhap) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/search1/2603000000.html?cid=AEN20180208003800315>

¹⁷⁶⁴ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency, February 2018. Date of Access: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>

digital health agencies, and the WHO so they can learn, share policy and other evidence that supports them to deliver better digital health services.”¹⁷⁶⁵

Korea has made significant progress in cooperating with the international community and with international organizations to improve health systems worldwide, including through developing the health workforce. This is seen through its initiatives to improve medical technology and increase medical aid funding in countries including Jordan, Cambodia, Belarus, and Mongolia, in conjunction with organizations such as UNICEF and WHO. Korea has demonstrated efforts to improve the international health workforce in their training initiatives and agreements with medical personnel from countries such as Ethiopia, Iraq, Myanmar, and Russia.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ivana Yuen

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 15 November 2017, the Third Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS) took place in Haiti with representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.¹⁷⁶⁶ The forum reaffirmed the goals of HIV/AIDS impact reduction by the year 2020 and established strategies for sustainability in responses to HIV/AIDS, to be implemented by the year 2030.¹⁷⁶⁷

On 7 March 2018, the governments of Mexico and Ecuador negotiated an agreement to participate in six technical cooperation projects until 2020.¹⁷⁶⁸ The projects focus on agriculture and on health, and include the sharing of Ecuador’s national emergency service, ECU 911, in order to improve

¹⁷⁶⁵ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency, February 2018. Date of Access: 7 March 2018: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁷⁶⁶ Argentina Está al Frente del Grupo que Reúne a las Autoridades de VIH-sida en América Latina y el Caribe, Ministry of Health (Buenos Aires) 15 July 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-esta-al-frente-del-grupo-que-reune-las-autoridades-de-vih-sida-en-america-latina>.

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¹⁷⁶⁸ Ecuador and Mexico negotiate six projects in technological cooperation on emergencies, agriculture and health, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Mexico) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.cancilleria.gob.ec/ecuador-y-mexico-negocian-seis-proyectos-en-cooperacion-tecnica-sobre-emergencias-agricultura-y-salud/>.

emergency response times in Mexico.¹⁷⁶⁹ The countries shall also collaborate to improve food and non-alcoholic beverage labelling.¹⁷⁷⁰

While Mexico has demonstrated cooperative action by participating in the Third Forum for Latin America and the Caribbean on HIV/AIDS and has undertaken some steps to improve their health system in conjunction with Ecuador, Mexico has not taken action to improve either the international or domestic health workforce through cooperative means.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Jacob Newfeld

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 6 September 2017, Russia and Korea announced the signing of a “protocol of intent on cooperation in professional medical education.”¹⁷⁷¹ The agreement aims to allow more structured and official management of trainees between the two countries, and was accompanied by the signing of separate memoranda such as the one signed between Seoul National University Bundang Hospital (SNUBH) and the Moscow International Medical Cluster.¹⁷⁷² This separate agreement will allow SNUBH to become the first Korean medical institution to operate in Russia.¹⁷⁷³

On 31 October 2017, the World Health Organization (WHO)’s European Office for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and the Russian Languages Unit with the Division of Information, Evidence, Research and Innovation held a training course in collaboration with WHO Country Office in Moscow, Russia.¹⁷⁷⁴ The training course involved over 30 Russian translators and WHO staff, and aimed to strengthen WHO and Europe’s capacity to develop knowledge for health

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¹⁷⁷¹ Russian-South Korean Talks, President of Russia (Moscow) September 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://en.kremlin.ru/events/president/news/55540>.

¹⁷⁷² Korea, Russia to cooperate on training medical workers, Korea Biomedical Review (Korea) September 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018 <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=1326>.

¹⁷⁷³ Korea, Russia to cooperate on training medical workers, Korea Biomedical Review (Korea) September 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018 <http://www.koreabiomed.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=1326>.

¹⁷⁷⁴ WHO hosts training for Russian translators in Moscow, World Health Organization: Regional Office for Europe, 31 October 2017. Date of Access: 22 November 2017. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/russian-federation/news/news/2017/10/who-hosts-training-for-russian-translators-in-moscow>.

systems in the Russian language.¹⁷⁷⁵ The purpose of the training course was to strengthen Russia's capacity to produce health information in the Russian language.¹⁷⁷⁶

On 15 November 2017, Minister of Health Veronika Skvortsova and Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Director Carissa Etienne signed a Memorandum of Understanding pledging to collaborate in public health promotion.¹⁷⁷⁷ Areas of focus include the sharing of expertise and cooperation in maternal and newborn health, mental health policy, road safety, alcohol and tobacco control, nutrition and promotion of physical activity. The agreement also pledged to combat anti-microbial resistance and communicable diseases.¹⁷⁷⁸

On 22 December 2017, the Ministry of Emergency Situations announced that it was granting two medical rescue helicopters to the city of Tskhinvali in South Ossetia.¹⁷⁷⁹ The helicopters will serve to improve sanitary transportation of patients to emergency medical treatment in southern Georgia and North Caucasus.¹⁷⁸⁰ Russian specialists will also provide infrastructure to maintain the aircrafts and train local specialists in service and maintenance.¹⁷⁸¹

On 27 December 2017, Russia and Brazil announced a five-year agreement under which JSC Isotope will provide the Brazilian National Nuclear Energy Commission with isotope products for diagnostic nuclear medicine.¹⁷⁸² The agreement extends current weekly isotope supplies to include lutetium-177, yttrium-90, cobalt-57, and ionizing radiation based on iridium-192, germanium-68 and gallium-68.¹⁷⁸³

Russia has demonstrated full compliance in cooperative action by signing agreements with organizations such as PAHO, and by working with WHO to improve Russian health information dissemination. Russia has also strengthened health systems worldwide, as demonstrated by its distribution of medical helicopters to South Ossetia, and its nuclear medicine agreement with Brazil. Lastly, Russia has taken steps to develop the health workforce, via its medical trainee agreement with Korea, and its training course with WHO.

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¹⁷⁷⁶ WHO hosts training for Russian translators in Moscow, World Health Organization: Regional Office for Europe, 31 October 2017. Date of Access: 22 November 2017. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/russian-federation/news/news/2017/10/who-hosts-training-for-russian-translators-in-moscow>.

¹⁷⁷⁷ PAHO, Russian Federation sign agreement on public health cooperation, Pan American Health Organization (Washington) November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13930%3Aapaho-russian-federation-sign-agreement-on-public-health-cooperation&catid=1443%3Aweb-bulletins&Itemid=135&lang=en.

¹⁷⁷⁸ PAHO, Russian Federation sign agreement on public health cooperation, Pan American Health Organization (Washington) November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. http://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=13930%3Aapaho-russian-federation-sign-agreement-on-public-health-cooperation&catid=1443%3Aweb-bulletins&Itemid=135&lang=en.

¹⁷⁷⁹ Russia to Transfer Two Medical Rescue Helicopters to South Ossetia, Civil Georgia (Tbilisi) December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=30757>.

¹⁷⁸⁰ Russia to Transfer Two Medical Rescue Helicopters to South Ossetia, Civil Georgia (Tbilisi) December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=30757>.

¹⁷⁸¹ Russia to Transfer Two Medical Rescue Helicopters to South Ossetia, Civil Georgia (Tbilisi) December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.civil.ge/eng/article.php?id=30757>.

¹⁷⁸² Rosatom expand Russian-Brazilian cooperation in the field of nuclear medicine, ISOTOPE (Russia) January 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.isotop.ru/en/view/2218/>.

¹⁷⁸³ Russia and Brazil extend cooperation in nuclear medicine, World Nuclear News (London) December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/C-Russia-and-Brazil-extend-cooperation-in-nuclear-medicine-27121701.html>.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mary Zelenova

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 9 July 2017, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud approved of the adoption of public health as a policy and priority in all regulations and legislations in Saudi Arabia, a policy derived from the World Health Organization (WHO).¹⁷⁸⁴ The move includes the conversion of hospitals and health centres into public sector companies, as well as conducting public health awareness campaigns.¹⁷⁸⁵

On 15 August 2017, Minister of Health Dr. Tawfiq Al-Rabiah and the Finnish Minister of Social Affairs and Health signed a Memorandum of Understanding targeting health cooperation between the two countries.¹⁷⁸⁶ The agreement focuses on early disease diagnosis, particularly regarding lifestyle-related diseases.¹⁷⁸⁷

On 31 October 2017, the King Salman Center for Relief and Humanitarian Aid signed an agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide emergency healthcare and activities in Yemen for 3.43 million people.¹⁷⁸⁸

While Saudi Arabia has worked to develop its domestic health capacity with WHO, has strengthened the health systems in Kyrgyzstan, and has demonstrated cooperative actions with Finland and the ICRC, it has not participated in initiatives to strengthen the health workforce.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Anna Wong

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 26 July 2017, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) hosted a forum on effective interventions to reduce harmful alcohol use in South Africa in conjunction with the World Health

¹⁷⁸⁴ King Approves Adopting Public Health as a Policy, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://saudigazette.com.sa/article/512477/SAUDI-ARABIA/Hospitals>.

¹⁷⁸⁵ King Approves Adopting Public Health as a Policy, Saudi Gazette (Riyadh) 9 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://saudigazette.com.sa/article/512477/SAUDI-ARABIA/Hospitals>.

¹⁷⁸⁶ Saudi Arabia's Minister of Health Visits Finland — Cooperation Deepens in the area of Preventative Healthcare, Finland Health (Finland) 15 August 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.finlandhealth.fi/-/saudi-arabia-s-minister-of-health-visits-finland-cooperation-deepens-in-the-area-of-preventive-health-care>.

¹⁷⁸⁷ The cooperation in health care between Finland and Saudi Arabia deepened with the visit of Finnish health care companies to Riyadh, Embassy of Finland (Riyadh) 18 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.finland.org.sa/public/default.aspx?contentid=367737&nodeid=40844&contentlan=2&culture=en-US>.

¹⁷⁸⁸ King Salman relief center signs an agreement with ICRC for emergency health care in Yemen, Saudi Press Agency (Saudi Arabia) October 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewfullstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1683024>.

Organization (WHO).¹⁷⁸⁹ The WHO South Africa Office presented a series of interventions that recognized social determinants of health, supported the development of local policy to reduce harmful use, and advocated health education as an evidence supported means to reduce the harmful use of alcohol.¹⁷⁹⁰ At the forum, WHO reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the DTI in gathering public health data to support its activities.¹⁷⁹¹

On 4 September 2017, South Africa pledged ZAR2 million over three years to the Global Antibiotic and Research Development Partnership (GARDP) at a pledging event hosted in Berlin by the German Federal Ministries of Health and of Education and Research.¹⁷⁹² GARDP “aims to develop and deliver new treatments for bacterial infections where drug resistance is present or emerging,” and the funding will go specifically towards the issue areas of sexually-transmitted infections, antimicrobial memory recovery, neonatal sepsis, paediatric antibiotics.¹⁷⁹³ South Africa pledged funding alongside Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom, as well as the Wellcome Trust.¹⁷⁹⁴

On 27 October 2017, the DTI and the United Nations released a joint statement concerning the development of South Africa’s intellectual property policy.¹⁷⁹⁵ The statement specifically addressed the ways in which intellectual property intersects with health, especially regarding vaccines and other methods of treatment.¹⁷⁹⁶ The UN Conference on Trade and Development and UN Development Programme helped the DTI run a three-day workshop, which the DTI sees as “crucial to enable government to develop a balanced, evidence based policy.”¹⁷⁹⁷

On 1 February 2018, the South African government announced the opening of ten new ophthalmology clinics in Soweto and surrounding areas.¹⁷⁹⁸ The initiative is a cross-border public-private partnership between the Gauteng Department of Health, the Standard Chartered Bank, and

¹⁷⁸⁹ WHO participates in a forum on effective interventions to reduce harmful use of alcohol, The World Health Organization South Africa (Pretoria) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.afro.who.int/news/who-participates-forum-effective-interventions-reduce-harmful-use-alcohol>.

¹⁷⁹⁰ WHO participates in a forum on effective interventions to reduce harmful use of alcohol, The World Health Organization South Africa (Pretoria) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.afro.who.int/news/who-participates-forum-effective-interventions-reduce-harmful-use-alcohol>.

¹⁷⁹¹ WHO participates in a forum on effective interventions to reduce harmful use of alcohol, The World Health Organization South Africa (Pretoria) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://www.afro.who.int/news/who-participates-forum-effective-interventions-reduce-harmful-use-alcohol>.

¹⁷⁹² More than EUR 56 Million raised to fund initiative to fight antibiotic resistance, German Federal Ministry of Health (Bonn) September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/gardp-pledging-event.html>.

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¹⁷⁹⁴ More than EUR 56 Million raised to fund initiative to fight antibiotic resistance, German Federal Ministry of Health (Bonn) September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/en/ministry/gardp-pledging-event.html>.

¹⁷⁹⁵ South Africa: Intellectual Property Policy to Help Build SA, All Africa (Cape Town) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710300617.html>.

¹⁷⁹⁶ South Africa: Intellectual Property Policy to Help Build SA, All Africa (Cape Town) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710300617.html>.

¹⁷⁹⁷ South Africa: Intellectual Property Policy to Help Build SA, All Africa (Cape Town) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201710300617.html>.

¹⁷⁹⁸ Gauteng Health on opening of eye clinics in Soweto, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 1 February 2018. Access date: March 5 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gauteng-health-opening-eye-clinics-soweto-1-feb-2018-0000>.

the Brien Holden Vision Institute.¹⁷⁹⁹ The initiative is also a part of the Vision Service Plan Global program, and is aimed towards fulfilling the goals of the WHO's Vision 2020 initiative, which aims to eliminate the causes of preventable blindness by 2020.¹⁸⁰⁰

South Africa has made progress towards the fulfillment of the health commitment made at the Hamburg Summit. South Africa has taken cooperative steps to improve the health workforce within the country, such as through launching the Gauteng GP Care cell and the APFP with help from funding from international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). South Africa has also improved health systems by improving financing and resource availability, health governance, and health surveillance. In addition, South Africa has undertaken cooperative inter-state and international public-private partnerships actions such as its partnership with GSK to overhaul the paediatric surgery clinic at Soweto's Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital, its work with WHO and the UNDP, and its international commitment to funding the GARDP.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 1.

Analyst: Armin Safavi

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 31 July 2017, the Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) announced the donation of medical training equipment to the nursing faculty of the University of Antioquia in Medellin, Colombia.¹⁸⁰¹ TIKA's donation of a patient simulator, vital systems monitor, and drug recognition computer program will improve and expand the capacity for student training.¹⁸⁰²

On 18 August 2017, TIKA announced a project to establish a daily chemotherapy unit and acute inpatient ward in Shaheed Suhrawardy Medical Faculty and Research Hospital in Dhaka, Bangladesh.¹⁸⁰³ In addition to renovating hospital rooms and providing medical equipment, TIKA will provide training for medical staff to serve in patient wards and the chemotherapy unit.¹⁸⁰⁴

On 28 September 2017, the Pharmaceutical and Medical Devices Agency (TITCK) agreed to share "certain successful applications in Turkey's healthcare transformation process, especially licensing,

¹⁷⁹⁹ Gauteng Health on opening of eye clinics in Soweto, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 1 February 2018. Access date: March 5 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gauteng-health-opening-eye-clinics-soweto-1-feb-2018-0000>.

¹⁸⁰⁰ Gauteng Health on opening of eye clinics in Soweto, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 1 February 2018. Access date: March 5 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gauteng-health-opening-eye-clinics-soweto-1-feb-2018-0000>.

¹⁸⁰¹ Gauteng Health on opening of eye clinics in Soweto, The Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 1 February 2018. Access date: March 5 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/gauteng-health-opening-eye-clinics-soweto-1-feb-2018-0000>.

¹⁸⁰² Tika Donates Medical Equipment to Colombian University, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry (Turkey) July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_donates_medical_equipment_to_colombian_university-36911.

¹⁸⁰³ Tika Donates Medical Equipment to Colombian University, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry (Turkey) July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_donates_medical_equipment_to_colombian_university-36911.

¹⁸⁰⁴ Tika Donates Medical Equipment to Colombian University, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry (Turkey) July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_donates_medical_equipment_to_colombian_university-36911.

ITS, UTS licensing, and e-prescription” with Pakistani health officials.¹⁸⁰⁵ The agreement was part of a three-day Pakistan-Turkey Health Expo in Lahore tasked with boosting Pakistan’s healthcare sector.¹⁸⁰⁶

On 17 October 2017, the Turkish government sent an envoy of several doctors, mainly surgeons and specialists in spine injuries as well as the country’s health minister to Somalia to provide health assistance in the aftermath of bombings that struck the country that week.¹⁸⁰⁷

On 24 November 2017, TIKA announced the completion of a six-week project to provide health screening to low-income populations in Manila, Philippines.¹⁸⁰⁸ Over 15,000 people received medical diagnoses, dental treatment, optic examinations, eyeglass distribution, and prescription drugs from Turkish and Filipino doctors and volunteers.¹⁸⁰⁹ TIKA also supplied medical devices for electrocardiograms, x-rays, and blood pressure measurement, as well as wheelchairs, walking sticks and nebulizer devices for asthma treatment.¹⁸¹⁰

On 20 December 2017, Minister of Health Ahmet Demircan announced the ministry would provide aid and treatment to three Palestinian children born with congenital amputations and other defects.¹⁸¹¹ The Minister also revealed Turkey constructed a hospital in Gaza, which is set to open soon.¹⁸¹²

On 27 December 2017, the Turkish government announced a plan to improve the country’s stake in global health tourism.¹⁸¹³ The Health Services Export Strategy and Draft Action Plan was developed by the Ministry of Economics and includes the permission of hospitals to “join sectoral trade and purchase delegations abroad,” the increased international accreditation of Turkish medical staff and institutions and the provision of health visas will be facilitated.¹⁸¹⁴ A “Health Promotion Group” will

¹⁸⁰⁵ Pakistan: Pak-Turkey Health Expo begins in Lahore, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/pakistan-pak-turkey-health-expo-begins-in-lahore/921632>.

¹⁸⁰⁶ Pakistan: Pak-Turkey Health Expo begins in Lahore, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/pakistan-pak-turkey-health-expo-begins-in-lahore/921632>.

¹⁸⁰⁷ Somalia calls for blood donations after bombing, Turkey sends doctors, Reuters (London) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/somalia-attacks/somalia-calls-for-blood-donations-after-bombing-turkey-sends-doctors-idUSL8N1MS28N>.

¹⁸⁰⁸ Health Screening in 6 Different Regions of Manila, Republic of Turkey (Turkey) November 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/health_screening_in_6_different_regions_of_manila-39630.

¹⁸⁰⁹ Health Screening in 6 Different Regions of Manila, Republic of Turkey (Turkey) November 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/health_screening_in_6_different_regions_of_manila-39630.

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¹⁸¹¹ Turkey to help disabled Palestinian children in Gaza, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 20 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkey-to-help-disabled-palestinian-children-in-gaza/1010156>.

¹⁸¹¹ Turkey to help disabled Palestinian children in Gaza, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 20 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkey-to-help-disabled-palestinian-children-in-gaza/1010156>.

¹⁸¹² Turkey to help disabled Palestinian children in Gaza, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 20 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkey-to-help-disabled-palestinian-children-in-gaza/1010156>.

¹⁸¹³ Turkish gov’t prepares plan to increase share in global health tourism, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 27 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/tourism/2017/12/28/turkish-govt-prepares-plan-to-increase-share-in-global-health-tourism>.

¹⁸¹⁴ Turkish gov’t prepares plan to increase share in global health tourism, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 27 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/tourism/2017/12/28/turkish-govt-prepares-plan-to-increase-share-in-global-health-tourism>.

be created to proliferate the Turkish health tourism sector, under which branches in which Turkish doctors prove adept will be introduced internationally.¹⁸¹⁵

On 27 December 2017, the Turkish and Iraqi governments ratified a healthcare cooperation agreement.¹⁸¹⁶ As per the agreement, the Ministry of Health will support the development of the Iraqi healthcare sector, including the construction of medical clinics in Baghdad and other major cities.¹⁸¹⁷ The two nations will also exchange experience in the medical field.¹⁸¹⁸

On 11 January 2018, TIKA completed renovations on a male dormitory in Yemen's Emin Nashir Health Institute.¹⁸¹⁹ The institute trains doctors and other health professionals in Yemen.¹⁸²⁰ The aid came after the dorms became unusable due to civil unrest in the country.¹⁸²¹ Now, the Institute will be able to accommodate more students into training than before.¹⁸²²

On 25 January 2018, TIKA announced the opening of the Shadyan BHC Clinic in Balkh Province in Afghanistan.¹⁸²³ The clinic will offer emergency room, gynecology, internal medicine and minor surgery units, in addition to a solar power system that will provide electricity for both the clinic and Shadyan village.¹⁸²⁴ TIKA is also providing medical supplies and equipment.¹⁸²⁵

On 28 February 2018, the Turkish Military and Free Syrian Army provided medical assistance in the form of medical screenings to 22 civilians in a village called Marnawa in the Afrin region of Syria.¹⁸²⁶ The aid was part of Operation Olive Branch, which was launched by the Free Syrian Army and Turkish Military on January 20 to remove ISIS militants from Afrin.¹⁸²⁷

On 28 February 2018, Chair of the Foreign Economic Relations Board Faltı Atunbas announced the establishment of a Turkey-Mali Business Council during President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's visit to

¹⁸¹⁵ Turkish gov't prepares plan to increase share in global health tourism, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 27 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/tourism/2017/12/28/turkish-govt-prepares-plan-to-increase-share-in-global-health-tourism>.

¹⁸¹⁶ Turkey ratifies agreement with Iraq in healthcare field, Azernews (Baku) 27 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://www.azernews.az/region/124680.html>.

¹⁸¹⁷ Turkey ratifies agreement with Iraq in healthcare field, Azernews (Baku) 27 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://www.azernews.az/region/124680.html>.

¹⁸¹⁸ Turkey ratifies agreement with Iraq in healthcare field, Azernews (Baku) 27 December 2017. Access Date: January 15, 2018. <https://www.azernews.az/region/124680.html>.

¹⁸¹⁹ Turkish agency renovates dorm of Yemeni institute, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 11 January 2018. Access Date: January 15, 2018. aa.com.tr/en/health/turkish-agency-renovates-form-of-yemeni-institute-/1028085.

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¹⁸²³ BHC Clinic in Afghanistan was Opened, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry (Turkey) January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/bhc_clinic_in_afghanistan_was_opened-41152.

¹⁸²⁴ BHC Clinic in Afghanistan was Opened, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry (Turkey) January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/bhc_clinic_in_afghanistan_was_opened-41152.

¹⁸²⁵ BHC Clinic in Afghanistan was Opened, Republic of Turkey Prime Ministry (Turkey) January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/bhc_clinic_in_afghanistan_was_opened-41152.

¹⁸²⁶ Turkey provides health screening to Syrian civilians, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkey-provides-health-screening-to-syrian-civilians/1076373>.

¹⁸²⁷ Turkey provides health screening to Syrian civilians, Anadolu Agency (Ankara) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/turkey-provides-health-screening-to-syrian-civilians/1076373>.

the country.¹⁸²⁸ The Council will facilitate cooperative investment between the two nations, including in the health sector, which Malian Investment Promotion and Minister of the Private Sector Maitre Baber Gano says is crucial to Malinese development.¹⁸²⁹

On 16 March 2018, the Ministry of Health announced that two “health weeks” were being held in Djibouti and Sudan respectively.¹⁸³⁰ The Ministry sent 19 healthcare professionals to Djibouti in fields such as cardiology, obstetrics, gynecology and urology, among others, along with 70 packages of medical assistant supplies, and five fully equipped ambulances.¹⁸³¹ Over the week, Turkish doctors provided over 1000 Djiboutian patients with medical consultations, performed 119 surgeries, and gave 38 Djiboutian healthcare professionals with on-site training in four cities.¹⁸³² In Sudan, a medical delegation was sent to perform plastic surgery on 100 children suffering from cleft lip and palate.¹⁸³³

Turkey’s assistance to and cooperation with Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Pakistan, Syria, Mali, Uzbekistan, and Palestine show evidence of efforts to strengthen health systems worldwide. Turkey also has also demonstrated its commitment to developing the health workforce by offering training to healthcare workers in countries such as Colombia, Bangladesh and Djibouti. Additionally, the planned expansion of their medical tourism industry abroad, and the growth in the Malinese health workforce that will result from the creation of their trade council further demonstrate evidence of cooperative action to strengthen health systems worldwide.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Armin Safavi

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 1 August 2017, the UK government began providing a hexavalent vaccine, including hepatitis B, for children at the age of 2 months.¹⁸³⁴ This step is taken in conjunction with the World Health

¹⁸²⁸ Turkey, Mali seek mutual gains through investment, Daily Sabah (Istanbul) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/economy/2018/03/02/turkey-mali-seek-mutual-gains-through-investments>.

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¹⁸³⁰ Turkish Doctors’ Helping Hands Reach Beyond Borders, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs (Turkey) March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://disab.saglik.gov.tr/EN,32925/turkish-doctors-helping-hands-reach-beyond-borders.html>.

¹⁸³¹ Turkish Doctors’ Helping Hands Reach Beyond Borders, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs (Turkey) March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://disab.saglik.gov.tr/EN,32925/turkish-doctors-helping-hands-reach-beyond-borders.html>.

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¹⁸³³ Turkish Doctors’ Helping Hands Reach Beyond Borders, General Directorate of EU and Foreign Affairs (Turkey) March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://disab.saglik.gov.tr/EN,32925/turkish-doctors-helping-hands-reach-beyond-borders.html>.

¹⁸³⁴ World Hepatitis Day: Making Hepatitis Elimination a Reality, World Health Organization: Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 27 July 2017. Date of Access: 25 November 2017. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/news/news/2017/07/world-hepatitis-day-making-hepatitis-elimination-a-reality>.

Organization (WHO)'s anti-hepatitis initiative, and is thought to bring the European region one step closer to controlling HBV infection.¹⁸³⁵

On 4 August 2017, the UK announced final efforts to eliminate polio globally.¹⁸³⁶ International Development Secretary Priti Patel announced that the UK would be providing GBP100 million in aid to immunize 45 million children per year against polio until 2020.¹⁸³⁷ The funding will be channelled through WHO to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.¹⁸³⁸

On 11 August 2017, Secretary Patel announced the UK's renewed support for combatting cholera outbreaks in Yemen.¹⁸³⁹ The UK's support includes the provision of medical and sanitation supplies, and the rehabilitation of medical facilities to help 250,000 people.¹⁸⁴⁰ The UK also supported the secondment of an international healthcare specialist from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to the Emergency Operations Centre in Sana'a to improve the response.¹⁸⁴¹

On 5 September 2017, Healthcare UK announced its support for a large project in India to create a network of 11 Medicities across India.¹⁸⁴² The programme, called the Indo-UK Institute of Health, is one of the largest healthcare initiatives in the world.¹⁸⁴³ The programme aims to provide integrated healthcare across all of India through partnering with global professionals in research, education, technology, and health care.¹⁸⁴⁴

On 2 November 2017, the Department for International Development announced the opening of a diagnostic laboratory at Connaught Hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone.¹⁸⁴⁵ The laboratory will work

¹⁸³⁵ World Hepatitis Day: Making Hepatitis Elimination a Reality, World Health Organization: Regional Office for Europe (Copenhagen) 27 July 2017. Date of Access: 25 November 2017. <http://www.euro.who.int/en/countries/united-kingdom-of-great-britain-and-northern-ireland/news/news/2017/07/world-hepatitis-day-making-hepatitis-elimination-a-reality>.

¹⁸³⁶ UK leads final push to make polio history, UK Department for International Development (UK) August 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-leads-final-push-to-make-polio-history>.

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¹⁸³⁹ UK renews push to tackle world's worst cholera outbreak in Yemen, UK Department for International Development (UK) August 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-renews-push-to-tackle-worlds-worst-cholera-outbreak-in-yemen>.

¹⁸⁴⁰ UK renews push to tackle world's worst cholera outbreak in Yemen, UK Department for International Development (UK) August 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-renews-push-to-tackle-worlds-worst-cholera-outbreak-in-yemen>.

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¹⁸⁴² India's Major Healthcare System Development, UK Government (UK) 5 September 2017. Date of Access: 15 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/indias-major-healthcare-system-development>.

¹⁸⁴³ India's Major Healthcare System Development, UK Government (UK) 5 September 2017. Date of Access: 15 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/indias-major-healthcare-system-development>.

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¹⁸⁴⁵ UK Aid opens refurbished hospital laboratory in Sierra Leone, UK Department for International Development (UK) November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-opens-refurbished-hospital-laboratory-in-sierra-leone>.

to detect and control diseases such as Ebola and yellow fever.¹⁸⁴⁶ Its construction was accompanied by the training of local health technicians in molecular virology by Public Health England.¹⁸⁴⁷

On 8 December 2017, the UK government announced agreements with the health sectors of China, which facilitated an influx of over GBP70 million into businesses and spearheaded into partnerships between universities, hospitals, companies, and academic councils.¹⁸⁴⁸ The collaboration is expected to help share knowledge, expertise, and resources to improve the state of healthcare in both China and the UK.¹⁸⁴⁹

On 14 December 2017, Minister for Africa Rory Stewart has announced an additional GBP52 million package to help people affected by the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan.¹⁸⁵⁰ Among other things, the funding will provide food, shelter, and support for those fleeing the conflict in South Sudan and help Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia to tackle the recent refugee crisis in Africa.¹⁸⁵¹

On 31 December 2017, the UK government announced its plan to add GBP21 million to its emergency aid fund for food, clean water, and health services in 2018.¹⁸⁵² International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt also confirmed the UK government's support for the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF).¹⁸⁵³ The additional GBP21 million provided since the January 2018 will be added to the GBP55m as part of the UK's CERF funding of 2017.¹⁸⁵⁴

On 2 February 2018, the Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the China Food and Drug Administration.¹⁸⁵⁵

¹⁸⁴⁶ UK Aid opens refurbished hospital laboratory in Sierra Leone, UK Department for International Development (UK) November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-opens-refurbished-hospital-laboratory-in-sierra-leone>.

¹⁸⁴⁷ UK Aid opens refurbished hospital laboratory in Sierra Leone, UK Department for International Development (UK) November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-opens-refurbished-hospital-laboratory-in-sierra-leone>.

¹⁸⁴⁸ UK and China agree to £70 million of Business in Health Sectors, UK Government (UK) 8 December 2017. Date of Access: 14 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-china-agree-70-million-of-business-in-health-sectors>.

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¹⁸⁵⁰ New UK Aid Support for South Sudan, UK Government (UK) 14 December 2017. Date of Access: 13 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

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¹⁸⁵² UK to add £21m to emergency aid fund for food, health services and clean water in 'bleak' 2018, The Independent (London) 31 December 2017. Date of Access: 14 January 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-add-21-million-emergency-aid-cerf-water-health-penny-mordaunt-2018-a8135231.html>.

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¹⁸⁵⁴ UK to add £21m to emergency aid fund for food, health services and clean water in 'bleak' 2018, The Independent (London) 31 December 2017. Date of Access: 14 January 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/uk-add-21-million-emergency-aid-cerf-water-health-penny-mordaunt-2018-a8135231.html>.

¹⁸⁵⁵ UK and China sign Memorandum of Understanding on Medicine and Device Regulation, UK Department for International Development (UK) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-china-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-medicine-and-device-regulation>.

The two organizations agree to new areas of cooperation such as an exchange of learning from the accelerated access review and how to regulate the trading of medicines online.¹⁸⁵⁶

On 3 February 2018, the UK Emergency Medical Team returned home following a six-week mission in Bangladesh to combat a diphtheria outbreak in Rohingya camps in Bangladesh.¹⁸⁵⁷ The UK doctors, nurses and paramedics triaged over 3,000 people and trained Bangladeshi health professionals in infection prevention and control.¹⁸⁵⁸ The aid was provided in conjunction with WHO, the International Organization for Migration, and Médecins sans Frontières.¹⁸⁵⁹

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On 27 February 2018, Minister of International Development Harriett Baldwin announced that the Department for International Development would be supporting Nursing Now’s campaign to increase the training of nurses and midwives in developing countries.¹⁸⁶² Minister Baldwin announced a contribution of GBP5 million to the program.¹⁸⁶³

¹⁸⁵⁶ UK and China sign Memorandum of Understanding on Medicine and Device Regulation, UK Department for International Development (UK) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-china-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-medicine-and-device-regulation>.

¹⁸⁵⁷ UK Emergency Medical Team heads home after bringing Bangladesh diphtheria outbreak under control,, UK Department for International Development (UK) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-emergency-medical-team-heads-home-after-bringing-bangladesh-diphtheria-outbreak-under-control>.

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¹⁸⁶⁰ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Date of Access: 7 March 2018: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁸⁶¹ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Date of Access: 7 March 2018: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁸⁶² UK aid supports Nursing Now campaign to empower nurses in the world’s poorest countries, UK Department for International Development (UK) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-supports-nursing-now-campaign-to-empower-nurses-in-the-worlds-poorest-countries>.

¹⁸⁶³ UK aid supports Nursing Now campaign to empower nurses in the world’s poorest countries, UK Department for International Development (UK) February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-supports-nursing-now-campaign-to-empower-nurses-in-the-worlds-poorest-countries>.

On 19 March 2018, the UK signed the European X-Ray Free-Electron Laser (XFEL) convention in Berlin, Germany, pledging EUR26 million to the agreement.¹⁸⁶⁴ As one of the most powerful X-ray machines built to date, XFEL “uses a super-strength laser to help understand life-threatening viruses,” and will thus help the development of treatments and cures.¹⁸⁶⁵

The UK has partaken in cooperative policy action, as demonstrated by its support of WHO to eradicate polio worldwide, and its agreements with countries such as India and China. The UK has also undertaken to strengthen worldwide health systems through its aid to Yemen and South Sudan. Lastly, the UK has also developed the health workforce by supporting Nursing Now, and training healthcare workers in Bangladesh and Sierra Leone.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

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United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 14 September 2017, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced that 10,000 community health volunteers in Madagascar would be receiving equipment through the agency’s Community Capacity for Health Program, including awareness-raising materials, management tools, and equipment for community-based integrated child support, nutrition monitoring, and family planning services.¹⁸⁶⁶

On 19 September 2017, the US government released the President’s Emergency Fund for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Strategy for Accelerating HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control (2017-2020).¹⁸⁶⁷ The strategy emphasizes the importance of targeted interventions as well as educational programming to further the global HIV/AIDS response.¹⁸⁶⁸ PEPFAR works with many low and middle-income

¹⁸⁶⁴The United Kingdom officially joins European XFEL, European XFEL (Hamburg) March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. https://www.xfel.eu/news_and_events/news/index_eng.html?openDirectAnchor=1435&two_columns=0.

¹⁸⁶⁵ UK joins world-leading research programme to help develop medicines of the future, UK Department for International Development (UK) March 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-joins-world-leading-research-programme-to-help-develop-medicines-of-the-future>.

¹⁸⁶⁶ 10,000 Community Health Volunteers Receive Equipment from USAID’s Community Capacity for Health Program, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/Madagascar/press-releases/10000-community-health-volunteers-receive-equipment-usaid%E2%80%99s>.

¹⁸⁶⁷ Strategy for Accelerating HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control (2017-2020), President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (Washington) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.pepfar.gov/documents/organization/274400.pdf>.

¹⁸⁶⁸ Strategy for Accelerating HIV/AIDS Epidemic Control (2017-2020), President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (Washington) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.pepfar.gov/documents/organization/274400.pdf>.

countries to contain the global HIV/AIDS pandemic.¹⁸⁶⁹ For the 2018 fiscal year, the US Government allocated USD5.6 billion to PEPFAR.¹⁸⁷⁰

On 21 September 2017, USAID Ambassador Mark Green announced that USAID will be cooperating with the Centre for Disease Control to expand the programming of the US President's Malaria Initiative (PMI).¹⁸⁷¹ The expansion will see new malaria control programs implemented in Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, and Sierra Leone, and an expansion of PMI's programming in Burkina-Faso.¹⁸⁷² Support from PMI will enhance "overall country capacity and [strengthen] health systems while improving malaria prevention and treatment services. PMI support includes strengthening supply chain logistics, malaria case surveillance, and monitoring and evaluation of impact."¹⁸⁷³

On 26 September 2017, the US and Brazilian governments signed a partnership to produce the second stage of the Zika vaccine.¹⁸⁷⁴ This agreement was signed between Minister of Health Thomas Price and Brazilian Minister of Health Ricardo Barros at the Pan American Sanitary Conference.¹⁸⁷⁵ The agreement marks the beginning the human testing phase of the Zika vaccine clinical trial.¹⁸⁷⁶ The American and Brazilian researchers will streamline the vaccine production process to develop it efficiently.¹⁸⁷⁷

¹⁸⁶⁹ .S. Global Health Funding: President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) FY 2004-FY 2018 Request, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (Menlo Park) 17 August 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.pepfar.gov/documents/organization/274400.pdf>.

¹⁸⁷⁰ US Global Health Funding: President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) FY 2004-FY 2018 Request, The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation (Menlo Park) 17 August 2017. Access Date: November 22 2017. <https://www.pepfar.gov/documents/organization/274400.pdf>.

¹⁸⁷¹ USAID Administrator Green Announces PMI Launch and Expansion in West and Central Africa, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-21-2017-pmi-launches-and-expands-west-and-central-africa>.

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¹⁸⁷⁴ Brazil to speed up zika virus vaccine production, says Health minister, EBC Agencia Brasil (Brasilia) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/en/geral/noticia/2017-09/brazil-speed-zika-virus-vaccine-production-says-health-minister>.

¹⁸⁷⁵ Brazil to speed up zika virus vaccine production, says Health minister, EBC Agencia Brasil (Brasilia) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://agenciabrasil.ebc.com.br/en/geral/noticia/2017-09/brazil-speed-zika-virus-vaccine-production-says-health-minister>.

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On 13 October 2017, USAID launched several “Transform” initiatives to aid Ethiopia in preventing maternal and child deaths alongside the Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).¹⁸⁷⁸ These initiatives aim to strengthen primary health care systems, promote sanitation to reduce rates of diarrheal disease, provide better pregnancy and child health services to developing regions, and monitor and adapt to the progress of the latter three initiatives.¹⁸⁷⁹

On 29 November 2017, USAID and PEPFAR partnered with the Foundation for Professional Development and the Gauteng Province Department of Health in South Africa to launch the General Practitioner Care Cell pilot project.¹⁸⁸⁰ The project aims to expand access to HIV treatment services and strengthen the health system by linking private General Practitioners with the public health service.¹⁸⁸¹

On 14 December 2017, USAID announced the Utkrisht Impact Bond, a new maternal and newborn health development bond that aims to reduce the incidence of maternal and newborn death in the Indian state of Rajasthan by enabling its implementing partners to support “440 Small Healthcare Organizations to improve services, meet new government quality standards, and adhere to them over the long term.”¹⁸⁸² The program is projected to reach up to 600,000 pregnant women and save 10,000 lives over the next five years.¹⁸⁸³

On 22 December 2017, the US and Indonesia launched a five-year program to improve health services for marginalized mothers and their newborns, focusing on reducing preventable deaths.¹⁸⁸⁴ The aim of this program is to enhance receptivity in private and public health care to increase the efficiency of the health system by including health professionals, policymakers, and insurance providers.¹⁸⁸⁵

On 18 January 2018, PEPFAR released its Fiscal Year 2018 Country Operational Plan Guidance for Standard Countries.¹⁸⁸⁶ The guidance tracks the annual investments of the US government “to ensure

¹⁸⁷⁸ USAID Launches \$181 Million in Activities to Help Prevent Maternal and Child Deaths, U.S Embassy in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) 16 October 2017. Access: Date 24 November 2017. <https://et.usembassy.gov/usaaid-launches-181-million-activities-help-prevent-maternal-child-deaths/>.

¹⁸⁷⁹ USAID Launches \$181 Million in Activities to Help Prevent Maternal and Child Deaths, U.S Embassy in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) 16 October 2017. Access: Date 24 November 2017. <https://et.usembassy.gov/usaaid-launches-181-million-activities-help-prevent-maternal-child-deaths/>.

¹⁸⁸⁰ Launch of the GP Care Cell Pilot Project in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 8 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/southern-africa-regional/news/launch-gp-care-cell-pilot-project-atteridgeville-pretoria>.

¹⁸⁸¹ Launch of the GP Care Cell Pilot Project in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 29 November 2017. Access Date: January 8 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/southern-africa-regional/news/launch-gp-care-cell-pilot-project-atteridgeville-pretoria>.

¹⁸⁸² The Maternal and Newborn Health Development Impact Bond, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 14 December 2017. Access Date: January 8 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/cii/IndiaDIB>.

¹⁸⁸³ The Maternal and Newborn Health Development Impact Bond, The United States Agency for International Development (Washington) 14 December 2017. Access Date: January 8 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/cii/IndiaDIB>.

¹⁸⁸⁴ Indonesia, US Launch Program to Reduce Maternal, Infant Mortality (Jakarta) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesia-us-launch-program-reduce-maternal-infant-mortality/>.

¹⁸⁸⁵ Indonesia, US Launch Program to Reduce Maternal, Infant Mortality (Jakarta) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesia-us-launch-program-reduce-maternal-infant-mortality/>.

¹⁸⁸⁶ PEPFAR 2018 Country Operational Plan Guidance for Standard Process Countries, President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (Washington) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.pepfar.gov/reports/guidance/c77910.htm>.

every US dollar is maximally focused and traceable for impact.”¹⁸⁸⁷ The plan contains country specific plans and denotes areas of focus for the 2018 activities of PEPFAR and its partner organizations and countries.¹⁸⁸⁸ Areas of focus include continuing to focus on prevention among children and adolescents and “working with and implementing activities through indigenous partners, including faith-based organizations (FBOs), HIV network organizations, and community-based organizations directly servicing communities and populations at-risk and most affected by HIV, to build local capacity ... increase program sustainability.”¹⁸⁸⁹

On 8 February 2018, USAID, KOICA, Samsung Corporation, and Good Neighbours jointly funded 2,590 electronic tablets to Ghana Health Service for health workers to more efficiently gather and analyze patient records.¹⁸⁹⁰ These e-Trackers allow workers to input patient information that automatically relays to the District Health Information System database.¹⁸⁹¹

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The United States has undertaken cooperative international actions to strengthen health systems, and to support the health workforce. International cooperative actions include USAID’s new maternal and newborn health development bond, and the Guateng GP Care Cell project. The global health workforce has been supported by these programs, as well as programs such as USAID’s Community Capacity for Health Program and by PEPFAR’s continued funding.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

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1887 PEPFAR 2018 Country Operational Plan Guidance for Standard Process Countries, President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (Washington) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018.

<https://www.pepfar.gov/reports/guidance/c77910.htm>.

¹⁸⁸⁸ PEPFAR 2018 Country Operational Plan Guidance for Standard Process Countries, President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (Washington) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018.

<https://www.pepfar.gov/reports/guidance/c77910.htm>.

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<https://www.pepfar.gov/reports/guidance/c77910.htm>.

¹⁸⁹⁰ USAID and KOICA Enhance Health Care Using Samsung Tablets, Modern Ghana (Accra) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.modernghana.com/news/832600/usaid-and-koica-enhance-health-care-using-samsung-tablets.html>.

¹⁸⁹¹ USAID and KOICA Enhance Health Care Using Samsung Tablets, Modern Ghana (Accra) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.modernghana.com/news/832600/usaid-and-koica-enhance-health-care-using-samsung-tablets.html>.

¹⁸⁹² Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency, February 2018. Date of Access: 7 March 2018. <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

¹⁸⁹³ Media Release: New Global Digital Health Partnership, Australian Digital Health Agency (Canberra) February 2018. Date of Access: 7 March 2018: <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/news-and-events/news/media-release-new-global-digital-health-partnership>.

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen health systems worldwide through cooperative action and to develop the health workforce.

On 13 July 2017, Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides announced EUR30 million in aid for Iraq, including funding for emergency medical service workers on the frontlines, at a High-Level Meeting on the Internally Displaced Persons Crisis in Mosul.¹⁸⁹⁴

On 20 July 2017, Commissioner Stylianides announced EUR10 million in humanitarian aid to support healthcare organizations in Libya, whose “health system has practically collapsed” and where “human resources are lacking, in particular for intensive care units or in the nursing sector.”¹⁸⁹⁵

On 13 September 2017, the European Commission launched the Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections.¹⁸⁹⁶ This initiative brings together 44 partners from across Europe, including EU members and international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.¹⁸⁹⁷ The initiative is co-funded by the third Health Programme of the EU and has a EUR4 million budget “to support member states in the development and implementation of national strategies; ensure a common approach at European level on the implementation of a global action plan; produce guidance documents and tools allowing member states to step up the fight against AMR at national and local levels; and enhance the implementation of organisational change and/or other methods to enable sustainable improvements in practice by health care professionals.”¹⁸⁹⁸

On 21 September 2017, Commissioner Stylianides announced a further EUR10 million to help displaced persons in Iraq, including funding mental health supports for survivors of violence.¹⁸⁹⁹

On 16 November 2017, the EU announced a EUR400 million aid package to assist Guinea in its recovery from the Ebola epidemic.¹⁹⁰⁰ This aid package includes EUR40 million of funding that will

¹⁸⁹⁴ Humanitarian aid for Iraq - EU announces additional €30 million, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (Brussels) July 2017. Date of Access: 21 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/humanitarian-aid-iraq-eu-announces-additional-30-million_en.

¹⁸⁹⁵ €10 million in emergency assistance for increasing humanitarian needs in Libya, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (Brussels) July 2017. Date of Access: 21 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/echo/news/10-million-emergency-assistance-respond-increasing-humanitarian-needs-libya_en.

¹⁸⁹⁶ Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-Associated Infections, European Commission-CHAFEA (Brussels) September 2017. Date of Access: 21 November 2017. <http://ec.europa.eu/chafea/news/news522.html>.

¹⁸⁹⁷ Joint Action on Antimicrobial Resistance & Healthcare-Associated Infections “EU-JAMRAI” Kick-off Meeting Agenda, EU-JAMRAI (Brussels) September 2017. Date of Access: 21 November 2017. https://eu-jamrai.sciencesconf.org/data/EU_JAMRAI_Kickoff_Agenda_VF2.pdf.

¹⁸⁹⁸ EU: Joint action on antimicrobial resistance to be launched in Paris tomorrow, Science Business (UK) September 2017. Date of Access: 21 November 2017. <https://sciencebusiness.net/healthy-measures/news/eu-joint-action-antimicrobial-resistance-be-launched-paris-tomorrow>.

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“support governance of the health sector so as to enable the State to deliver quality basic healthcare services and fulfil its role in monitoring health.”¹⁹⁰¹

On 12 December 2017, the EU committed EUR10.9 million to support the development of health systems in Libya.¹⁹⁰² The package will include funding for “assistance to maternal and new-born health, trainings for future nurse and midwifery and the establishment of a national prevention strategy at primary health care level countrywide.”¹⁹⁰³ It will be used in partnership with the UN.¹⁹⁰⁴

On 30 December 2017, an EU-funded mobile reproductive team from the UN Population Fund provided healthcare services to 80 vulnerable women in Aleppo, Syria.¹⁹⁰⁵ Health services, particularly focused on maternal health, is the EU’s top priority in the area. The team is expected to help enable a regular delivery of services by humanitarian partners through mobile units in Aleppo.¹⁹⁰⁶

On 27 February 2018, Commissioner of Health Vytenis Andriukaitis met with Iranian Health Minister Hassan Ghazizadeh Hashemi in Brussels and discussed “antimicrobial resistance, health security [including] the international health regulations, health technology assessment, fight against non-communicable diseases, tobacco — with a focus on the ratification of the Protocol to Eliminate illicit trade of tobacco under WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, a number of sanitary and phytosanitary issues, and collaboration on health research.”¹⁹⁰⁷ The meeting laid the groundwork for a joint workshop on health research and innovation to be held in Tehran in April.¹⁹⁰⁸

The European Union has a robust and multivalent strategy to strengthen health systems, as demonstrated by their financial and material support for health systems in countries such as Libya, Guinea, and Iraq. The EU has also demonstrated cooperative action alongside organizations such as the UN Population Fund and WHO and has demonstrated a commitment to improving the health workforce through its support for nurse and midwife training in Libya.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Bruce Cinnamon

¹⁹⁰¹ The European Union announces €400 million to support Guinea, The European Commission (Brussels) November 2017. Date of Access: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4691_en.htm.

¹⁹⁰² The European Union adopts new assistance programme to improve health services in Libya, The European Commission, December 2017. Date of Access: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5222_en.htm.

¹⁹⁰³ The European Union adopts new assistance programme to improve health services in Libya, The European Commission, December 2017. Date of Access: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5222_en.htm.

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¹⁹⁰⁵ EU support enables UNFPA to deliver aid to an area previously unreachable in Aleppo, Syria, The European Commission, December 2017. Date of Access: 7 March 2018. http://ec.europa.eu/echo/blog/eu-support-enables-unfpa-deliver-aid-area-previously-unreached-aleppo-syria_en.

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¹⁹⁰⁷ EU Health Commissioner meets Iranian Minister of Health and Medical Education, The European Commission, February 2018. Date Accessed: 7 March 2018. http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter_service_id=327&newsletter_issue_id=7405&page=1&fullDate=Tue 27 Feb 2018&lang=default

¹⁹⁰⁸ EU Health Commissioner meets Iranian Minister of Health and Medical Education, The European Commission, February 2018. Date Accessed: 7 March 2018. http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/sante/newsletter-specific-archive-issue.cfm?newsletter_service_id=327&newsletter_issue_id=7405&page=1&fullDate=Tue 27 Feb 2018&lang=default

6. Macroeconomics: Inclusive Business Ecosystems

“Facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.”

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Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.75		

Background

Inclusive business has been an integral focus of the G20 since the 2011 Cannes Summit when G20 members adopted a working definition of inclusive business as “a private sector approach to providing goods, services, and livelihoods on a commercially viable basis, either at scale or scalable, to people at the base of the pyramid by making them part of the value chain of companies’ core business as suppliers, distributors, retailers, or customers.”¹⁹⁰⁹

G20 leaders have addressed issues related to small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) at each summit since the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit. However, their commitments in this area in the past have focused on providing assistance to private businesses and stimulating financial inclusion, rather than on coordinating partnership and learning between the public and private sector.¹⁹¹⁰

¹⁹⁰⁹ Annexes of the G20 Inclusive Business Framework, G20 Website (Antalya) 17 November 2015. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.org.tr/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/G20-Inclusive-Business-Framework.pdf>.

¹⁹¹⁰ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 25 September 2009. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>.

At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 endorsed the G20 Inclusive Business Framework which set out recommendations to address the challenges that inclusive businesses face. These challenges include rules and regulations that are not adapted to inclusive businesses, lack of information about balance of payments (BOP) consumers' needs, preferences and consumption patterns, as well as market research especially at the local level, lack of financing resources and the lack of infrastructure in BOP markets. According to the Framework, "the G20 is uniquely positioned to advance the inclusive business agenda by virtue of its membership, global leadership function, and multi-stakeholder convening power."¹⁹¹¹ At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 also issued a Leaders' Call on Inclusive Business which emphasized the importance of the private sector as an essential provider of income, jobs, goods, and services that can advance inclusive growth and development.¹⁹¹² It also stated that governments have an important role to play in enabling companies to pursue inclusive business models and integrate the BOP into their core business operations as a conducive enabling environment and a well-functioning financial infrastructure can help other stakeholders to effectively serve inclusive businesses.¹⁹¹³

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit and more recently at the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the focus for economic growth has shifted to accelerating action and innovation within the public and the private sector,¹⁹¹⁴ and on facilitating greater coordination and faster learning.¹⁹¹⁵

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 placed inclusive business at the core of the G20 agenda as inclusive business harnesses "market forces to integrate the base of the pyramid (BOP) into global value chains, thereby improving access to affordable quality products and services, enhancing productivity, and generating new income through decent work and livelihood opportunities. Inclusive businesses promote sustainable development in all its dimensions-economic, social, and environmental."¹⁹¹⁶ At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 also endorsed the "G20 Global Platform on Inclusive Business," which seeks to connect policymakers and business to promote inclusive growth that is both pro-poor and pro-business and strives to better understand the role that G20 and non-G20 governments can play in supporting inclusive companies more effectively.¹⁹¹⁷

In an effort to further contribute to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the Sustainable Development Goals, the G20 has committed to using inclusive business and globalization as an engine for economic growth at the 2017 Hamburg Summit.¹⁹¹⁸ The commitment addresses the following SDGs: no poverty (goal 1), decent work and economic growth

¹⁹¹¹ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹² G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹³ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹⁴ G20 Inclusive Business Report for the 2016 Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹⁵ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto, Canada) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹⁶ G20 Inclusive Business Report for the 2016 Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹⁷ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

¹⁹¹⁸ Annex to G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Website (Hamburg) July 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2017-g20-hamburg-upade-en.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=6.

(goal 8), reduced inequalities (goal 10), and partnerships for the goals (goal 17).¹⁹¹⁹ The commitment on inclusive business made at the 2017 Hamburg Summit addresses coordination between the private and public sector using three collective actions: (1) using the Global Platform on Inclusive Business to grow the evidence and analytical base around inclusive business, improve knowledge and learning towards better enabling environments for inclusive business; (2) facilitating learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools; (3) exploring ways of improving access to global value chains for inclusive businesses, encourage its replication and scaling-up towards sustainable development, and request development finance to better address inclusive business financing requirements.¹⁹²⁰

Commitment Features

The objective of this commitment is to agree on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and develop effective policy instruments and practical tools through effective partnerships between the public and private sector. This commitment is divided into three parts: facilitate learning, support dialogue between private sector and governments, and exchange experiences and good practices.

Part One: Facilitate Learning

The G20 has committed to facilitate learning between the public and private sector in order to promote inclusive growth and partnership between the public and private sector.¹⁹²¹ This includes, but is not limited to, providing forums for peer-learning such as a public-private committees for inclusive business and high-level conferences that bring together decision makers from private industry, the public sector, and the donor community with the aim of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Part Two: Dialogue between Private Sector and Governments

The G20 has committed to support dialogue between private sector and governments. Dialogue can be, but is not limited to, meetings, conferences, consultations and other exchanges of discourse on inclusive businesses among governments, G20 members, the private sector and other stakeholders such as research institutes, business councils, non-governmental organizations, Business 20 (B20) on topics related to inclusive business with the aim of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Part Three: Exchange of Experiences and Good Practices

In order to comply with this part of the commitment, G20 members must take action to promote the exchange of experiences and good practices between the private and public sectors. This includes, but is not limited to, knowledge exchange, and identification of good practices in inclusive business policies and in policy making between the public and private sector and other stakeholders with the aim of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

¹⁹¹⁹ 17 Goals to Transform our World, United Nations Organization (New York) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>.

¹⁹²⁰ Annex to G20 Leaders Declaration, G20 Website (Hamburg) July 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. https://www.g20.org/Content/DE/_Anlagen/G7_G20/2017-g20-hamburg-upade-en.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=6.

¹⁹²¹ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre. (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

To achieve full compliance, a G20 member must comply with all three parts of the commitment to facilitate learning, support dialogue and exchange experiences and good practices between the public sector and the private sector. For partial compliance, a G20 member must comply with one to two components of the commitment, either facilitate learning, support dialogue or exchange experiences and good practices between the public sector and the private sector. For no compliance, a G20 member must not comply with any of the components of the commitment including: facilitating learning, supporting dialogue and exchanging experiences and good practices.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member did not facilitate learning among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments AND did not support among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments AND did not exchange experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments.
0	The G20 member facilitated learning among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments OR supported dialogue among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments and exchanged experiences among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments.
+1	The G20 member facilitated learning among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments AND supported dialogue among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments, and exchanged experiences and best practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments.

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Lead Analyst: Jane Filipiuk

Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 22 August 2017, the 14th annual Buenos Aires Conference, “Argentina: Economic and Political Perspectives” brought together key government officials and private sector leaders to discuss Argentina’s economic and investment agenda and political outlook before the October legislative elections.¹⁹²² Government officials in attendance included Marcos Peña, Chief of the Cabinet of Minister, Juan José Aranguren, Energy and Mining Minister, Jorge Faurie, Foreign Affairs Minister, amongst others.¹⁹²³ Private sector leaders in attendance included Susan Segal, the CEO of the Council of the Americas and Jorge Luis Di Fiori, the President of Cámara Argentina de Comercio y Servicios.¹⁹²⁴ The conference highlighted the government’s commitment to foster small and medium

¹⁹²² 2017 Buenos Aires Conference-Argentina Economic and Political Perspectives, Council of Americas (Buenos Aires) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.as-coa.org/articles/2017-buenos-aires-conference-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

¹⁹²³ 2017 Buenos Aires Conference-Argentina Economic and Political Perspectives, Council of Americas (Buenos Aires) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.as-coa.org/articles/2017-buenos-aires-conference-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

¹⁹²⁴ 2017 Buenos Aires Conference-Argentina Economic and Political Perspectives, Council of Americas (Buenos Aires) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.as-coa.org/articles/2017-buenos-aires-conference-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

companies' growth through the reduction of taxes and promotion of competition.¹⁹²⁵ Furthermore, Marcos Peña, the new Cabinet Chief, promised to stabilize Argentina through removal of “currency controls” and a “settlement of debt deal” to “normalize the economy and re-enter the global market.”¹⁹²⁶ This dialogue amongst leaders in the private sector and government officials demonstrates the government's efforts to foster a productive inclusive business ecosystem through the use of policy tools such as reduction of taxes and the removal of currency controls.

On 24 August 2017, the Argentine Chamber of Commerce hosted its fourteenth annual conference in Buenos Aires.¹⁹²⁷ The 2017 Latin American Cities Conferences: Buenos Aires¹⁹²⁸ brought together key government officials, legislators, and private sector leaders to address Argentina's economic outlook, as well as the country's political prospects leading up to the October legislative elections.¹⁹²⁹

On 19 September 2017, Panama, Argentina and Chile contributed to establishing a new Gender Parity Task Force to increase the number of women entering and progressing in the labour market.¹⁹³⁰

On 30 November 2017, Argentina banned more than 60 activists from environmental and anti-globalisation groups from a World Trade Organization ministerial meeting held in Buenos Aires in December.¹⁹³¹ Argentina had agreed to “host an international gathering,” but denied “entry to people who were accredited by the host organization.” This demonstrates a failure of the Argentinian government to instill inclusive ecosystem and encourage exchange of good practice.¹⁹³²

On 4 October 2017, “Energy & Infrastructure Finance Argentina” brought together leading investors, bankers, project developers and government officials to discuss which projects would be on the table and how the government was going to make them an attractive investment opportunity for the private sector.¹⁹³³

¹⁹²⁵ 2017 Buenos Aires Conference-Argentina Economic and Political Perspectives, Council of Americas (Buenos Aires) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.as-coa.org/articles/2017-buenos-aires-conference-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

¹⁹²⁶ 2017 Buenos Aires Conference-Argentina Economic and Political Perspectives, Council of Americas. (Buenos Aires). 22 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.as-coa.org/articles/2017-buenos-aires-conference-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

¹⁹²⁷ 2017 Buenos Aires Conference-Argentina Economic and Political Perspectives, Council of Americas (Buenos Aires) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.as-coa.org/articles/2017-buenos-aires-conference-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

¹⁹²⁸ 2017 Latin American Cities Conferences: Buenos Aires (Buenos Aires) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.as-coa.org/events/2017-latin-american-cities-conferences-buenos-aires>.

¹⁹²⁹ 2017 Latin American Cities Conferences, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre (Buenos Aires) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/2017-latin-american-cities-conferences-argentina-economic-and-political-perspectives>.

¹⁹³⁰ Panama, Chile and Argentina Leading the Way in Latin America to Close the Workforce Gender Gap, World Economic Forum (New York) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.weforum.org/press/2017/09/panama-chile-and-argentina-leading-the-way-in-latin-america-to-close-the-workforce-gender-gap/>.

¹⁹³¹ Argentina Blocks Some Activists from Attending WTO meeting, Reuters (Buenos Aires) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-argentina-wto-protest/argentina-blocks-some-activists-from-attending-wto-meeting-idUSKBN1DU39V>.

¹⁹³² Argentina Blocks Some Activists from Attending WTO meeting, Reuters (Buenos Aires) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-argentina-wto-protest/argentina-blocks-some-activists-from-attending-wto-meeting-idUSKBN1DU39V>.

¹⁹³³ Finding Solutions to Finance Argentina's energy and infrastructure projects, GFC Media group (Buenos Aires) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <http://www.gfcmediagroup.com/energy-infrastructure-finance-argentina>.

On 7 December 2017, the Atlantic Council, in partnership with HSBC, hosted “Argentina’s Transformations: Open to the World.” The half-day conference at the Alvear Palace Hotel in Buenos Aires focused on Argentina’s political and economic transformations, and its reinsertion into the world. Conference speakers included Francisco Cabrera, Argentine Minister of Production; Susana Malcorra, advisor to the Government of the Argentine Republic and head of the Eleventh Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization; and Lorena Zicker, general manager for Argentina at Intel Corporation. The event brought together leaders from Argentinian government, international organization, and the private sector.¹⁹³⁴

On 10-13 December 2017, the government of Argentina hosted the 11th World Trade Organization’s (WTO) Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires.¹⁹³⁵ On 12 December, the Argentine government organized an official “Business Forum” to ensure constructive engagement between business and the WTO process.¹⁹³⁶ The Business Forum took place in partnership between the Argentine Ministry of Production, the International Chamber of Commerce, the World Economic Forum and the B20.¹⁹³⁷ The Business Forum addressed key trade issues such as helping micro, small and medium-sized enterprises do business across borders, trade in agriculture, investment facilitation and how trade can support gender equality.¹⁹³⁸

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools. While Argentina has demonstrated an effort to promote good practices specifically for gender equality, it failed to provide an inclusive environment for discussion during the WTO meeting in Buenos Aires.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Ashley Wei

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.¹⁹³⁹

¹⁹³⁴ Argentina Political and Economic Transformation, Atlantic Council (Buenos Aires) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <http://www.atlanticcouncil.org/events/past-events/argentina-political-and-economic-transformations>.

¹⁹³⁵ ICC partners with Argentina for 11th WTO Ministerial Conference Business Forum (Buenos Aires) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2017. <https://iccwbo.org/media-wall/news-speeches/icc-partners-with-argentina-for-11th-wto-ministerial-conference-business-forum/>.

¹⁹³⁶ ICC partners with Argentina for 11th WTO Ministerial Conference Business Forum (Buenos Aires) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2017. <https://iccwbo.org/media-wall/news-speeches/icc-partners-with-argentina-for-11th-wto-ministerial-conference-business-forum/>.

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¹⁹³⁹ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

On 9 May 2017, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Minister, Ewen McDonald, attended the Shared Value Leadership Summit in New York City.¹⁹⁴⁰ At the summit, he gave a presentation to primarily private sector actors on opportunities for future partnership as well as areas in which the Australian government was particularly interested in finding collaborators in the future.¹⁹⁴¹ There was also discussion of private sector cooperation in the realm of development.¹⁹⁴²

In September 2017, the Minister for Foreign Affairs approved the Strategy for Australia's Aid Investments in Private Sector Development.¹⁹⁴³ The Strategy reflects the Government's priority of growing the size and inclusiveness of the private sector in Australia's partner countries in order to drive economic growth and reduce poverty.¹⁹⁴⁴ The Minister's approval of the strategy demonstrates Australia's commitment to facilitate learning by bringing together decision makers from the private and public sector to create a strategic framework that focuses on building better business and investment environments, supporting growth in specific markets, and maximising the development impact of businesses.¹⁹⁴⁵

On 18 October 2017, Australian and Japan held the 55th Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee's annual conference in Tokyo in order to facilitate business opportunities and engagements between the two countries.¹⁹⁴⁶ The conference enables discussion among companies who are willing to expand their business to Australia or Japan.¹⁹⁴⁷

On 23-24 October 2017, Australia hosted a national summit in Sydney, Australia to reflect on the progress made in public-private partnerships in the past year, discuss the outlook for the future, and evaluate whether the current funding models and management organization were optimal.¹⁹⁴⁸ The event was attended primarily by state officials, including the New Zealand head of Public Private Partnership, Dan Marshall.¹⁹⁴⁹

¹⁹⁴⁰ Shared Value Leadership Summit, (New York) 9 May 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://sharedvalue.org.au/events/2017-shared-value-leadership-summit/>.

¹⁹⁴¹ Shared Value Leadership Summit, (New York) 9 May 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://sharedvalue.org.au/events/2017-shared-value-leadership-summit/>.

¹⁹⁴² Shared Value Leadership Summit, (New York) 9 May 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://sharedvalue.org.au/events/2017-shared-value-leadership-summit/>.

¹⁹⁴³ Private Sector Development, Australian Government (Barton) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/private-sector-development/Pages/private-sector-development.aspx>.

¹⁹⁴⁴ Private Sector Development, Australian Government (Barton) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/private-sector-development/Pages/private-sector-development.aspx>.

¹⁹⁴⁵ Private Sector Development, Australian Government (Barton) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/development-issues/private-sector-development/Pages/private-sector-development.aspx>.

¹⁹⁴⁶ AJBCC's 55th annual Joint Business Conference, ANZCCJ (Tokyo) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.anzccj.jp/event-2512925>.

¹⁹⁴⁷ AJBCC's 55th annual Joint Business Conference, ANZCCJ (Tokyo) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.anzccj.jp/event-2512925>.

¹⁹⁴⁸ 17th Annual PPP Summit, Informa (Sydney) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.informa.com.au/event/ppp-summit/>.

¹⁹⁴⁹ 17th Annual PPP Summit, Informa (Sydney) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.informa.com.au/event/ppp-summit/>.

On 11 November 2017, Australia attended the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit.¹⁹⁵⁰ The United States, Australia, and Chinese Taipei began an APEC fund to further encourage women in the workforce. APEC leaders also committed to furthering small business growth.¹⁹⁵¹

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: John Fraser

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 12 October 2017, the George Washington University Institute for International Economic Policy and Brazil Initiative and the Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado brought together academic researchers, business leaders, and policymakers to discuss how Brazil was moving forward amidst a devastating recession and the fallout to the Carwash corruption.¹⁹⁵² The discussion was centred around innovative economic activities, investments, and policy reforms at the state and federal level to modernize Brazil's economy.¹⁹⁵³

On 13 October 2017, the Brazil Economic Conference brought together leaders from private and public sectors. Panel speakers included H.E. Henrique Meirelles, Minister of Finance Ilan Goldfajn, president of the Central Bank of Brazil; Jane Fraser, chief executive officer of Citigroup Latin

¹⁹⁵⁰ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

¹⁹⁵¹ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

¹⁹⁵² Building Brazil's Future: A Conference on Innovation, Investment and Brazilian Economic Development, The Institute for International Economic Policy (Washington) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 11 November 2017. <http://www.internationaleconpolicy.com/development-economics/building-brazils-future-a-conference-on-innovation-investment-and-brazilian-economic-development/>.

¹⁹⁵³ Building Brazil's Future: A Conference on Innovation, Investment and Brazilian Economic Development, The Institute for International Economic Policy (Washington) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 11 November 2017. <http://www.internationaleconpolicy.com/development-economics/building-brazils-future-a-conference-on-innovation-investment-and-brazilian-economic-development/>.

America.¹⁹⁵⁴ The government officials at the conference sent out the message that the international economy is on the boom and Brazil's economy is recovering.¹⁹⁵⁵

On 21 November 2017, the PPP Awards and Conference took place in San Paulo.¹⁹⁵⁶ The conference focused on "valuing, praising and contributing to communicate good works and ideas of Public-Private Partnerships (Project Finance PPPs) developed in Brazil."¹⁹⁵⁷ The event facilitated learning between public and private sectors and recognized praiseworthy practices.¹⁹⁵⁸

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ashley Wei

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 20 August 2017, United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Mexican Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo launched the renegotiation and modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in Washington, DC.¹⁹⁵⁹ In addition to the negotiations, officials from all three countries continued to engage a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of the private sector; industry associations; civil society, including labor groups; legislative representatives; and state/provincial

¹⁹⁵⁴ 2017 Brazil Economic Conference, Wilson Centre (Washington) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/2017-brazil-economic-conference>.

¹⁹⁵⁵ 2017 Brazil Economic Conference, Wilson Centre (Washington) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/2017-brazil-economic-conference>.

¹⁹⁵⁶ PPP Awards and Conference in Sao Paulo, APMG International (Sao Paulo) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <https://apmg-international.com/events/ppp-awards-conference-sao-paulo>.

¹⁹⁵⁷ PPP Awards and Conference in Sao Paulo, APMG International (Sao Paulo) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <https://apmg-international.com/events/ppp-awards-conference-sao-paulo>.

¹⁹⁵⁸ PPP Awards and Conference in Sao Paulo, APMG International (Sao Paulo) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 16 March 2018. <https://apmg-international.com/events/ppp-awards-conference-sao-paulo>.

¹⁹⁵⁹ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral Sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

officials.¹⁹⁶⁰ Due to the trilateral nature of NAFTA and the impact it will have on private sectors, this demonstrates the exchange of dialogues, experiences and good practices among governments.¹⁹⁶¹

On 27 September 2017, the third round of the renegotiation and modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) was concluded in Ottawa, Canada. In particular, meaningful advancements were made in the areas of telecommunications, competition policy, digital trade, good regulatory practices, and customs and trade facilitation. Parties also exchanged initial offers in the area of market access for government procurement. Importantly, discussions were substantively completed in the area of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the chapter will serve to support the growth and development of SMEs by enhancing their ability to participate in and benefit from the opportunities created by this Agreement, including through cooperative activities, information sharing, and the establishment of a NAFTA Trilateral SME Dialogue, involving the private sector, non-government organizations, and other stakeholders.¹⁹⁶²

On 11 October 2017, the Secretary of Economy Il Defonso Guajardo Villarreal participated in the Ninth US-Mexico CEO Dialogue, where he exchanged views with businessmen, academics and officials of both countries on the current negotiation process for the modernization of the Free Trade Agreement of America.¹⁹⁶³

On 4 November 2017, Canada participated in the 8th annual Global Entrepreneurship Research and Policy Conferences in Washington DC. The goals of the conference focused on small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) promotion and creating policies which support the creative, entrepreneurial industry.¹⁹⁶⁴

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Danielle Zbuo

¹⁹⁶⁰ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral Sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

¹⁹⁶¹ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral Sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

¹⁹⁶² Press Release - Declaración Trilateral Sobre la Conclusión de la Tercera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-tercera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tlcan>.

¹⁹⁶³ Press Release - Participa el Secretario de Economía en el Noveno US-México CEO Dialogue, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/participa-el-secretario-de-economia-en-el-noveno-us-mexico-ceo-dialogue?idiom=es>.

¹⁹⁶⁴ ICSB, "Canadian Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (CCSBE) Archives," International Council for Small Business (Washington) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://icsb.org/category/canadian-council-for-small-business-and-entrepreneurship-ccsbe/>.

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 7 November 2017, Premier Li Keqiang called for more effort to solve the financing difficulties facing China's small and micro businesses after meeting with small and micro businesses.¹⁹⁶⁵ He emphasized these efforts should aim to deepen financial reforms and effectively let the market play a decisive role in allocating resources to small and micro businesses.¹⁹⁶⁶

On 10 November 2017, President Xi Jinping travelled to Vietnam to attend the 25th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting, a meeting which facilitates learning and conversation between governments and various industries.¹⁹⁶⁷ This meeting promoted sustainable, innovative and inclusive growth, deepened regional economic integration, and acknowledged the potential of the private sector, particularly micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs).¹⁹⁶⁸

On 11 November 2017, APEC leaders' meeting and APEC CEO Summit took place.¹⁹⁶⁹ The United States, Australia, and Chinese Taipei began an APEC fund to further encourage women in the workforce. APEC leaders also committed to furthering small business growth.¹⁹⁷⁰

On 12 November 2017, local authorities in East China's Jiangsu province said a China-Germany new businesses cooperation zone in Jiangsu is expected to be home to 100 German enterprises by 2020. The China-Germany (Kunshan) small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) cooperation zone was approved by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology in May 2017.¹⁹⁷¹

On 14 November 2017, Premier Li Keqiang attended the 20th ASEAN Plus Three Commemorative Summit at Philippine International Convention Center, where he facilitated learning and dialogue by

¹⁹⁶⁵ Premier Li demands more help on small business financing, China Daily (Beijing) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-11/07/content_34246732.html.

¹⁹⁶⁶ Premier Li demands more help on small business financing, China Daily (Beijing) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-11/07/content_34246732.html.

¹⁹⁶⁷ Press Release - Xi Jinping to Attend the 25th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting and Pay State Visits to Vietnam and the Laos, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1507146.shtml.

¹⁹⁶⁸ Press Release - 2017 Leader's Declaration, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Da Nang) 11 November 2017. Access Date: January 22, 2018. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Leaders-Declarations/2017/2017_aelm.

¹⁹⁶⁹ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

¹⁹⁷⁰ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

¹⁹⁷¹ Press Release - East China Hosts more German Companies, The State Council of the People's Republic of China (Nanjing) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://english.gov.cn/news/international_exchanges/2017/11/12/content_281475939923158.html.

delivering a speech about building up consensus, increasing investment, and jointly advancing the building of the East-Asia economic community.¹⁹⁷²

On 15 November 2017, National Development and Reform Commission spokeswoman Meng Wei noted that to promote the development of the collaborative consumption industry, the commission will place equal emphasis on development and norms.¹⁹⁷³ It will focus on policies that support and guide the healthy growth of the collaborative consumption industry.¹⁹⁷⁴

On 20 November 2017, representatives from Russia and China met to promote cooperation of SMEs in both countries. The trade volume is expected to reach USD20 billion by 2020.¹⁹⁷⁵ These conversations between two of the largest emerging economies further stimulates the economies of Russia and China as shown by the increased expected trade volume.¹⁹⁷⁶ This also proves the exchange of experiences and good practices within the two countries concerning SME development.

On 10 January 2018, the Fifth China SME Global Development Forum was held in Hangzhou.¹⁹⁷⁷ At this forum, international leaders and experts gathered to discuss SME development, expansion, and cooperation opportunities and strategies.¹⁹⁷⁸

On 19 January 2018, the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Forum of China and Community of Latin American and Caribbean States began in Santiago, Chile, where dialogues were held surrounding cooperation opportunities and development initiatives.¹⁹⁷⁹¹⁹⁸⁰

On 18 December 2017, Vice-Minister of Commerce, Gao Yan, and Macau's Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong signed two new agreements ("Investment Agreement" and the "Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation") under the framework of the Mainland and Macau Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement.¹⁹⁸¹ These agreements advance the integration of

¹⁹⁷² Press Release - Li Keqiang Attends 20th ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Commemorative Summit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1511190.shtml.

¹⁹⁷³ 发改委：四个“更加”促进共享经济规范有序发展, Finance China (Beijing) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://finance.china.com.cn/news/20171115/4437878.shtml>.

¹⁹⁷⁴ 发改委：四个“更加”促进共享经济规范有序发展, Finance China (Beijing) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://finance.china.com.cn/news/20171115/4437878.shtml>.

¹⁹⁷⁵ 戴甜, "Xi says China-Russia Economic, Trade Cooperation Boasts Great Potential," Xi says China-Russia Economic, Trade Cooperation Boasts Great Potential, Business — China Daily (Beijing) 3 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-07/03/content_29973864.html.

¹⁹⁷⁶ 戴甜, "Xi says China-Russia Economic, Trade Cooperation Boasts Great Potential," Xi says China-Russia Economic, Trade Cooperation Boasts Great Potential, Business — China Daily (Beijing) 3 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-07/03/content_29973864.html.

¹⁹⁷⁷ 第五届中国中小企业全球发展论坛在杭举行, Xinhua Net (Hangzhou) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. http://www.zj.xinhuanet.com/2018-01/11/c_1122245174.html.

¹⁹⁷⁸ 第五届中国中小企业全球发展论坛在杭举行, Xinhua Net (Hangzhou) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. http://www.zj.xinhuanet.com/2018-01/11/c_1122245174.html.

¹⁹⁷⁹ Press Release - Foreign Minister Wang Yi to Attend the 2nd Ministerial Meeting of the Forum of China and CELAC and Visit Chile and Uruguay, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1526316.shtml.

¹⁹⁸⁰ China Invites Latin America to Take Part in One Belt, One Road (Beijing) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-chile-china/china-invites-latin-america-to-take-part-in-one-belt-one-road-idUSKBN1FB2CN>.

¹⁹⁸¹ Press Release - 内地与澳门《CEPA 投资协议》和《CEPA 经济技术合作协议》在澳门签署, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/article/ae/ai/201712/20171202686223.shtml>.

Macau's development with that of the country as a whole, improves the development of Macau's various sectors, and support the city's long-term sustainability.¹⁹⁸²

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Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ce Shang

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

From 16 to 20 October 2017, the French Ministry for the Economy and Finance supported the Paris Infraweek 2017, a conference of financial institutions and professional associations to discuss infrastructure finance.¹⁹⁸³ Throughout the Paris Infraweek, discussions were based on “how to make infrastructure spending more efficient” and how to “bring together public officials, corporates, equity providers, banks, and multilaterals to ... finance efficient and valuable projects.”¹⁹⁸⁴ Moreover, other discussions include banks and insurance regulations with “the infrastructure asset class” and the identification of “bankable projects.”¹⁹⁸⁵

On 8 November 2017, Minister of Economy and Finance Bruno Le Maire and Minister of Culture Françoise Nyssen announced the launch of “Le Deuxième édition du Forum de la Mode ‘Le sens de la mode’,” a forum on the fashion industry.¹⁹⁸⁶ The two collaborated with various professional organizations such as Comité professionnel de développement économique de l’habillement.¹⁹⁸⁷ The forum is composed of five round-table discussions between business leaders, professionals, academics, and institutions on topics such as the uses of research being done in the industry and the values of the French fashion sector.¹⁹⁸⁸

¹⁹⁸² Press Release - 内地与澳门《CEPA 投资协议》和《CEPA 经济技术合作协议》在澳门签署, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (Beijing) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <http://www.mofcom.gov.cn/article/ae/ai/201712/20171202686223.shtml>.

¹⁹⁸³ Paris Infraweek 2017, Paris EUROPLACE (Paris) 16 May 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.parisinfraweek2017.com/>.

¹⁹⁸⁴ Questions to be Addressed During the 2017, Paris InfraWeek. Paris EUROPLACE (Paris) 16 May 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.parisinfraweek2017.com/why-infraweek>.

¹⁹⁸⁵ Questions to be Addressed During the 2017 Paris InfraWeek. Paris EUROPLACE (Paris) 16 May 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.parisinfraweek2017.com/why-infraweek>.

¹⁹⁸⁶ Deuxième Édition du Forum de la Mode « Le Sens de la Mode » The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxypubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22851.pdf>.

¹⁹⁸⁷ Deuxième Édition du Forum de la Mode « Le Sens de la Mode » The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxypubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22851.pdf>.

¹⁹⁸⁸ Deuxième Édition du Forum de la Mode « Le Sens de la Mode » The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxypubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22851.pdf>.

On 20 December 2017, the Russian Direct Investment Fund signed an agreement to allocate 25 per cent of a 300-million-euro joint investment fund, segmented in 20 million euro and below segments to SME projects in both France and Russia.¹⁹⁸⁹ This will promote innovation and provide SMEs with financial support to support interdisciplinary cooperation, learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices between France and Russia and SMEs in both countries.

On 23 October 2017, the French government released its strategy to encourage businesses to hire more workers by consulting with French business leaders, a policy known as “Co-Construction.”¹⁹⁹⁰ The French government’s plan includes consulting with professional organizations and social partners, taking suggestions from the Economic, Social and Environmental Council and parliamentary groups in order to bring together regional groups from Regional Directorates for Enterprise, Competition, Consumer Affairs, Labor and Employment.¹⁹⁹¹ The French government created six groups of two or three, each composed of both business leaders and members of parliament.¹⁹⁹² Each group will discuss one of six themes: “creation, growth, transfer and rebound; sharing value and companies’ societal commitment; finance; digitization and innovation; simpler procedures; and conquering international markets.”¹⁹⁹³ They will organize meetings and workshops on expanding business growth.¹⁹⁹⁴ By 10 December 2017, France plans to have a list of approximate suggestions of the needs of French businesses from the consultations and partnerships. In February, these suggestions will form the basis of a bill.¹⁹⁹⁵

In November 2017, the French government announced that it would host a Climate Finance Day in December 2017.¹⁹⁹⁶ This will be a meeting between international leading figures in the finance industry and well as public authorities and representatives from public banks.¹⁹⁹⁷ The discussion is

¹⁹⁸⁹ RDIF and CDC International Capital Deepen their collaboration and announce the allocation of up to 25% of their joint fund to be invested in SMEs with attractive expansion projects on the Franco-Russian Axis, Olmix Group (Paris) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.olmix.com/news/RDIF-and-CDC-International-Capital-deepen-their-collaboration>.

¹⁹⁹⁰ Plan D’Action Pour la Croissance et la Transformation des Entreprises: Lancement des Consultations. The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22814.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹¹ Plan D’Action Pour la Croissance et la Transformation des Entreprises: Lancement des Consultations. The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22814.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹² Plan D’Action Pour la Croissance et la Transformation des Entreprises: Lancement des Consultations. The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22814.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹³ Ambassador Consults French Businesses in UK., Embassy of France in London (London) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <https://uk.ambafrance.org/Ambassador-consults-French-businesses-in-UK>.

¹⁹⁹⁴ Plan D’Action Pour la Croissance et la Transformation des Entreprises: Lancement des Consultations. The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22814.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹⁵ Plan D’Action pour la Croissance et la Transformation des Entreprises: Lancement des Consultations, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22814.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹⁶ Climate Finance Day: Notes aux Rédactions, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22854.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹⁷ Climate Finance Day: Notes aux Rédactions, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22854.pdf>.

centered on how best to encourage finance into clean energy and adaptation to climate change, thus fulfilling its commitment to exchange experiences and good practices.¹⁹⁹⁸

On 24 November 2017, the Minister of the Economy and Finance Bruno Le Maire announced that France would be taking part in the 4th Forum on Franco-Korean Industrial Innovation.¹⁹⁹⁹ This event will be a meeting between both the French Minister of the Economy and Finance and the Korean Minister of Commerce, Industry, and Energy, Un-gyu Paik, with cutting-edge technology firms of each country. After agreements for bilateral cooperation are signed, there is to be a presentation of “success stories” in this industry as well as a round table discussion on digital technology and energy in the private sector.

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Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Clara Geddes

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 5 October 2017, the Federal Ministries of the Interior and Economic Affairs and Energy spoke with business associations and supervisory authorities regarding the implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation and the German Federal Data Protection Act, which will come into effect on 25 May 2018.²⁰⁰⁰ The discussion is part of a series that first launched on July 2017, with the intention of ensuring the successful implementation of the General Data Protection Regulation, by providing enterprises with the necessary assistance to adopt the data protection standards set out by the Act.²⁰⁰¹

¹⁹⁹⁸ Climate Finance Day: Notes aux Rédactions, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://proxy-pubminefi.diffusion.finances.gouv.fr/pub/document/18/22854.pdf>.

¹⁹⁹⁹ Dialogue Économique “France-Corée”, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris). 24 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://minefi.hosting.augure.com/Augure_Minefi/r/ContenuEnLigne/Download?id=D3FF9278-CD6E-4F12-9565-6E1A813A5080&filename=231.pdf.

²⁰⁰⁰ “The Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs discuss new data protection legislation with industry”, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171005-gem-bmwi-bmi-discuss-new-data-protection-legislation-with-industry.html>.

²⁰⁰¹ “The Federal Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs discuss new data protection legislation with industry”, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171005-gem-bmwi-bmi-discuss-new-data-protection-legislation-with-industry.html>.

On 5 October 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy held its fifth convention on regulatory environment for the digital economy.²⁰⁰² The event included discussions about the government's digitisation agenda and the domestic institutional set-up, as well as debates on digital regulatory policies.²⁰⁰³ Members of the German Bundestag, executives of the Bundeskartellamt (Germany's Competition Authority) and the Bundesnetzagentur (Germany's Network Agency), and representatives of the business and science communities attended the event.²⁰⁰⁴

On 16 October 2017, the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs Brigitte Zypries along with the German Startups Association (BVDS) presented the Start-up Monitor 2017, which provides an overview of the German start up environment.²⁰⁰⁵ The report indicated that the start-up sector is now well established, however female participation remains an issue that needs to be addressed.²⁰⁰⁶ The report outlines that federal initiatives undertaken to promote start-ups, such as establishing a venture capital company and reducing bureaucracy.²⁰⁰⁷ The Minister highlighted the fact that the government needs to continue to strengthen digital infrastructure, and promote cooperation between startups and small and medium sized enterprises.²⁰⁰⁸

On 8 October 2017, Minister Zypries, in conjunction with female business leaders Stephanie Bschorr, Sabine Gillessen, Tijen Onaran and Isabel Rohner, presented a manifesto for "Women in Business."²⁰⁰⁹ The manifesto is intended to foster dialogue between Minister Zypries and 300 women

²⁰⁰² "Economic Affairs Ministry Moots Better Ways of Coordinating Digitalisation Policy and Potential Establishment of Digital Agency", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171006-bmwi-diskutiert-bessere-koordinierung-der-digitalisierungspolitik-und-einrichtung-einer-digitalagentur.html>.

²⁰⁰³ "Economic Affairs Ministry Moots Better Ways of Coordinating Digitalisation Policy and Potential Establishment of Digital Agency", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171006-bmwi-diskutiert-bessere-koordinierung-der-digitalisierungspolitik-und-einrichtung-einer-digitalagentur.html>.

²⁰⁰⁴ "Economic Affairs Ministry Moots Better Ways of Coordinating Digitalisation Policy and Potential Establishment of Digital Agency", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171006-bmwi-diskutiert-bessere-koordinierung-der-digitalisierungspolitik-und-einrichtung-einer-digitalagentur.html>.

²⁰⁰⁵ Zypries: "The Start-Up Community in Germany is Well on Track", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171016-zypries-the-start-up-community-in-Germany-is-well-on-track.html>.

²⁰⁰⁶ Zypries: "The Start-Up Community in Germany is Well on Track", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171016-zypries-the-start-up-community-in-Germany-is-well-on-track.html>.

²⁰⁰⁷ Zypries: "The Start-Up Community in Germany is Well on Track", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171016-zypries-the-start-up-community-in-Germany-is-well-on-track.html>.

²⁰⁰⁸ Zypries: "The Start-Up Community in Germany is Well on Track", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171016-zypries-the-start-up-community-in-Germany-is-well-on-track.html>.

²⁰⁰⁹ Zypries: Women's Manifesto for Women in Business", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 9 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171009-manifest-fuer-frauen-in-der-wirtschaft.html>.

who are all committed to promoting women in business.²⁰¹⁰ The manifesto highlights the value of women in business and in Germany's economy, as well as identifies a prospective action plan to promote women in business.²⁰¹¹

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Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tanvi Shetty

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.²⁰¹²

On 28 August 2017, the Department of Economic Affairs and the National Institute of Financial Management organized a seminar on "Policy and Regulatory Framework for Algorithm/ High Frequency Trading in India."²⁰¹³ Policy makers, regulators, academics and leading market participants, attended the seminar.²⁰¹⁴ It was intended to highlight the benefits of Algorithmic Trading for Fintech firms, such as increased accuracy, and lower costs, while addressing regulatory challenges that it may bring to businesses.^{2015,2016}

On 6 October 2017, Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu held a Stakeholders' Consultation on Exports, which was attended by industry associations and export promotion

²⁰¹⁰ Zypries: Women's Manifesto for Women in Business", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 9 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017.

²⁰¹¹ Zypries: Women's Manifesto for Women in Business", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 9 October 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017.

²⁰¹² G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

²⁰¹³ Press Release: Algo Panel Discusses Fair and Equitable Access", Department of Economic Affairs (New Delhi) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

²⁰¹⁴ Press Release: Algo Panel Discusses Fair and Equitable Access", Department of Economic Affairs (New Delhi) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

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²⁰¹⁸ Press Release: Algo Panel Discusses Fair and Equitable Access", Department of Economic Affairs (New Delhi) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

councils.²⁰¹⁷ The consultation intended to shed light on global and domestic challenges faced by exporters, as well as propose new export strategies.²⁰¹⁸

On 12 September 2017, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry organized a Startup India conference, with the intention of providing a platform for states and stakeholders to discuss the Startup environment, as well as share their best practices.²⁰¹⁹ The Startup India initiative, launched by the Government of India, aims to create a sustainable Startup environment by providing the necessary support for entrepreneurs.²⁰²⁰

On 28 September 2017, the government issued a Draft State Startup Ranking Framework, as a means of assessing the actions taken by States to build a sustainable startup ecosystem.²⁰²¹

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Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tanvi Shetty

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 10 August 2017, Minister of Industry Airlangga Hartarto signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the electronics manufacturer Qualcomm.²⁰²² The stated purpose of the Memorandum is “to combat the circulation of illegal cell phones, handheld computers, and tablet computers that enter Indonesia to protect local industries and consumers.”²⁰²³

²⁰¹⁷ “Stakeholders’ Consultation on Exports with Minister for Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu”, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (New Delhi) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://commerce.gov.in/PressRelease.aspx?Id=6480>.

²⁰¹⁸ “Stakeholders’ Consultation on Exports with Minister for Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu”, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (New Delhi) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://commerce.gov.in/PressRelease.aspx?Id=6480>.

²⁰¹⁹ States’ Conference — September 2017, StartupIndia (New Dehli) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://startupindia.gov.in/secondstateconf2017.php>.

²⁰²⁰ States’ Conference — September 2017, StartupIndia (New Dehli) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://startupindia.gov.in/secondstateconf2017.php>.

²⁰²¹ States’ Conference — September 2017, StartupIndia (New Dehli) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://startupindia.gov.in/secondstateconf2017.php>.

²⁰²² Kemenperin dan Quakcomm Teken MoU Berantas Ponsel Illegal, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 15 August 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/17967/The-Ministry-of-Industry-and-Quakcomm-Signed-MoU-to-Fight-Illegal-Mobile-Phone>.

²⁰²³ Kemenperin dan Quakcomm Teken MoU Berantas Ponsel Illegal, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 15 August 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/17967/The-Ministry-of-Industry-and-Quakcomm-Signed-MoU-to-Fight-Illegal-Mobile-Phone>.

On 14 August 2017, the Ministry of Industry hosted an exhibition of Indonesian manufactured goods.²⁰²⁴ At the exhibition, Minister Hartarto praised government initiatives like the “facilitation and restructuration of machines” for business as well as the “e-smart” program which facilitates exhibitions and promotional campaigns for Indonesian businesses.²⁰²⁵

On 15 August 2017, Minister Hartarto gave a speech about reforming education. The Minister proposed linking “vocational high schools to various industries.”²⁰²⁶ The stated purpose of this policy is to provide “competent human resources” to “enable local manufacturers to compete both domestically and globally.”²⁰²⁷

On 6-7 September 2017, the Economic ministers of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), met in Manila as part of the ASEAN Business Advisory Council Meeting. In addition to the ministers, the meeting included representatives from major private sector organizations. The meeting included an awards ceremony, a working dinner, and a summit devoted to fostering public-private partnerships.²⁰²⁸

On 4 November 2017, the Minister of Industry undertook a tour of the Klaten region. There, the Minister spoke about providing a “roadmap” for the future of the Indonesian railway industry, and gave advice to companies about altering their business practices.²⁰²⁹

On 9-10 November 2017, the Financial Services Authority hosted an event called “Fintech Days.” The purpose of this event was to “support the growth of financial services institutions based on information technology” in the hopes of creating “an alternative source of funding for business development.”²⁰³⁰

On 10 January 2018, Minister Hartarto, spoke at an event celebrating the eighth anniversary of Bukalapak, a technology firm.²⁰³¹ The Minister spoke about how a database system being developed

²⁰²⁴ Dari Pakaian Sampai Kerajinan, Produk Industri Lokal Unggul di Pasar Global, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 14 August 2017. Access Date: November 27, 2017. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/17994/From-Clothing-to-Handicrafts,-Local-Products-are-Superior-in-Global-Market>.

²⁰²⁵ Dari Pakaian Sampai Kerajinan, Produk Industri Lokal Unggul di Pasar Global, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 14 August 2017. Access Date: November 27, 2017. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/17994/From-Clothing-to-Handicrafts,-Local-Products-are-Superior-in-Global-Market>.

²⁰²⁶ Menperin: SDM Industri Aset Kemandirian Ekonomi, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 15 August 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/18000/Minister-of-Industry:-Industrial-Human-Resources-are-the-Asset-of-Independent-Economy>.

²⁰²⁷ Menperin: SDM Industri Aset Kemandirian Ekonomi, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 15 August 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/18000/Minister-of-Industry:-Industrial-Human-Resources-are-the-Asset-of-Independent-Economy>.

²⁰²⁸ 72nd ASEAN-BAC Meeting, 6-7 September 2017. Manila, Phillipines, Association of South East Asian Nations Business Advisory Council (Jakarta) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.asean-bac.org/news/show/2-72nd-asean-bac-meeting-6-7-september-2017-manila-philippines>.

²⁰²⁹ Kurangi Penganguran di Klaten, Kemenperin Angkat Potensi IKM Logam, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/18365/Kurangi-Pengangguran-di-Klaten,-Kemenperin-Angkat-Potensi-IKM-Logam>.

²⁰³⁰ Fintech Day Digelar di Makassar, OJL Hadirkan 26 Pembicara, TribunMakassar (Jakarta) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://makassar.tribunnews.com/2017/11/07/fintech-day-digelar-di-makassar-ojk-hadirkan-26-pembicara>.

²⁰³¹ Kemenperin Pacu Industri Terintegrasi dengan Infastruktur Digital, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/18642/Kemenperin-Pacu-Industri-Terintegrasi-dengan-Infrastruktur-Digital>.

by Bukalapak can “improve market access, access raw materials and provide guidance for policymakers.”²⁰³²

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Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: David Baldrige

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 26 September 2017, Minister Padoan and the Mayor of Milan, Giuseppe Sala, were joined by the Pietro Sella, the CEO of the Banca Sella group, to inaugurate the “Milan Fintech District.”²⁰³³ 30 corporate entities have already joined the Fintech district, which was described by Minister Padoan as “dynamic, efficient, and full of qualified resources” and “responds well to the needs of start-ups and small and medium-sized innovative companies in the sector.”²⁰³⁴

On 23 October 2017, the Ministry of Economic Development announced a survey of Italian businesses.²⁰³⁵ The purpose of the survey is to “evaluate the implications of public policy in terms of strategies, mechanisms, and innovative processes of companies.”²⁰³⁶

On 9 November 2017, Minister of Economic Development Carlos Calenda attended and spoke at a conference called “Forced to grow in Europe after Brexit” in Rome.²⁰³⁷ The meeting was organized in part by the Italian Banking Association.²⁰³⁸

²⁰³² Kurangi Penganguran di Klaten, Kemenperin Angkat Potensi IKM Logam, Kementerian Perindustrian (Jakarta) 4 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.kemenperin.go.id/artikel/18365/Kurangi-Penganguran-di-Klaten,-Kemenperin-Angkat-Potensi-IKM-Logam>.

²⁰³³ Al via a Milano il primo distretto Fintech Italiano, Ministero dell’Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. http://www.mef.gov.it/ufficiostampa/comunicati/2017/comunicato_0160_.html.

²⁰³⁴ Al via a Milano il primo distretto Fintech Italiano, Ministero dell’Economia e delle Finanze (Rome) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. http://www.mef.gov.it/ufficio-stampa/comunicati/2017/comunicato_0160_.html.

²⁰³⁵ Innovazione sostenibile, questionario per le imprese, Ministero dello sviluppo economico (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037271-innovazione-sostenibile-questionario-per-le-imprese>.

²⁰³⁶ Innovazione sostenibile, questionario per le imprese, Ministero dello sviluppo economico (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037271-innovazione-sostenibile-questionario-per-le-imprese>.

²⁰³⁷ Calenda interviene al Convegno “Obbligati a crescere. L’Europa dopo Brexit”, Ministero dello sviluppo economico (Rome) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037337-calenda-interviene-al-convegno-obbligati-a-crescere-l-europa-dopo-brex>.

²⁰³⁸ Calenda interviene al Convegno “Obbligati a crescere. L’Europa dopo Brexit”, Ministero dello sviluppo economico (Rome) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037337-calenda-interviene-al-convegno-obbligati-a-crescere-l-europa-dopo-brex>.

On 13 November 2017, the Ministry of Economic Development released the National Energy Strategy.²⁰³⁹ This strategy ascended “from a wide participative process, which involved all the private and public stakeholders of the sector.”²⁰⁴⁰

On 14 November 2017, Minister Padoan, attended the UBS European Conference in London, which was also attended by “economic and finance experts and investors.”²⁰⁴¹ Minister Padoan also gave a speech on the Italian economy and reforms being undertaken by his government.²⁰⁴²

On 30 January 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development called for proposals “for the creation of highly specialized competence centres.”²⁰⁴³ The purpose of these centres is “the orientation and training of companies and the implementation of innovation projects, industrial research and experimental development.”²⁰⁴⁴

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: David Baldrige

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 14 September 2017, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe attended the 12th India-Japan annual summit.²⁰⁴⁵ Together, Japan and India signed 15 agreements allowing several key projects to take place in

²⁰³⁹ Italy's National Energy Strategy 2017, Ministero Dello Sviluppo Economico (Rome) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/images/stories/documenti/BROCHURE_ENG_SEN.PDF.

²⁰⁴⁰ Italy's National Energy Strategy 2017, Ministero Dello Sviluppo Economico (Rome) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/images/stories/documenti/BROCHURE_ENG_SEN.PDF.

²⁰⁴¹ Il Ministro dell'Economia e delle Finanze Pier Carlo Padoan interviene alla conferenza europea UBS e partecipa all'inaugurazione della mostra dedicate alla Ferrari, Ambasciata d'Italia (London) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. http://www.amblondra.esteri.it/ambasciata_londra/en/ambasciata/ufficio-stampa/news/2017/11/il-ministro-dell-economia-e-delle_2.html.

²⁰⁴² Il Ministro dell'Economia e delle Finanze Pier Carlo Padoan interviene alla conferenza europea UBS e partecipa all'inaugurazione della mostra dedicate alla Ferrari, Ambasciata d'Italia (London) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. http://www.amblondra.esteri.it/ambasciata_londra/en/ambasciata/ufficio-stampa/news/2017/11/il-ministro-dell-economia-e-delle_2.html.

²⁰⁴³ Calenda: è online il bando dei Competence Center, Ministero Dello Sviluppo Economico (Rome) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/194-comunicati-stampa/2037668-calenda-e-online-il-bando-dei-competence-center>.

²⁰⁴⁴ Calenda: è online il bando dei Competence Center, Ministero Dello Sviluppo Economico (Rome) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/194-comunicati-stampa/2037668-calenda-e-online-il-bando-dei-competence-center>.

²⁰⁴⁵ Indo-Japan Annual Summit: India-Japan sign 15 agreements in the summit, The Economic Times (New Dehli) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-japan-sign-15-agreements-in-the-summit/articleshow/60510295.cms>.

India.²⁰⁴⁶ Both countries agreed to exchange programs in the scientific field that include sending scholars to study different methods in counter state.²⁰⁴⁷ Japan has also agreed to help India improve its infrastructure. Taking the after its own Bullet Train model, Japan hopes to replicate this in speedy design in India.²⁰⁴⁸

On 11 October 2017, BioJapan organized its annual world business forum, where over 900 companies from 30 different countries participated in discussions focused on regenerative medicine.²⁰⁴⁹ The forum created an international dialogue among actors in the pharmaceutical industry to learn from each other and exchange viable experiences, along with good practices.

On 18 October 2017, Japan held the 55th Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee's annual conference in Tokyo in order to facilitate business opportunities and engagements between the two countries.²⁰⁵⁰ The conference enables discussion among companies who are willing to expand their business to Australia or Japan.²⁰⁵¹

On 14 November 2017, Osaka Governor, Ichiro Matsui, travelled to Paris to attend the Bureau International des Expositions (BIE) to lobby for Osaka's bid to host the 2025 World Expo.²⁰⁵² The I.E.B., is the intergovernmental organization in charge of overseeing and regulating World Expos, also known as World's Fairs.²⁰⁵³ The World Expo is a global event that aims at educating the public, sharing innovation, promoting progress and fostering cooperation.²⁰⁵⁴

On 23-25 January, Japan attended the World Economic Forum's conference in Davos, Switzerland.²⁰⁵⁵ During the conference, Japanese delegates met with their counterparts and authorities from the European Union, the US, Korea, New Zealand and Argentina.²⁰⁵⁶ They also met

²⁰⁴⁶ Indo-Japan Annual Summit: India-Japan sign 15 agreements in the summit, The Economic Times (New Dehli) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-japan-sign-15-agreements-in-the-summit/articleshow/60510295.cms>.

²⁰⁴⁷ Indo-Japan Annual Summit: India-Japan sign 15 agreements in the summit, The Economic Times (New Dehli) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-japan-sign-15-agreements-in-the-summit/articleshow/60510295.cms>.

²⁰⁴⁸ Strategic Ties, Ttraditional Warmth: Key Takeaways from India-Japan annual summit, Hindustan Times (New Dehli) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/strategic-ties-traditional-warmth-key-takeaways-from-india-japan-annual-summit/story-KLUGzAyuHrtOkL5Yuxn0yH.html>.

²⁰⁴⁹ BJ BioJapan-World Business Forum, Expocheck (Yokohoma) Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<https://www.expocheck.com/en/expos/48928-bj-biojapan-world-business-forum-yokohama-japan>.

²⁰⁵⁰ AJBCC's 55th annual Joint Business Conference, ANZCCJ (Tokyo) Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<https://www.anzccj.jp/event-2512925>.

²⁰⁵¹ AJBCC's 55th annual Joint Business Conference, ANZCCJ (Tokyo) Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<https://www.anzccj.jp/event-2512925>.

²⁰⁵² Osaka Gov. Ichiro Matsui heads to Paris to boost bid for 2025 World Expo, Japan Times (Osaka) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/11/14/national/osaka-gov-ichiro-matsui-heads-paris-boost-bid-2025-world-expo/#.WgzC0hNSyRs>.

²⁰⁵³ Bureau International Des Expositions (Paris) Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://www.bie-paris.org/site/en/>.

²⁰⁵⁴ What is An Expo? Bureau International Des Expositions (Paris) Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://www.bie-paris.org/site/en/>.

²⁰⁵⁵ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

²⁰⁵⁶ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

with executives of global companies such as Nestlé, Heineken, Facebook, Marsh & McLennan, AT&T, ABInBev, Siemens, UPS, Alibaba, Arcelor Mittal and Maersk.²⁰⁵⁷

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jijun Meng

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.²⁰⁵⁸

On 6 September 2017, the Korean government announced its 2017 Tax Revision bill.²⁰⁵⁹ The 2017 Tax Revision Bill focuses on: revising corporate tax incentives to promote job creation, working on the redistribution of income, and seeking ways to ensure increased tax revenues to support the expansionary fiscal policies.²⁰⁶⁰ Complying with the government's initiative to increase permanent jobs, the Korean National Agricultural Cooperative Federation (NongHyup) will convert 3,200 irregular workers to full position within the year.²⁰⁶¹ The action taken shows the administration's determination to a people-centered economy that promotes a more inclusive business environment. The irregular workers gaining permanent positions acts as a precedent, possibly leading the private sector to do the same. This demonstrates facilitated learning of inclusive business practices in the private sector through the public sector's adoption of the new policies.

On 11 November 2017, President Moon Jae-in attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Vietnam where he called for free trade and stressed the importance of supporting marginalized people and creating an inclusive business environment.²⁰⁶² He also stressed the importance of helping women on maternity leave to return to job field. His attendance in the APEC Summit created an opportunity for Korean government to talk about inclusive business with other

²⁰⁵⁷ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

²⁰⁵⁸ G20 Leaders Call on Inclusive Business, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2016. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/inclusive-business-report.pdf>.

²⁰⁵⁹ 2017 Tax Revision Bill. 2017 Revision Focuses on Job Creation and Redistribution (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/popup/170906/popup20170906.html>.

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²⁰⁶¹ Lee Yu-sup and Lee Ha-yeon. NongHyup to convert 32,00 irregular workers on permanent position, Pulseby Maeil Business News Korea (Seoul) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 28 October 2017. <http://pulsenews.co.kr/view.php?sc=30800021&year=2018&no=147716>.

²⁰⁶² S. Korean leader advocates free trade, inclusive growth at APEC summit, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/national/2017/11/11/0301000000AEN20171111002451315.html>.

states.²⁰⁶³ Korea initiated dialogue among APEC member states on the importance of inclusive business environment.²⁰⁶⁴

On 13 November 2017, President Moon attended the 31st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Philippines along with 20 other ASEAN member states and dialogue partners' leaders.²⁰⁶⁵ In the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, he spoke about the people oriented diplomacy and people centered economy.²⁰⁶⁶ President Moon Jae-in stated that he is determined to have a stronger tie between Korea and ASEAN region in the AESAN-ROK Summit to share and exchange good practices of policies that promote inclusive business environment, encourage investment and cooperation which will increase job opportunities and encourage innovative businesses.²⁰⁶⁷

On 24 January 2018, Foreign Minister Kang Kyung-wha attended the 2018 World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Minister Kang attended several open and closed session of debates and panels along with government officials of other states to share with the international community on Korea's current economic situation.²⁰⁶⁸

On 12 February 2018, Deputy Prime Minister Kim Dong Yeon attended a business dialogue in Tashkent, where he discussed future economic cooperation between Korea and Uzbekistan as well as the present difficulties and adversities for Korean companies doing businesses in Uzbekistan.²⁰⁶⁹ Members of Korea's private sector also attended this business dialogue to discuss investment opportunities.²⁰⁷⁰

On 13 February 2018, Korea has agreed to enhance the economic ties between Korea and Uzbekistan in helping Uzbekistan with its infrastructure, healthcare, industry, and E-government in

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²⁰⁶⁵ President Moon Jae-In claims Korea as best partner for ASEAN, ASEAN 2017, ASEAN (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://www.asean2017.ph/president-moon-jae-in-claims-korea-as-best-partner-for-asean-2/>.

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²⁰⁶⁷ President Moon Jae-In claims Korea as best partner for ASEAN, ASEAN 2017, ASEAN (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://www.asean2017.ph/president-moon-jae-in-claims-korea-as-best-partner-for-asean-2/>.

²⁰⁶⁸ Foreign Minister to Attend World Economic Forum 2018 in Davos, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea (Seoul) 21 January 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=319656.

²⁰⁶⁹ Park Joon Ha, International Economic Affairs Bureau, International Economic Cooperation Division, 1st Korea-Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Ministers' Meeting Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

²⁰⁷⁰ Park Joon Ha, International Economic Affairs Bureau, International Economic Cooperation Division, 1st Korea-Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Ministers' Meeting Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

the first Deputy Prime Ministers' Meeting in Tashkent.²⁰⁷¹ The business dialogue created a forum for private businesses to both raise their concerns regarding the business environment in Uzbekistan, and share ideas for making the business environment more inclusive for migrant workers.²⁰⁷²

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jijun Meng

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 9 August 2017, the Development Bank announced it will finance private sustainable projects through three institutions, to make possible the development of clean technology projects in the Mexican electricity industry.²⁰⁷³

On 20 August 2017, United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, and Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal launched the renegotiation and modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in Washington, DC.²⁰⁷⁴ In addition to the negotiations, officials from all three countries continued to engage a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of the private sector; industry associations; civil society, including labor groups; legislative representatives; and state/provincial

²⁰⁷¹Park Joon Ha, International Economic Affairs Bureau, International Economic Cooperation Division, 1st Korea-Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Ministers' Meeting Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

²⁰⁷²Park Joon Ha, International Economic Affairs Bureau, International Economic Cooperation Division, 1st Korea-Uzbekistan Deputy Prime Ministers' Meeting Korea and Uzbekistan Agree to Enhance Economic Cooperation (Seoul) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4440>.

²⁰⁷³ Press Release - La Banca de Desarrollo financiará proyectos sustentables privados para el desarrollo de la industria eléctrica mexicana, Secretariat of Energy (Mexico City) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sener/es/articulos/la-banca-de-desarrollo-financiara-proyectos-sustentables-privados-para-el-desarrollo-de-la-industria-electrica-mexicana?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁷⁴ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

officials.²⁰⁷⁵ Due to the trilateral nature of NAFTA and the impact it will have on private sectors, this demonstrates the exchange of dialogues, experiences and good practices among governments.²⁰⁷⁶

On 11 September 2017, the Dialogues for the Future of Energy Mexico 2017 began a series of conferences and meetings between ministers, officials, experts and academics in the energy sector to discuss, analyze and reflect on the trends and scenarios of the future of energy.²⁰⁷⁷ This event demonstrates facilitated learning and dialogue between Mexico's private sector and government.

On 13 September 2017, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation and Mexican Institute of Industrial Property held a Seminar on "SMEs and Innovation: Building an IP Strategy." The objective was to raise awareness among small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) about the commercialization of intellectual property and encourage its use to stimulate economic and technological development within the framework of a healthy innovative ecosystem.²⁰⁷⁸

On 11 October 2017, Secretary Villarreal participated in the Ninth US-Mexico CEO Dialogue, where he exchanged views with businessmen, academics and officials of both countries on the current negotiation process for the modernization of the Free Trade Agreement of America.²⁰⁷⁹

On 22 October 2017, Secretary Villarreal participated in the 15th Mexican Edition Business Summit held in San Luis Potosí, where he participated in the panel "The world we will be seeing in 2018."²⁰⁸⁰

On 22 November 2017, Secretary Villarreal attended the Business Summit Agronegocios 2017 event, which brought together entrepreneurs and specialists from the agricultural, livestock, forestry, aquaculture and fishing sectors in our country, as well as various government officials.²⁰⁸¹

On 24 November, the signing of ratification of the agreement between the National Institute of the Entrepreneur (INADEM) and the Mexican Institute of Youth was carried out within the framework of the "13th National Meeting of Headlines of Youth of the Federative Entities" held in Acapulco,

²⁰⁷⁵ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

²⁰⁷⁶ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

²⁰⁷⁷ Press Release - Diálogos para el Futuro de la Energía México 2017, DEMEX, Secretariat of Energy (Mexico City) 11 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sener/es/articulos/dialogos-para-el-futuro-de-la-energia-mexico-2017-demex?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁷⁸ Press Release - APEC-IMPI realizan el Seminario "Pymes e Innovación: Construyendo una Estrategia de PI", Secretariat of Energy (Mexico City) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/apec-impi-realizan-el-seminario-pymes-e-innovacion-construyendo-una-estrategia-de-pi?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁷⁹ Press Release - Participa el Secretario de Economía en el Noveno US-México CEO Dialogue, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/participa-el-secretario-de-economia-en-el-noveno-us-mexico-ceo-dialogue?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁸⁰ Press Release - El Secretario de Economía participó en la 15a. Edición de México Cumbre de Negocios, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 22 October 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/el-secretario-de-economia-participo-en-la-15a-edicion-mexico-cumbre-de-negocios?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁸¹ Press Release - Se Realiza Business Summit Agronegocios 2017, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/se-realiza-business-summit-agronegocios-2017?idiom=es>.

Guerrero.²⁰⁸² The president of the INADEM, Alejandro Delgado Ayala, points out that the strengthening of this alliance allows promoting the development of the young entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs through an effective link to the supports, programs, products, services and solutions of the public and private sector.²⁰⁸³

On 10 January 2018, The National Institute of the Entrepreneur (INADEM) launched the call to participate in the National Entrepreneur Award.²⁰⁸⁴ This highest entrepreneurial award in Mexico will recognize the passion and effort of the entrepreneurial ecosystem through nine categories, and the government recognition will allow exchange of experience and good practice with the private sector.²⁰⁸⁵

From 23 to 25 January 2018, Secretary Villarreal attended the meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos, Switzerland, from January 23 to 25 of this year.²⁰⁸⁶ The Secretary was part of the dialogue “Country Strategy Dialogue on Mexico,” along with other members of the Mexican delegation. Under the WEF 2018, the Secretary met with his counterparts and authorities of the European Union, the US, Japan, Korea, New Zealand and Argentina.²⁰⁸⁷ He also met with executives of global companies such as Nestlé, Heineken, Facebook, Marsh & McLennan, AT & T, ABInBev, Siemens, UPS, Alibaba, Arcelor Mittal and Maersk.²⁰⁸⁸

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ce Shang

²⁰⁸² Press Release - El INADEM y el IMJUVE fortalecen alianza para impulsar a jóvenes emprendedores mexicanos, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/el-inadem-y-el-imjuve-fortalecen-alianza-para-impulsar-a-jovenes-emprendedores-mexicanos?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁸³ Press Release - El INADEM y el IMJUVE fortalecen alianza para impulsar a jóvenes emprendedores mexicanos, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/el-inadem-y-el-imjuve-fortalecen-alianza-para-impulsar-a-jovenes-emprendedores-mexicanos?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁸⁴ Press Release - Lanza la Convocatoria para participar en el Premio Nacional del Emprendedor, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/lanza-la-convocatoria-para-participar-en-el-premio-nacional-del-emprendedor-143033?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁸⁵ Press Release - Lanza la Convocatoria para participar en el Premio Nacional del Emprendedor, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/es/prensa/lanza-la-convocatoria-para-participar-en-el-premio-nacional-del-emprendedor-143033?idiom=es>.

²⁰⁸⁶ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

²⁰⁸⁷ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

²⁰⁸⁸ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 12 October 2017, President Vladimir Putin spoke at a meeting with German business leaders in Sochi about the importance of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in every business environment.²⁰⁸⁹

On 20 November 2017, representatives from Russia and China met to promote cooperation and learning between SMEs in both countries. The trade volume is expected to reach USD20 billion by 2020.²⁰⁹⁰

On 20 December 2017, the Russian Direct Investment Fund signed an agreement to allocate 25 per cent of a EUR300million joint investment fund to SME projects in both France and Russia.²⁰⁹¹ This will promote innovation and provide SMEs with financial support to fuel interdisciplinary cooperation between French and Russian SMEs.²⁰⁹²

Russia has taken some actions to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools through international cooperation agreements, however, no evidence has been found of Russia taking action to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices with stakeholders within Russia such as the private sector.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Danielle Zhuo

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

²⁰⁸⁹ Putin wants to boost share of small & medium-sized businesses in Russia, RT International (Moscow) 12 October 2017. 25 November 2017. <https://www.rt.com/business/40684-putin-russia-small-business-share/>.

²⁰⁹⁰ 戴甜, "Xi says China-Russia economic, trade cooperation boasts great potential," Xi says China-Russia economic, trade cooperation boasts great potential - Business — China Daily (Beijing) 3 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/business/2017-07/03/content_29973864.html.

²⁰⁹¹ Olmix Group, "RDIF and CDC International Capital Deepen their collaboration and announce the allocation of up to 25% of their joint fund to be invested in SMEs with attractive expansion projects on the Franco-Russian Axis", Olmix Group (Paris) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.olmix.com/news/RDIF-and-CDC-International-Capital-deepen-their-collaboration>.

²⁰⁹² Olmix Group, "RDIF and CDC International Capital Deepen their collaboration and announce the allocation of up to 25% of their joint fund to be invested in SMEs with attractive expansion projects on the Franco-Russian Axis", Olmix Group (Paris) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.olmix.com/news/RDIF-and-CDC-International-Capital-deepen-their-collaboration>.

On 18 September 2017, Commerce and Investment Minister Majid al-Qusaibi announced that a new legal framework for Saudi Arabia's government to do business with the private sector would be in place by year-end.²⁰⁹³

On 17 November 2017, the Ministry of Finance hosted a workshop to discuss the key features of the new Government Tenders and Procurement Law.²⁰⁹⁴ This workshop included economists, media professionals, and others interested in traditional media or digital media to discuss and consult procedures related to government procurement to foster transparency between the private and public sectors.²⁰⁹⁵

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Dion Hu

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 13 July 2017, the National Treasury released a brief timeline of the government's inclusive growth action plan.²⁰⁹⁶ Minister of Finance Malusi Gigaba engaged with various stakeholders to map a way forward following the confirmation of an economic recession in the gross domestic product for the first quarter of 2017.²⁰⁹⁷

On 19 August and 20 August 2017, South Africa hosted the 37th Southern African Development Community Summit Heads of State and Government in Pretoria.²⁰⁹⁸ The theme of this conference

²⁰⁹³ Saudi minister says framework for private sector stimulus almost ready, Reuters (Riyadh) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-economy-private/saudi-minister-says-framework-for-private-sector-stimulus-almost-ready-idUSKCN1BT0Q9>.

²⁰⁹⁴ Ministry of Finance Organizes a Workshop to Discuss the First Draft of the Government Tenders and Procurement Law, Ministry of Finance (Riyadh) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. https://www.mof.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/news/Pages/news_06112017_1.aspx.

²⁰⁹⁵ Ministry of Finance Organizes a Workshop to Discuss the First Draft of the Government Tenders and Procurement Law, Ministry of Finance (Riyadh) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. https://www.mof.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/news/Pages/news_06112017_1.aspx.

²⁰⁹⁶ Government's Inclusive Growth Action Plan, National Treasury (Pretoria) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 26 December 2017. http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2017/2017071301%20Government%E2%80%99s%20inclusive%20growth%20action%20plan.pdf.

²⁰⁹⁷ Government's Inclusive Growth Action Plan, National Treasury (Pretoria) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 26 December 2017. http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2017/2017071301%20Government%E2%80%99s%20inclusive%20growth%20action%20plan.pdf.

²⁰⁹⁸ SADC summit to set harness PPP, Zambia Daily Mail (Pretoria) 18 August 2016. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.daily-mail.co.zm/sadc-summit-set-to-harness-ppp/>.

was “Partnering with the private sector in developing industry and regional value-chains.”²⁰⁹⁹ The conference focused on exploring ways to harness the public and private sector to work together to promote sustainable economic development.²¹⁰⁰

On 30 October 2017, Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor announced the launch of a national wheat-breeding platform at the Welegevallen Experimental Farm in Stellenbosch.²¹⁰¹ This platform, which drew expertise from the public and private sector, aims to increase the yields and profitability of wheat production by farmers in South Africa.²¹⁰²

On 22 November, the National Treasury announced the development of an online budget data portal in partnership with IMALI YETHU, which is a coalition of civil society organizations in South Africa.²¹⁰³ This online portal aims to provide budget data in a format that is useful and appealing to the ordinary citizen and present an overview of how public resources are generated and used.²¹⁰⁴

On 5 December 2017, South Africa hosted the Water and Infrastructure Investment Summit.²¹⁰⁵ This summit was jointly hosted by the Department of Water and Sanitation and the Water Research Commission and also featured private investors, funders, and project developers.²¹⁰⁶ The aim of this summit was to shift the water and sanitation sector investment landscape to a space that is open and enabling for investment and inclusive growth opportunities.²¹⁰⁷

On 12 December 2017, the Africa Energy Indaba announced a strategic partnership with the South African Electrotechnical Export Council (SAEEC) to grow and develop the African Energy Sector with SAEEC member companies.²¹⁰⁸ This partnership will provide a meeting place for African

²⁰⁹⁹ SADC summit to set harness PPP, Zambia Daily Mail (Pretoria) 18 August 2016. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.daily-mail.co.zm/sadc-summit-set-to-harness-ppp/>.

²¹⁰⁰ SADC summit to set harness PPP, Zambia Daily Mail (Pretoria) 18 August 2016. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.daily-mail.co.zm/sadc-summit-set-to-harness-ppp/>.

²¹⁰¹ Wheat farming initiatives to bolster agriculture, IOL News (Cape Town) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/watch-wheat-farming-initiatives-to-bolster-agriculture-11795831W>.

²¹⁰² Wheat farming initiatives to bolster agriculture, IOL News (Cape Town) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.iol.co.za/capetimes/news/watch-wheat-farming-initiatives-to-bolster-agriculture-11795831W>.

²¹⁰³ Naming Competition: Online Budget Data Portal, National Treasury (Pretoria) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2017/2017112201%20Naming%20Competition%20Online%20Budget%20Data%20Portal.pdf.

²¹⁰⁴ Naming Competition: Online Budget Data Portal, National Treasury (Pretoria) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. http://www.treasury.gov.za/comm_media/press/2017/2017112201%20Naming%20Competition%20Online%20Budget%20Data%20Portal.pdf.

²¹⁰⁵ Water and Sanitation Holds Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, All Africa (Pretoria) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201711140788.html>.

²¹⁰⁶ Water and Sanitation Holds Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, All Africa (Pretoria) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201711140788.html>.

²¹⁰⁷ Water and Sanitation Holds Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, All Africa (Pretoria) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://allafrica.com/stories/201711140788.html>.

²¹⁰⁸ Africa Energy Indaba Announces a Strategic Partnership, Africa Energy Indaba (Johannesburg) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.africaenergyindaba.com/africa-energy-indaba-announces-a-strategic-partnership/>.

Energy Ministers and business leaders in the SAEEC to discuss issues regarding power and telecommunications infrastructure projects in South Africa.²¹⁰⁹

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Dion Hu

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 24 October 2017, Finance Minister Naci Agbal appeared with World Bank Turkey Director Johannes Zutt at a conference entitled “Accounting for Public-Private Partnership Applications According to International Accounting Standards and Presentation in Financial Tables.”²¹¹⁰ The conference included discussions on best practices including effective funding models and areas for further investment.²¹¹¹

On 24 November 2017, AKP Economic Affairs Vice-President Rafi Karagol attended the Bingol Economic Expectations Forum, which involved face-to-face meetings between government actors, business representatives, and the public.²¹¹² The purpose of the forum was not just to discuss potential areas for urban growth, but also the ways in which the Turkish government expects cities to drive macro-level growth as well.²¹¹³

On 29-30 November 2017, unspecified public-sector representatives appeared at the “PPP in Turkey 2017” conference in Ankara.²¹¹⁴ A number of international and domestic investors, including potential investors in public-private partnerships engaged in open dialogue, and discussed methods

²¹⁰⁹ Africa Energy Indaba Announces a Strategic Partnership, Africa Energy Indaba (Johannesburg) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.africaenergyindaba.com/africa-energy-indaba-announces-a-strategic-partnership/>.

²¹¹⁰ Turkey’s PPP projects impressive by global standards, Daily Sabah (Ankara) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/2017/10/26/turkeys-public-private-partnership-projects-impressive-by-global-standards-world-bank-director-says>.

²¹¹¹ Turkey’s PPP projects impressive by global standards, Daily Sabah (Ankara) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 26 October 2017. <https://www.dailysabah.com/business/2017/10/26/turkeys-public-private-partnership-projects-impressive-by-global-standards-world-bank-director-says>.

²¹¹² “City Economic Expectations Forum”, Milliyet Online (Bingol) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 26 October 2017. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/sehirlerin-ekonomik-beklentileri-forumu-bingol-yerelhaber-2423533/>.

²¹¹³ “City Economic Expectations Forum”, Milliyet Online (Bingol) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/sehirlerin-ekonomik-beklentileri-forumu-bingol-yerelhaber-2423533/>.

²¹¹⁴ PPP in Turkey Forum, EEL Events (Ankara) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.eelevents.co.uk/upcoming-events/ppp-in-turkey-2017>.

of enhancing economic performance.²¹¹⁵ The stated purpose of this event was to specifically discuss best practices, opportunities for investment, and lessons learned from completed projects.²¹¹⁶

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

Analyst: John Fraser

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 11 September 2017, UK launched the Inclusive Economy Partnership through leaders from government, business and civil society organisations will work together on issues relating to financial inclusion and capability, mental health and transition to work.²¹¹⁷ The Partnership is led by an Advisory Group of 14 chief executives from a wide range of businesses and civil society organisations, including National Grid, Nationwide, O2, TechUK, NCVO and Big Lottery Fund.²¹¹⁸

On 15 September 2017, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy jointly commissioned a report focused on improving the methodology, which allows identification of social enterprises in the UK small business population.²¹¹⁹ The report titled “Social enterprise market trends 2017” provides estimates of the number of social enterprises in the UK, describes the key characteristics of social enterprises and compares these to those of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).²¹²⁰

On 15 March 2018, the UK organised an event with the DaNa Facility, a 4.5-year programme funded by the UK Department for International Development that supports inclusive economic growth and private sector development in Myanmar, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association to explore the

²¹¹⁵ PPP in Turkey Forum, EEL Events (Ankara) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://www.eelevents.co.uk/upcoming-events/ppp-in-turkey-2017>.

²¹¹⁶ PPP in Turkey Forum, EEL Events (Ankara) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 1 December 2017. <http://www.eelevents.co.uk/upcoming-events/ppp-in-turkey-2017>.

²¹¹⁷ Business and Civil Society Leaders form Partnership to Tackle Challenges in Society, Press Release, Government UK (London) 11 September 2017. Access Date: 22 April 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/business-and-civil-society-leaders-form-partnership-to-tackle-challenges-in-society>.

²¹¹⁸ Business and Civil Society Leaders form Partnership to Tackle Challenges in Society, Press Release, Government UK (London) 11 September 2017. Access Date: 22 April 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/business-and-civil-society-leaders-form-partnership-to-tackle-challenges-in-society>.

²¹¹⁹ Social Enterprise: Market Trends 2017, Research and Analysis, Government UK (London) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 22 April 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-enterprise-market-trends-2017>.

²¹²⁰ Social Enterprise: Market Trends 2017, Research and Analysis, Government UK (London) 15 September 2017. Access Date: 22 April 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-enterprise-market-trends-2017>.

implementation of inclusive business practices with policy experts, businesses and members of the donor community.²¹²¹

The UK has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, the UK receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Christian D'Agnillo

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 20 July 2017, the Office of Management and Budget co-sponsored the one-day White House Summit: Technology and Business Management along with Technology Business Management (TBM) Council, a group of leading figures in commercial technology.²¹²² The event was aimed at sharing knowledge on between business technology leaders and the public sector.²¹²³ The event was composed of both panel discussions and open discussions between leadership in the public and private sector on the Technology Business Management framework.²¹²⁴ The aim is for the federal government to learn to make their IT spending more efficient.²¹²⁵ Those attending included the chief information officer, chief financial officer, chief administrative officer and President's Management Councils.²¹²⁶

On 1 August 2017, President Donald Trump hosted "The Engine of the American Dream."²¹²⁷ At this event, President Trump spoke to over 100 small business owners on the current White House's policies to encourage small business growth.²¹²⁸ There was also a question-answer period with Administrator of the Small Business Administration, Linda McMahon, and Senior Advisor Ivanka Trump.²¹²⁹

²¹²¹ Inclusive business a "radical triple win" for Myanmar, Myanmar Times (Naypyidaw) 19 March 2018. Access Date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.mmmtimes.com/news/inclusive-business-radical-triple-win-myanmar.html>.

²¹²² White House Summit: Technology Business Management, CIO Council (Washington) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.cio.gov/2017/08/08/white-house-summit-technology-business-management/>.

²¹²³ White House Summit: Technology Business Management, CIO Council (Washington) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.cio.gov/2017/08/08/white-house-summit-technology-business-management/>.

²¹²⁴ White House Summit: Technology Business Management, CIO Council (Washington) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.cio.gov/2017/08/08/white-house-summit-technology-business-management/>.

²¹²⁵ White House Summit: Technology Business Management, CIO Council (Washington) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.cio.gov/2017/08/08/white-house-summit-technology-business-management/>.

²¹²⁶ White House Summit: Technology Business Management, CIO Council (Washington) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.cio.gov/2017/08/08/white-house-summit-technology-business-management/>.

²¹²⁷ Small Businesses, "The Engine of the American Dream", The White House (Washington) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2017/08/01/small-businesses-engine-american-dream>.

²¹²⁸ Small Businesses, "The Engine of the American Dream", The White House (Washington) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2017/08/01/small-businesses-engine-american-dream>.

²¹²⁹ Small Businesses, "The Engine of the American Dream", The White House (Washington) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2017/08/01/small-businesses-engine-american-dream>.

On 16 August 2017, President Trump announced the disbanding of two councils, the Strategy and Policy Forum and the Manufacturing Council, which was composed many of the top corporate leaders in America.²¹³⁰

On 20 August 2017, Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Mexican Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo launched the renegotiation and modernization of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) in Washington, DC.²¹³¹ In addition to the negotiations, officials from all three countries continued to engage a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of the private sector; industry associations; civil society, including labor groups; legislative representatives; and state/provincial officials.²¹³²

On 31 October 2017, President Trump spoke at a White House event on tax reform with members of the private sector.²¹³³

On 11 November 2017, President Trump spoke at the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit.²¹³⁴ He stressed the need for incentives for increased female participation in the private sector.²¹³⁵ The US, Australia, and Chinese Taipei began an APEC fund to further encourage women in the workforce. APEC leaders also committed to furthering small business growth.²¹³⁶

On 23-25 January 2018, President Trump attended the Davos Forum hosted by the World Economic Forum (WEF).²¹³⁷ The US delegation met with their counterparts from Japan, Korea, New Zealand

²¹³⁰ Trump's business advisory councils disband as CEOs abandon president over Charlottesville views, The Washington Post (Washington) 16 August 2017. Access Date: 21 April 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/on-leadership/wp/2017/08/16/after-wave-of-ceo-departures-trump-ends-business-and-manufacturing-councils/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.8280cb3a699a.

²¹³¹ Press Release - Declaración Trilateral sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

²¹³² Press Release - Declaración Trilateral sobre la Conclusión de la Primera Ronda de Negociaciones del TLCAN, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/declaracion-trilateral-sobre-la-conclusion-de-la-primera-ronda-de-negociaciones-del-tratado-de-libre-comercio-de-america-del-norte>.

²¹³³ President Donald Trump Says He'll Sign Tax Bill By Christmas, Wall Street Journal (New York) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.wsj.com/livecoverage/tax-bill-2017/card/1509620801>.

²¹³⁴ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

²¹³⁵ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

²¹³⁶ President Donald J. Trump's Participation in the 25th Annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Economic Leaders' Meeting and 2017 APEC CEO Summit, The White House Office of the Press Secretary (Washington) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2017/11/11/president-donald-j-trumps-participation-25th-annual-asia-pacific>.

²¹³⁷ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

and Argentina and executives of global companies such as Nestlé, Heineken, Facebook, Marsh & McLennan, AT & T, ABInBev, Siemens, UPS, Alibaba, Arcelor Mittal and Maersk.²¹³⁸

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools. While the US has facilitated learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among some stakeholders, the the disbanding of two councils, the Strategy & Policy Forum and the Manufacturing Council, which was composed many of the top corporate leaders in America, undermined the US' effort to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Clara Geddes

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

On 20 September, the United Nations Development Programme and the European Investment Fund signed a Memorandum of Understanding that will boost cooperation between the two institutions.²¹³⁹ The memorandum emphasises the role small and medium-sized enterprises will play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and provides innovative financing to achieve the SDGs.²¹⁴⁰ The partnership aims to invest in sustainable and inclusive business models to help create decent work, reduce inequalities, and increase women's empowerment in poor communities, helping to lift those communities out of poverty.²¹⁴¹

On 6 October 2017, the EU attended the fourteenth annual EU-India Summit held in New Delhi.²¹⁴² During the Summit, Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and President of the European Council Donald Tusk, as well as Jean Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission,

²¹³⁸ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

²¹³⁹ European Investment Fund, UNDP accord to boost cooperation to achieve Global Goals, UNDP (New York). 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 April 2018. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/09/20/european-investment-fund-undp-accord-to-boost-cooperation-to-achieve-global-goals.html>.

²¹⁴⁰ European Investment Fund, UNDP accord to boost cooperation to achieve Global Goals, UNDP (New York). 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 April 2018. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/09/20/european-investment-fund-undp-accord-to-boost-cooperation-to-achieve-global-goals.html>.

²¹⁴¹ European Investment Fund, UNDP accord to boost cooperation to achieve Global Goals, UNDP (New York). 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 April 2018. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/09/20/european-investment-fund-undp-accord-to-boost-cooperation-to-achieve-global-goals.html>.

²¹⁴² Joint Statement 14th India-EU Summit, New Delhi, 6 October 2017, European Commission (Brussels) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 24 October 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-3743_en.html.

reviewed the India-EU Strategic Partnership and committed to enhancing investment flows, broadening economic dialogue, and strengthening their cooperation on issues such as food security and the participation of Indian business organizations in the Enterprise Europe Network.²¹⁴³

On 5 December 2017, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development published a report titled “The Missing Entrepreneurs 2017,” in partnership with the European Commission, the European Union’s Directorate General of Employment and Social Affairs.²¹⁴⁴ The report examines the barriers faced to business creation and self-employment by people who are disadvantaged or under-represented in entrepreneurship activities - youth, seniors, the disabled, women, ethnic minorities, the unemployed and others - and the public policy actions that can promote and support these activities.²¹⁴⁵

On 23-25 January 2018, the EU attended the Davos Forum hosted by the World Economic Forum.²¹⁴⁶ The EU delegation met with their counterparts from Japan, the United States, Korea, New Zealand and Argentina and executives of global companies such as Nestlé, Heineken, Facebook, Marsh & McLennan, AT&T, ABInBev, Siemens, UPS, Alibaba, Arcelor Mittal and Maersk.²¹⁴⁷

The EU has fully complied with its commitment to facilitate learning, dialogue and exchanges of experiences and good practices among all stakeholders such as the private sector and governments with the objective of agreeing on the characteristics of productive inclusive business ecosystems and developing effective policy instruments and practical tools.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Christian D’Agnillo

²¹⁴³ Joint Statement 14th India-EU Summit, New Delhi, 6 October 2017, European Commission (Brussels) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 24 October 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-3743_en.html.

²¹⁴⁴ The Missing Entrepreneurs, OECD (Paris) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 21 April 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/industry/the-missing-entrepreneurs-2017-9789264283602-en.html>.

²¹⁴⁵ The Missing Entrepreneurs, OECD (Paris) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 21 April 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/industry/the-missing-entrepreneurs-2017-9789264283602-en.html>.

²¹⁴⁶ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

²¹⁴⁷ Press Release - Concluye la Octava Ronda de Negociaciones para la Modernización del TLC entre México y la Unión Europea, Secretaría de Economía (Mexico City) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/se/prensa/concluye-la-octava-ronda-de-negociaciones-para-la-modernizacion-del-tlc-entre-mexico-y-la-union-europea>.

7. Migration: Addressing Needs

“We commit to addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.”

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Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia		0	
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia		0	
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico		0	
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom		0	
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.40		

Background

The G20 first committed to addressing the global refugee crisis at the 2015 G20 Summit in Antalya. By that time, worldwide displacement had reached an ultimate high of approximately 59.5 million persons displaced.²¹⁴⁸ The cause of mass migration was widespread war, conflict, and persecution in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Thus in 2015, the G20 committed to strengthening support to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).²¹⁴⁹

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, G20 leaders continued to address the global refugee crisis and recognized that migration numbers had reached a scale unseen since World War II.²¹⁵⁰ In Hangzhou, G20 leaders recognized the potential for mass migration to challenge the future of global economic growth and thus reiterated their support for addressing the root causes of displacement, protecting

²¹⁴⁸ Worldwide displacement hits all-time high as war and persecution increase, UNHCR (Geneva) 18 June 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/latest/2015/6/558193896/worldwide-displacement-hits-all-time-high-war-persecution-increase.html>.

²¹⁴⁹ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Antalya Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communication.html>.

²¹⁵⁰ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>.

refugees, and creating a better system of shared responsibility.²¹⁵¹ They also called for “strengthening humanitarian assistance for refugees and refugee resettlement.”²¹⁵²

Two years after the G20 made its first commitments in response to the global refugee crisis, massive influxes of refugees and migrants continue to affect G20 members. While old crises are still unfolding, new humanitarian disasters are emanating. In June 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that by the end of 2016, 65.6 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide.²¹⁵³

Thus at the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders recognized the main drivers of forced displacement to be conflicts, natural disasters, and human rights violations and abuses.²¹⁵⁴ In particular, they acknowledged that irregular migration and forced displacement poses many complex challenges for countries of origin, transit, and destination, and that safe, orderly and regular migration can lead to substantial social and economic benefits.²¹⁵⁵ While G20 leaders reiterated old commitments to address the root causes of displacement, they also made new, unprecedented promises to address migration. In the “Leaders’ Declaration,” the G20 committed to counter migrant smuggling and trafficking and increase the promotion of economic development in countries where displacement occurs.²¹⁵⁶ They also stressed the particular importance of addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants and enabling refugees and migrants to return home safely when it is possible.

Commitment Features

The G20 committed to “addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.”

It is important to distinguish between refugees and migrants. Migration is a “movement that takes place outside the regulatory norms of the sending, transit and receiving countries.”²¹⁵⁷ It may be an internal movement within a country. However, it also can, but does not require, the crossing of international borders. Migrants refer to those “who move across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence”²¹⁵⁸ and include asylum seekers, refugees, and IDPs.²¹⁵⁹ A refugee is “someone who has been forced to flee his or her country because of persecution, war, or violence”²¹⁶⁰ and “has a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership in a particular social group.”²¹⁶¹ In contrast, an

²¹⁵¹ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>.

²¹⁵² G20 Leaders’ Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communication.html>.

²¹⁵³ Global Trends: Forced Displacement 2016, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 June 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/5943e8a34/global-trends-forced-displacement-2016.html>.

²¹⁵⁴ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Hamburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

²¹⁵⁵ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Hamburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

²¹⁵⁶ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Hamburg Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

²¹⁵⁷ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁵⁸ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁵⁹ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁰ What is a refugee?, USA for UNHCR (Washington). Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/>.

²¹⁶¹ What is a refugee?, USA for UNHCR (Washington) 2017. Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.unrefugees.org/what-is-a-refugee/>.

asylum seeker is someone who has similarly experienced persecution in their country of origin and is waiting to gain asylum or refugee status into a safe country.²¹⁶² Further, IDPs are “persons or a group of persons who have been forced or obliged to flee or to leave their homes or places of habitual residence”²¹⁶³ due to or in order to avoid armed conflict, generalized violence, violations of human rights or natural disasters.²¹⁶⁴ Unlike refugees, they have not crossed an internationally recognized State border to find safety.²¹⁶⁵ Given that refugees thus are a sub-category of migrants, and that the term “migrant” additionally includes asylum seekers and IDPs, this commitment will refer to “migrants” rather than “refugees and migrants” for the sake of simplicity.

“Addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants” refers to the unique needs of migrants in light of their circumstances. These needs are specific to migrants and are a direct result of their particular circumstances. These can include basic needs such as access to food, water, and shelter as well as more complex needs such as psychological, economic, or legal support. Many have undergone traumatic experiences, been exposed to violence, become dependent on external support, and have limited economic opportunities to rebuild their livelihoods.²¹⁶⁶ Providing these needs is thus humanitarian in nature and requires a multi-sectorial response.

Furthermore, supporting migrants who are “close to their region of origin” implies a particular emphasis on addressing the needs of migrants who are currently located near their country of origin, which is either inside or near the territory of a G20 member. This commitment is therefore divided into two components: taking concrete and tangible actions at the 1) domestic level and 2) international level, to provide address the distinct needs of migrants.

Part One: Domestic Actions

In taking domestic action to meet the distinct needs of migrants, members must support the resettlement needs and provide support for migrants in their own jurisdictions. This implies that refugees must receive the rights they are entitled to according to the 1951 UN Refugee Convention, including economic and social rights, and should have “access to medical care, schooling and the right to work.”²¹⁶⁷ Other migrants, such as asylum seekers, must also be subject to fair asylum procedures. G20 members could provide “services to facilitate [refugee] integration, such as cultural orientation, language and vocational training, as well as programmes to promote access to education and employment.”²¹⁶⁸ Other examples could also include supporting psychological services, enhancing opportunities for employment, and providing educational opportunities for refugee children, and enhancing refugees’ equal and fair access to justice in a court of law, among others.²¹⁶⁹

Part Two: International Actions

Members can also take action to meet the distinct needs of migrants on an international level by providing humanitarian and/or financial assistance and other forms of support to host countries, migrant populations abroad, or other organizations including UNHCR and non-governmental

²¹⁶² Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶³ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁴ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁵ Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) Access Date: 1 February 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁶⁶ UNHCR’s Guiding Principles 2008-2012, UNHCR (Geneva) 2008. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/4885959c2.pdf>.

²¹⁶⁷ Protecting Refugees: questions and answers, UNHCR (Geneva) 1 February 2002. Access Date: 4 November 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/afr/publications/brochures/3b779dfe2/protecting-refugees-questions-answers.html>.

²¹⁶⁸ Resettlement, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/resettlement.html>.

²¹⁶⁹ Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, UNHCR (Geneva) 28 July 1951. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10>.

organizations (NGOs) who are working to meet the needs of migrants. Taking international action thus encompasses supporting programs to provide access to clean water, food, and adequate shelter for migrants, as well as providing health, psychological and educational services. Members can also provide support for refugee resettlement efforts and assist other countries develop a great capacity to offer protection.

“When applicable, to enable them to return home safely” implies efforts allowing for the return of migrants to their countries of origin when it is justifiable and safe to do so. Enabling their safe return is an international action in nature as it involves the crossing of national borders. Furthermore, facilitating migrants’ return to their countries of origin also counts towards meeting their distinct needs by helping to resettle them at home.

According to the Refugee Convention, “no Contracting State shall expel or return refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.”²¹⁷⁰ Refugees must “return in safety and with dignity to their country of origin and re-avail themselves of national protection.”²¹⁷¹ Hence, the option to return home must be voluntary in nature. Assisted voluntary return is the “administrative, logistical, financial and reintegration support to rejected asylum seekers, victims of trafficking in human beings, stranded migrants, qualified nationals and other migrants unable or unwilling to remain in the host country who volunteer to return to their countries of origin.”²¹⁷² Actions to enable the safe return include offering specialized assistance and services to migrants in situations of vulnerability, facilitating travel documentation, assisting with travel arrangements and contributions to and cooperation with assisted voluntary return programs operated by external organizations.²¹⁷³ Other aspects include “public assurances of personal safety, integrity, non-discrimination and freedom from fear of persecution or punishment upon return, physical safety protection from armed attacks” and access to land or means of livelihood.”²¹⁷⁴

Enabling the return of migrants to their homes without satisfying the above criteria will thus be counted negatively towards compliance. This includes failing to facilitate their return when it is applicable to do so or facilitating their return when it is not applicable to do so. Furthermore, when it is not applicable to enable migrants to return home safely, G20 members must support their local integration and resettlement instead.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take concrete action to address the distinct needs of migrants both domestically and internationally. When applicable, G20 members must also take steps to enable their safe return home in order to fulfill the international aspect of the commitment.

²¹⁷⁰ Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, UNHCR (Geneva) 28 July 1951. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10>.

²¹⁷¹ UNHCR Resettlement Handbook, UNHCR (Geneva) July 2011. Access Date: 30 October 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/46f7c0ee2.pdf>.

²¹⁷² Key Migration Terms, IOM (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.iom.int/key-migration-terms>.

²¹⁷³ Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration: Annual Report of Activities, IOM (Geneva) 2012. Access Date: 1 November 2017. https://www.iom.int/files/live/sites/iom/files/partnerships/docs/2012-IOM-CSOConsultations/Additional_Resources/AVRR_Report_2011.pdf.

²¹⁷⁴ Voluntary Repatriation: International Protection Handbook, UNHCR (Geneva) 1996. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/publications/legal/3bfe68d32/handbook-voluntary-repatriation-international-protection.html>.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member has failed to take neither domestic NOR international action to address the needs of migrants, INCLUDING taking steps to enable the safe return of migrants when applicable.
0	G20 member has taken either domestic OR international action to address the distinct needs of migrants INCLUDING the safe return of migrants when applicable OR has taken both domestic and international action but has NOT taken steps to enable their safe return when applicable.
+1	G20 member has taken domestic action AND international action to address the distinct needs of migrants, INCLUDING taking steps to enable the safe return of migrants when applicable.

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Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

As of 2 October 2017, the Argentine government received 62 income permit requests for the second 2017 semester in progress for the Syria Program.²¹⁷⁵

On 10 November 2017, the Ministry of Interior and Transport enhanced the Syria Program to include 100 more humanitarian visas, reaching a total of 420 visas granted for Syrian refugees.²¹⁷⁶ The program was initially created on 14 October 2014, and granted special visas for 3,000 Syrian refugees.²¹⁷⁷ Refugees first receive temporary and renewable residence permits, which can become permanent after two years.²¹⁷⁸ The humanitarian visa entitles refugees to the same social services as national citizens, including access to job opportunities and education, with the option to voluntarily return home when conditions allow, or to become self-reliant in Argentina.²¹⁷⁹

On 14 December 2017, Argentina hosted a forum on Migration, Trade, and the Global Economy.²¹⁸⁰ The event was co-held by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development and

²¹⁷⁵ Leaders' Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing National Direction of Migration, Special Humanitarian Visa Program (Buenos Aires) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/programasiria/indexSiria.php?estadisticas>.

²¹⁷⁶ Syrian refugees reap benefits of Argentina's new visa rules, UNHCR (Córdoba) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.unhcr.org/afr/news/stories/2017/11/5a0586774.html>.

²¹⁷⁷ Special humanitarian visa program for foreigners affected by the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 14 October 2014. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/programasiria/?acercaprograma>.

²¹⁷⁸ Special humanitarian visa program for foreigners affected by the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 14 October 2014. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/programasiria/?acercaprograma>.

²¹⁷⁹ Syrian refugees reap benefits of Argentina's new visa rules, UNHCR (Córdoba) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/afr/news/stories/2017/11/5a0586774.html>.

²¹⁸⁰ Argentina Hosts Forum on Migration, Trade and the Global Economy (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/argentina-hosts-forum-migration-trade-and-global-economy>.

International Organization for Migration to promote a better understanding of the link between migration and international trade.²¹⁸¹

As of 15 December 2017, Argentina accepted a total number of 155 people under their Syria Program in 2017, the largest number of refugees since its launch in 2014.²¹⁸² Almost half of them have been received as of December 2017.²¹⁸³

In 2017, Argentina contributed USD113,900 to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²¹⁸⁴

As of January 2018, President Mauricio Macri extended the Syria Program's validity for another year.²¹⁸⁵ The priorities for 2018 are focused on supporting the private sector and strengthening the institutions in charge of the program's functioning.²¹⁸⁶

Argentina has taken steps to address the distinct needs of migrants through both concrete domestic and international actions, by strengthening domestic programs like the Syria Program, and sustaining existing international initiatives with continued funding contributions to the UNHCR.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Lisa Alers-Hankey

Australia: 0

Australia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 5 September 2017, the Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill was passed, allowing for the rejection of visas or applications for one based on character grounds informed by the use of protected information.²¹⁸⁷ These grounds include the commitment of serious crime, posing a risk to safety, or threatening Australia's national interest.²¹⁸⁸

²¹⁸¹ Argentina Hosts Forum on Migration, Trade and the Global Economy (Buenos Aires) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/argentina-hosts-forum-migration-trade-and-global-economy>.

²¹⁸² Argentina acogió en el 2017 el mayor número de refugiados sirios, dice la OIM, El Comercio (Lima) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.elcomercio.com/actualidad/argentina-refugiados-siria-oim-acogida.html>.

²¹⁸³ Argentina acogió en el 2017 el mayor número de refugiados sirios, dice la OIM, El Comercio (Lima) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018 <http://www.elcomercio.com/actualidad/argentina-refugiados-siria-oim-acogida.html>.

²¹⁸⁴ Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²¹⁸⁵ Argentina: How Does the Syria Program Work?, Latin American Post, 7 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.latinamericanpost.com/index.php/human-rights/19531-argentina--how-does-the-syria-program-work>.

²¹⁸⁶ Argentina: How Does the Syria Program Work?, Latin American Post, 7 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.latinamericanpost.com/index.php/human-rights/19531-argentina--how-does-the-syria-program-work>.

²¹⁸⁷ Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_LEgislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bId=r5926.

²¹⁸⁸ Bills Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017 Second Reading, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2017. <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=CHAMBER;id=chamber%2Fhansards%2F8b210eb0-f0ba-48da-b074-bd89cc83d1bc%2F0217;query=Id%3A%22chamber%2Fhansards%2F8b210eb0-f0ba-48da-b074-bd89cc83d1bc%2F0210%22>.

On 30 October 2017, the Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill was passed, which amended the definition of ‘protected information’ so that only information that is harmful to national or public interest is protected.²¹⁸⁹ Moreover, this amendment is backdated to the original enactment period of the 2015 Australia Border Force Act, which allows those who work in places like the Nauru or Manus Island detention centres the ability to speak on their conditions without fear of prosecution.²¹⁹⁰

On 31 October 2017, the Manus Island detention centre was closed by the Australian government following a court ruling in Papua New Guinea.²¹⁹¹ The centre had been used to process migrants who arrived by boat in Australia without proper documentation, and a similar centre on Nauru remains open. During the previous month, the Australian government compensated nearly 2000 people detained at the Manus Island detention centre over claims of physical and psychological injuries.²¹⁹² Both centres have been criticized for inadequate conditions due to a lack of sufficient facilities and for exposing individuals to harm.²¹⁹³ A number of migrants from the facility in Manus refused to leave and were subsequently forcibly evicted from the centre.²¹⁹⁴ The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) has criticized conditions in the new centres as lacking basic minimum standards.²¹⁹⁵ However, migrants at the centres have been provided consideration to resettle to the United States, a number of which have already been accepted.²¹⁹⁶

In 2017, Australia contributed USD39.7 million to the UNHCR.²¹⁹⁷

As of 28 February 2018, Australia has provided the UNHCR with USD26 million in funding in 2018.²¹⁹⁸ Other international aid includes funds directed toward the World Food Programme, International Committee of the Red Cross, and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian

²¹⁸⁹ Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 Second Reading, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=CHAMBER;id=chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0012;query=id%3A%22chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0008%22>.

²¹⁹⁰ Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017 Second Reading, Parliament of Australia (Canberra) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;db=CHAMBER;id=chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0012;query=id%3A%22chamber%2Fhansards%2Fd96837f1-5fca-4684-b4f0-f4fd79ca5d26%2F0008%22>.

²¹⁹¹ Court approves \$70 million compensation payout to Manus Island detainees, Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/court-approves-70-million-compensation-payout-to-manus-island-detainees-20170906-gybpjy.html>.

²¹⁹² Court approves \$70 million compensation payout to Manus Island detainees, Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/court-approves-70-million-compensation-payout-to-manus-island-detainees-20170906-gybpjy.html>.

²¹⁹³ Australia asylum: Why is it controversial?, BBC (London) 31 October 2017. Access Date: February 28, 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-28189608>.

²¹⁹⁴ Third group of Manus refugees leave for US as despair grips those left behind, The Guardian (London) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/14/third-group-of-manus-refugees-leave-for-us-as-despair-grips-those-left-behind>.

²¹⁹⁵ Third group of Manus refugees leave for US as despair grips those left behind, The Guardian (London) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2018/feb/14/third-group-of-manus-refugees-leave-for-us-as-despair-grips-those-left-behind>.

²¹⁹⁶ In Deal Trump Called ‘Dumb,’ US Taking 50 Refugees From Australia, New York Times (Sydney) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/09/20/world/australia/refugees-turnbull-trump.html>.

²¹⁹⁷ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²¹⁹⁸ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

Affairs.²¹⁹⁹ Resources allocated to the Humanitarian and Refugee Program help provide for refugee and humanitarian visas, though those who arrived by boat after 2012 are generally denied access to these visas.²²⁰⁰ The 2018 budget provides funds for settlement services which include counselling, language training, and job skills.

Australia has implemented some measures that address the needs of migrants internationally and domestically through aid and funding of specific programs. However, the policies in place directed at migrants who arrive by boat and the conditions under which they are detained do not meet the standards set by the commitment.

Thus, Australia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Edward Barss

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, particularly close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 19-20 September 2017, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security hosted the first International Seminar to Combat Trafficking of Persons and Smuggling of Migrants with the support of the European Union and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.²²⁰¹ The event convened members of government institutions, civil society and representatives of other countries collaborating with Brazil to combat the crime.²²⁰² International organizations such as the EU, International Organization for Migration, UN Children's Fund and UN Development Programme also participated in the seminar.²²⁰³ The seminar provided an opportunity for participants to share experiences, best practices and data on the subject and to contribute to the development of Brazil's 3rd National Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons.²²⁰⁴ The seminar also enabled the collection of subsidies to begin the construction of the plan, which will be implemented from 2018 to 2021.²²⁰⁵

On 21 November 2017, the Government of Brazil implemented a new migration law that grants visas for stateless persons or those arriving in Brazil due to a situation of imminent institutional instability, armed conflict, environmental disaster, violation of human rights or violation of

²¹⁹⁹ 2017-18 Federal Budget: What it means for Refugees and People Seeking Humanitarian Protection, Refugee Council of Australia (Surry Hills) 10 May 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-18-Budget-summary_web.pdf.

²²⁰⁰ Fact sheet — Australia's Refugee and Humanitarian programme, Department of Home Affairs (Canberra). Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/corporate/information/fact-sheets/60refugee>.

²²⁰¹ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰² Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰³ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰⁴ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

²²⁰⁵ Brasil discute tráfico de pessoas e contrabando de migrantes, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/brasil-sedia-seminario-internacional-de-enfrentamento-ao-traffic-de-pessoas-e-contrabando-de-migrantes>.

international humanitarian law in their home countries.²²⁰⁶ Chief of Staff of the National Secretariat of Justice Bernardo Laferté commented that the new law actualizes the provisions of Article 5 of the federal constitution, which prohibits discretionary distinctions between Brazilians and foreigners.²²⁰⁷

In 2017, Brazil contributed USD662,778 to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²²⁰⁸

On 6 February 2018, the Ministry of Justice and Public Security announced that asylum seekers will receive identification documents beginning in October 2018.²²⁰⁹ The identification documents reaffirm the rights of asylum seekers and will further facilitate access to the rights already guaranteed to them, including access to public services such as health, education, and social assistance.²²¹⁰

On 8 February 2018, Minister of Defense Raul Jungmann announced that the Brazilian government will relocate tens of thousands of Venezuelan refugees and increase aid to hundreds of thousands of people who fled Venezuela.²²¹¹

On 8 February 2018, Minister of Justice Torquato Jardim stated that the Brazil would implement procedures within 90 days to revalidate the diplomas of Venezuelan migrants.²²¹² This would allow Venezuelan migrants with higher education to integrate into the Brazilian labour market.²²¹³

On 15 February 2018, Brazil adopted measures to address the influx of Venezuelans, including creating a federal assistance committee, and a series of measures aiming to to improve social protection, health and public safety in municipalities overwhelmed by the influxes.²²¹⁴

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to address the needs of refugees and migrants by taking domestic actions. It has also taken international action by financially supporting the UNHCR.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joy Lizette Aguilar

²²⁰⁶ Nova lei de migração está em vigor para facilitar regularização de estrangeiros, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/nova-lei-de-migracao-esta-em-vigor-para-facilitar-regularizacao-de-estrangeiros-no-brasil>.

²²⁰⁷ Nova lei de migração está em vigor para facilitar regularização de estrangeiros, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.justica.gov.br/noticias/nova-lei-de-migracao-esta-em-vigor-para-facilitar-regularizacao-de-estrangeiros-no-brasil>.

²²⁰⁸ Contributions to UNHCR — 2017, UNHCR 14 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²²⁰⁹ Solicitantes de refúgio terão documento de identificação no Brasil, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.justica.gov.br/news/solicitantes-de-refugio-terao-documento-de-identificacao-no-brasil>.

²²¹⁰ Solicitantes de refúgio terão documento de identificação no Brasil, Ministério da Justiça e Segurança Pública (Brasília) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.justica.gov.br/news/solicitantes-de-refugio-terao-documento-de-identificacao-no-brasil>.

²²¹¹ Brazil to deploy more troops on Venezuela border amid refugee crisis, Reuters (Boa Vista) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-brazil/brazil-to-deploy-more-troops-on-venezuela-border-amid-refugee-crisis-idUSKBN1FS3AD>.

²²¹² Suely Campos cobra soluções para a crise migratória em Roraima e apresenta 11 propostas, Governo de Roraima (Brasília) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://portal.rr.gov.br/?p=3637>.

²²¹³ Suely Campos cobra soluções para a crise migratória em Roraima e apresenta 11 propostas, Governo de Roraima (Brasília) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://portal.rr.gov.br/?p=3637>.

²²¹⁴ Brazil adopts measures to contain social emergency in Roraima, UOL News 15 February 2018. Access Date: 18 April 2018. <https://noticias.uol.com.br/ultimas-noticias/afp/2018/02/15/brasil-adota-medidas-para-conter-emergencia-social-em-roraima.htm>.

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to addressing the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 4 October 2017, Minister of International Development and La Francophonie Marie-Claude Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would contribute CAD3 million in response to an appeal from the United Nations and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for additional aid to address the humanitarian crisis in Myanmar.²²¹⁵ The funding will provide hospital care and health care services focusing on sexual and reproductive health, sexual and gender-based violence, psychosocial support for survivors and obstetric care.²²¹⁶ The funding will also provide access to water and sanitation services, and emergency shelter and non-food items for new asylum seekers.²²¹⁷ This funding will also support humanitarian efforts by Doctors Without Borders, United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), ICRC, and International Organization for Migration in formal camps, informal settlements, and other hard-to-reach areas.²²¹⁸

On 16 October 2017, Minister Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would contribute over CAD1 million to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food assistance for 25,000 Rohingya refugees living in informal settlements in Bangladesh.²²¹⁹ This funding would focus on supporting the efforts of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank's members, Emergency Relief and Development Overseas, and World Renew to provide food assistance.²²²⁰

On 27 October 2017, the Government of Canada changed the definition of the age of dependents from individuals under 19 to those under 22.²²²¹ This new age limit will enable more family members of refugees to qualify as dependents and reunite them with their families.²²²² The increased maximum

²²¹⁵ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

²²¹⁶ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

²²¹⁷ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

²²¹⁸ Myanmar/Bangladesh: Canada responds to the United Nations appeal with additional humanitarian assistance, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/myanmar_bangladeshcanadarespondstounitednationsappealwithadditio.html.

²²¹⁹ Canada marks World Food Day with additional support to feed Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_marks_worldfooddaywithadditionalstupporttofeedrohingyarefu.html.

²²²⁰ Canada marks World Food Day with additional support to feed Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/canada_marks_worldfooddaywithadditionalstupporttofeedrohingyarefu.html.

²²²¹ New definition of age of dependents now in force, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/10/new_definition_ofageofdependantsnowinforce.html.

²²²² New definition of age of dependents now in force, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/10/new_definition_ofageofdependantsnowinforce.html.

age will apply to applications received by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada on or after 24 October 2017.²²²³

On 31 October 2017, Minister Bibeau launched the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund to aid civil society organizations in delivering gender-sensitive humanitarian assistance to Rohingya refugees.²²²⁴ The fund aims for the Government of Canada to match eligible donations contributed by individual Canadians to registered Canadian charities between 25 August 2017 and 28 November 2017.²²²⁵ The funding will focus on meeting the needs of vulnerable women and girls, such as providing sexual and reproductive health services and psychosocial counselling for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.²²²⁶

On 13 December 2017, Minister Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada would contribute CAD12.55 million to assist Rohingya refugees through the Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund.²²²⁷ This contribution matches Canadian individuals' contributions to registered Canadian Charities between 25 August 2017 and 28 November 2017 to assist the Rohingya.²²²⁸

On 15 December 2017, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Ahmed Hussen announced that the Government of Canada would contribute CAD10.4 million to assist vulnerable populations affected by the ongoing severe drought and food insecurity in Somalia.²²²⁹ The funding will be allocated to the World Food Programme, UN Children's Fund, UN Development Programme, and American Refugee Committee.²²³⁰ The funding will focus on providing food, water and sanitation, treatment for acute malnutrition, medical support, shelter, and protection to affected populations.²²³¹

²²²³ New definition of age of dependents now in force, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2017/10/new_definition_ofageofdependantsnowinforce.html.

²²²⁴ Minister Bibeau launches Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/minister_bibeau_launchesmyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁵ Minister Bibeau launches Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/minister_bibeau_launchesmyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁶ Minister Bibeau launches Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/10/minister_bibeau_launchesmyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁷ Minister Bibeau announces final tally for Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/minister_bibeau_announcesfinaltallyformyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁸ Minister Bibeau announces final tally for Myanmar Crisis Relief Fund, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/minister_bibeau_announcesfinaltallyformyanmarcrisisrelieffund.html.

²²²⁹ Canada continues to respond to critical humanitarian needs in Somalia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_continuestorespondtocriticalhumanitarianneedsinsomalia.html.

²²³⁰ Canada continues to respond to critical humanitarian needs in Somalia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_continuestorespondtocriticalhumanitarianneedsinsomalia.html.

²²³¹ Canada continues to respond to critical humanitarian needs in Somalia, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_continuestorespondtocriticalhumanitarianneedsinsomalia.html.

On 20 December 2017, Minister Hussen announced that the Government of Canada would provide CAD15 million to assist refugees and drought-affected populations in Kenya.²²³² The funding will be allocated to the WFP and the UNHCR.²²³³

In 2017, Canada contributed USD81.9 million to the UNHCR, making it one of the top 10 donors to the UNHCR for that year.²²³⁴

On 20 February 2018, the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada announced a change to its scheduling policy regarding refugee case hearings.²²³⁵ This was intended to address the continued delays with hearing asylum claims, as asylum seekers wait an average of 16 months to have their case presented.²²³⁶ The number of delayed cases has grown steadily throughout 2017.²²³⁷ As of September 2017, the number of delayed cases has reached 34,462.²²³⁸

As of 27 February 2018, Syrian refugees are facing difficulties integrating into the Canadian job market.²²³⁹ Despite having lived in Canada for months, if not more than a year, many Syrians are unable to find jobs.²²⁴⁰ Almost 1,500 refugees landed in Halifax between November 2015 and July 2017, and half of them rely on income assistance due to the lack of available jobs, which is largely due to language barriers and a lack of skill recognition.²²⁴¹

Canada has been active in addressing the needs of migrants both domestically and abroad. The Government of Canada has also collaborated with partners to facilitate successful resettlement of domestic refugees. While the Canadian government has shortcomings, it has been supporting its domestic refugees through income assistance and has actively addressed the backlog of refugee hearings/ Canada has also contributed internally to the needs of migrants through funds to provide food, sanitation, and other resources for the Rohingya refugees.

²²³² Canada announces funding for humanitarian and development assistance in Kenya, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_announcesfundingforhumanitariananddevelopmentassistancein.html.

²²³³ Canada announces funding for humanitarian and development assistance in Kenya, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_announcesfundingforhumanitariananddevelopmentassistancein.html.

²²³⁴ Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²²³⁵ The immigration and Refugee Board of Canada changes how refugee hearings are scheduled, IRBC (Ottawa) 20 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://www.irb-cisr.gc.ca/Eng/NewsNouv/NewNou/Pages/hearing-schedule.aspx>.

²²³⁶ "I have hope": Most refugees now waiting 16 months to have claims heard, CBC (Ottawa) 7 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/refugee-board-delayed-16-months-1.4344254>.

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²²³⁸ Canada's refugee board abruptly changes its scheduling system amid surging backlog, The Star (Toronto) 26 January 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com/news/immigration/2018/01/26/canadas-refugee-board-abruptly-changes-its-scheduling-system-amid-surging-backlog.html>.

²²³⁹ These Syrian refugees named their son after Justin Trudeau but now, their optimism is fading, CBC (Ottawa) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/syrian-refugee-update-1.4545226>.

²²⁴⁰ Unable to find work, many Syrian refugees reluctantly turn to social assistance, CBC (Ottawa) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/nova-scotia/syrian-refugees-struggling-social-assistance-language-barrier-1.4368833>.

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Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joy Lizette Aguilar and Nancy Qin

China: 0

China has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 19 September 2017, China delivered 500 tons of rice to Beirut for Syrian refugees residing in Lebanon.²²⁴² China has pledged 2,764 tons of food in total, the rest of which has yet to be delivered.²²⁴³

On 28 September 2017, China donated 150 tons of aid to the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²²⁴⁴ The donations are composed of items such as 2,000 relief tents and 3,000 blankets.²²⁴⁵

In September 2017, the Vice Minister of Commerce and Deputy China International Trade Representative signed an agreement with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) as part of the process to eventually fulfill China's pledge of USD1 billion towards refugees in Asia and Africa.²²⁴⁶

On 23 October 2017, 86,000 Syrian refugee students in Lebanon received educational supplies paid for by the Chinese government.²²⁴⁷ Chinese Ambassador Wang Kejian, who personally delivered the supplies, has stated the aid is a representation of Chinese support for Syrian refugees.²²⁴⁸

On 4 November 2017, China arrested 10 refugees from North Korea, and returned them to North Korea by the end of the month.²²⁴⁹ The Chinese government claims that the deportation was conducted in accordance with domestic and international laws.²²⁵⁰ The number of North Korean

²²⁴² China's food aid for Syrian refugees delivered at Lebanon's Beirut port, Xin Hua News (Beijing) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/20/c_136622111.htm.

²²⁴³ China's food aid for Syrian refugees delivered at Lebanon's Beirut port, Xin Hua News (Beijing) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-09/20/c_136622111.htm.

²²⁴⁴ China aids Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh while backing Myanmar government, The Diplomat (Washington) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/china-aids-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-while-backing-myanmar-government/>.

²²⁴⁵ China aids Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh while backing Myanmar government, The Diplomat (Washington) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://thediplomat.com/2017/10/china-aids-rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-while-backing-myanmar-government/>.

²²⁴⁶ Press: China and UNHCR Sign the Assistance Agreement to Meet Refugee Challenges, Ministry of Commerce People's Republic of China (Beijing) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/article/newsrelease/significantnews/201710/20171002654087.shtml>.

²²⁴⁷ China provides educational supplies to 86,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Xin Hua Net (Beijing) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/24/c_136700896.htm.

²²⁴⁸ China provides educational supplies to 86,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Xin Hua Net (Beijing) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2017-10/24/c_136700896.htm.

²²⁴⁹ North Korean defectors returned home despite father's plea, BBC (London) 28 November 2017. Access Date: January 13 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-42156449>.

²²⁵⁰ North Koreans Refugees Trapped by China's Expanding Dragnet, Human Rights Watch (New York) 18 September 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/18/north-korean-refugees-trapped-chinas-expanding-dragnet>.

asylum seekers in China has risen sharply in the last year.²²⁵¹ From July to August 2017, China has arrested 41 North Koreans, a significant increase from the total 51 arrests between July 2016 to June 2017.²²⁵²

On 9 November 2017, China donated USD1 million to the World Food Programme (WFP) to provide aid and assistance to refugees and migrants in the Diffa Region in Niger.²²⁵³

On 27 November 2017, China donated an additional USD1 million to the WFP, towards refugees from Afghanistan and Iraq living in Iran.²²⁵⁴ The funds have been allocated towards the purchase of food staples such as lentils, flour, rice, and sugar.²²⁵⁵

In 2017, China contributed USD11.1 million to the UNHCR.²²⁵⁶

On 13 February 2018, China's representative in Iran completed a refugee aid package of USD1 million.²²⁵⁷ The aid was given under an agreement signed by China in August 2017 and was used primarily towards purchasing foodstuffs for Afghan and Iraqi refugees residing in Iran.²²⁵⁸

China has contributed to international actions to address the needs of refugees by donating aid to Syrian and Rohingya refugees and taking steps to fulfill its pledge of monetary funds towards refugees abroad, such as in Iran and Niger. However, China has largely failed to take domestic action to address the needs of migrants within its territory.

Thus, China receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nancy Qin

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of migrants and refugees, in particular close to their regions of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

²²⁵¹ North Koreans Refugees Trapped by China's Expanding Dragnet, Human Rights Watch (New York) 18 September 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/18/north-korean-refugees-trapped-chinas-expanding-dragnet>.

²²⁵² North Koreans Refugees Trapped by China's Expanding Dragnet, Human Rights Watch (New York) 18 September 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/09/18/north-korean-refugees-trapped-chinas-expanding-dragnet>.

²²⁵³ Life-saving Chinese contribution to WFP's efforts in Niger to support victims of Boho Haram crisis, World Food Programme News (Niamey) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/life-saving-chinese-contribution-wfps-efforts-niger-support-victims-boko-haram-cr>.

²²⁵⁴ WFP welcomes contribution from China to support Afghan and Iraqi refugees in Iran, World Food Program News (Tehran) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-welcomes-contribution-china-support-afghan-and-iraqi-refugees-iran>.

²²⁵⁵ WFP welcomes contribution from China to support Afghan and Iraqi refugees in Iran, World Food Program News (Tehran) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/wfp-welcomes-contribution-china-support-afghan-and-iraqi-refugees-iran>.

²²⁵⁶ Contributions to UNHCR — 2017, UNHCR 14 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²²⁵⁷ China completes US\$1M refugee aid project in Iran, China.org (Beijing) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.china.org.cn/world/2018-02/14/content_50518045.htm.

²²⁵⁸ China completes US\$1M refugee aid project in Iran, China.org (Beijing) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. http://www.china.org.cn/world/2018-02/14/content_50518045.htm.

On 12 July 2017, the French government presented a new action plan for a balanced and controlled immigration policy.²²⁵⁹ The plans include reducing the asylum procedure from 14 to 6 months, improving the integration of refugees, increasing reception facility capacities for asylum seekers, increasing genuine equal opportunities for all documented foreign nationals, installing a credible deportation policy, and improving focus on certain groups of asylum seekers.²²⁶⁰

On 28 July 2017, President Emmanuel Macron publicly vowed to provide housing for all refugee and asylum seekers in France.²²⁶¹

On 31 July 2017, the French government announced that it will provide water and sanitation to refugees and migrants in Calais and open two reception centres away from the port.²²⁶²

On 2 August 2017, Minister of the Interior Gérard Collomb pledged to welcome an additional 3,500 migrants to the country by the following year.²²⁶³

On 28 August 2017, France, Germany, Italy, and Spain agreed to help Chad and Niger with border control to stem the flow of migrants through Libya and across the Mediterranean.²²⁶⁴ At the summit, France also called on the European Union to offer an extra EUR60 million to help African countries deal with asylum seekers who have returned from Europe and to prevent further migration flows.²²⁶⁵

On 28 August 2017, Minister Collomb announced that the government allowance to refugees voluntarily exiting France to return to their country of origin would be raised from EUR1,000 to EUR2,500 before 31 December 2017.²²⁶⁶

On 20 November 2017, Minister Collomb announced that France would receive refugees evacuated from Libya in December 2017.²²⁶⁷ France plans to receive 10,000 refugees by 2019, with 3,000 people coming from a resettlement program in Niger and Chad.²²⁶⁸

²²⁵⁹ Guaranteeing the right to asylum and improving control of migration flows, French Government (Paris) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/guaranteeing-the-right-to-asylum-and-improving-control-of-migration-flows>.

²²⁶⁰ Guaranteeing the right to asylum and improving control of migration flows, French Government (Paris) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/guaranteeing-the-right-to-asylum-and-improving-control-of-migration-flows>.

²²⁶¹ France to boost refugee aid, deport economic migrants, France 24 (Paris) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <http://www.france24.com/en/20170712-france-boost-refugee-aid-deport-economic-migrants>.

²²⁶² France to provide water and open centres for refugees near Calais, The Guardian (Calais) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/31/france-to-provide-water-and-open-centres-for-refugees-near-calais>.

²²⁶³ France to take in 3,500 more migrants to meet Macron pledge, Financial Times. (Paris) 6 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.ft.com/content/6d1c3db4-7a9e-11e7-ab01-a13271d1ee9c>.

²²⁶⁴ African and European leaders agree action plan on migration crisis, The Guardian (Paris) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/aug/28/emmanuel-macron-hosts-summit-to-tackle-migration-crisis>.

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²²⁶⁶ Paid leave: France offers migrants 2,500 euros to return home, Sputnik News (Paris) 28 August 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://sputniknews.com/europe/201708271056826505-france-migrants-pay/>.

²²⁶⁷ Refugees escaping Libya arrived in France, CNN (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/19/europe/france-libya-slavery-niger-intl/index.html>.

By the end of 2017, 43,000 asylum seekers had been granted refugee status in France that year.²²⁶⁹ France received a record high of 100,412 asylum requests.²²⁷⁰

In 2017, France contributed USD39.7 million to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.²²⁷¹

On 19 January 2018, President Macron and British Prime Minister Theresa May agreed on a the Sandhurst Treaty, anew border security deal through which the UK will pay EUR50 million for fencing, CCTV, and other detection technologies in Calais and channel ports, stoping migrants trying to reach British shores.²²⁷² The Sandhurst Treaty will speed up the time taken to process migration from Calais to the UK, reducing the wait time from six months to one month for adults, and 25 days for minors.²²⁷³ The UK also agreed to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France.²²⁷⁴

In February 2018, President Macron introduced proposals in legislation with the goals of speeding up the process for asylum requests and for expelling migrants who are unable to claim asylum.²²⁷⁵ The new legislation also includes plans to introduce fines of EUR3,750 or a one year jail term for people who illegally cross borders within the EU.²²⁷⁶ It also doubles the time asylum-seekers can be held in detention to 90 days, halves the amount of time asylum-seekers have to appeal their rejected refugee claims, hastens the deportation of asylum-seekers deemed to be economic migrants, and cuts the average waiting time on asylum applications from 11 months to six.²²⁷⁷

France has contributed to international projects that address refugee rights such as providing assistance to African countries to deal with their own migration flows. Yet although France has taken some steps to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants in France, substantial systemic deficiencies remain.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sara Fallaha

²²⁶⁸ Refugees escaping Libya arrived in France, CNN (Paris) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/19/europe/france-libya-slavery-niger-intl/index.html>.

²²⁶⁹ Number of asylum seekers hits record high in France, Anadolu Agency (Paris) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://aa.com.tr/en/europe/number-of-asylum-seekers-hits-record-high-in-france/1025264>.

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²²⁷¹ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²²⁷² 'Sandhurst Treaty': Britain and France agree new deal on border security, France 24 19 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.france24.com/en/20180118-france-uk-migrants-calais-sandhurst-treaty-britain-france-agree-new-deal-border-security>.

²²⁷³ Calais migrants: UK and France sign new treaty, BBC (Calais) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42723401>.

²²⁷⁴ UK to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France, The Local 20 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20180120/uk-to-accept-260-unaccompanied-minors-from-france>.

²²⁷⁵ Emmanuel Macron unveils plans to crack down on immigration, The Guardian (Paris) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/21/emmanuel-macron-unveils-plans-to-crack-down-on-immigration-france>.

²²⁷⁶ France presents new immigration bill, Deutsche Welle 21 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/france-presents-new-immigration-bill/a-42678578>.

²²⁷⁷ France presents new immigration bill, Deutsche Welle 21 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/france-presents-new-immigration-bill/a-42678578>.

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

Since July 2017, the Federal Office of Migration and Refugees (BAMF) has been highly active in launching programs to properly integrate refugees into Germany's job market.²²⁷⁸ However, structural challenges in the system continue to persist.²²⁷⁹

In July 2017, BAMF expanded their reach by providing additional translation services for migration, integration, and asylum procedures, showing adaptation to the diverse influx of people.²²⁸⁰

On 2 August 2017, BAMF began a project to improve regional cooperation for refugee integration programs in partnership with the Regional Directorate of Bavaria of the Federal Employment Agency together with the Bavarian Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Family and Integration.²²⁸¹

In August 2017, Federal Ministry of the Economy and Technology outlined the ways in which refugees can integrate into the job market, specifically by filling the needs of skilled and unskilled workers in nursing homes through proper education and training.²²⁸²

In August 2017, BAMF took action to meet the psychological needs of refugees by subsidizing special trainings for integration teachers to deal with “traumatized refugees.”²²⁸³

In September 2017, Germany announced it was contributing EUR60 million of humanitarian aid, through the UN, to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²²⁸⁴ For those still in Myanmar, the German government reserved EUR11.2 million to provide vital medical care, promote employment for internally displaced persons (IDPs), and help local communities with receiving IDPs.²²⁸⁵

In October 2017, hundreds of migrants participated in a social integration program, which emphasized greater integration in cultural and economic institutions. The program included a diverse

²²⁷⁸ Integration ist zentrale Aufgabe, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2017/20170724-am-cordt-trifft-praesident-des-zdh.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁷⁹ Refugees in Germany waiting longer for asylum processing, Deutsche Welle (Bonne) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/refugees-in-germany-waiting-longer-for-asylum-processing/a-41188387>.

²²⁸⁰ Information for refugees in several languages, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 3 December 2017. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/EN/2017/20170727-pm-mehrsprachige-infos-fuer-gefluechtete.html>.

²²⁸¹ Integration und Flüchtlinge vor Ort, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 9 January 2017. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/DE/2017/20170802-026-pm-regionale-koordinierung.html?nn=1366068>.

²²⁸² Ausbildung und Beschäftigung von Flüchtlingen in der Altenpflege, Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie (Berlin) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Publikationen/Ausbildung-und-Beruf/ausbildung-und-beschaeftigung-von-fluechtlingen-in-der-altenpflege.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=38.

²²⁸³ Fortbildungen: Arbeit mit traumatisierten Geflüchteten, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2017/20161024-individuelle-foerderung-fortbildungen.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁸⁴ Humanitarian aid for people in Myanmar, the Federal Government (Berlin) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Artikel/2017/09_en/2017-09-11-myanmar-rohingya_eng.html.

²²⁸⁵ Humanitarian aid for people in Myanmar, the Federal Government (Berlin) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Artikel/2017/09_en/2017-09-11-myanmar-rohingya_eng.html.

set of activities, including a day at the theatre.²²⁸⁶ By December 2017, similar programs were implemented for older migrants and refugees to socialize with elderly Germans.²²⁸⁷

Furthermore, by October 2017, BAMF slowed down the processing of asylum claims. In the beginning months of 2017, 50,000 asylum cases were processed per month, compared to between 15,000 and 18,000 in recent months.²²⁸⁸ Speculations included understaffing at BAMF and a system under strain and inefficiency.²²⁸⁹

In November 2017, the Kompetenzzentrum Fachkräftesicherung, one of Germany's primary skilled workers organizations, launched a detailed plan of action for the integration of refugees into the job market under the oversight of the Federal Ministry of the Economy and Technology.²²⁹⁰

Additionally, in November 2017, the German government announced its contribution of EUR2 million to the World Food Program's efforts to aid refugees and asylum seekers living in Tanzania and Rwanda, many of whom are from Burundi.²²⁹¹

In 2017, Germany contributed USD476.9 million to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), marking the UNHCR's second highest donation in 2017.²²⁹²

In January 2018, BAMF began easing legal processes for refugees.²²⁹³ As part of the project, hotlines and online services for better and faster communication with courts were launched.²²⁹⁴

On 29 January 2018, the Federal Ministry of the Interior announced that it would resettle a small number of migrants from Italy and Greece, specifically those left outstanding from 2017.²²⁹⁵

²²⁸⁶ Was ich schaffen kann, das kannst auch Du schaffen, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Projekte/DE/ProjekteDesMonats/171030-oktober-projekt-des-monats.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁸⁷ Alt ist nicht gleich alt, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Projekte/DE/ProjekteDesMonats/171219-dezember-projekt-des-monats.html?nn=3798410>.

²²⁸⁸ Refugees in Germany waiting longer for asylum processing, Deutsche Welle (Bonne) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/refugees-in-germany-waiting-longer-for-asylum-processing/a-41188387>.

²²⁸⁹ Refugees in Germany waiting longer for asylum processing, Deutsche Welle (Bonne) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/refugees-in-germany-waiting-longer-for-asylum-processing/a-41188387>.

²²⁹⁰ Ausbildung von Flüchtlingen, KOFA (Berlin) November 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.kofa.de/fileadmin/Dateiliste/Publikationen/Handlungsempfehlungen/Handlungsempfehlung-Ausbildung-von-Fluechtligen.pdf>.

²²⁹¹ Germany Provides Critical Humanitarian Assistance for Refugees in Rwanda and Tanzania, World Food Program (Dar Es Salaam) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://www.wfp.org/news/news-release/germany-provides-critical-humanitarian-assistance-refugees-tanzania-and-rwanda>.

²²⁹² Contributions to UNHCR –o2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²²⁹³ Jahregerichtsstatistik 2017, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 23 February 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180223-klagezahlen-gegen-asylentscheidungen.html?nn=1367522>.

²²⁹⁴ Jahregerichtsstatistik 2017, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 23 February 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180223-klagezahlen-gegen-asylentscheidungen.html?nn=1367522>.

²²⁹⁵ Migrant relocations from Italy and Greece drawing to a close, Deutsche Welle 29 January 2018. Access Date : 19 March 2018. <http://www.dw.com/en/migrant-relocations-from-italy-and-greece-drawing-to-a-close/a-42346999>.

In February 2018, BAMF and the UNHCR announced the intensification of their cooperation, especially in the quality of services provided for refugees.²²⁹⁶ They announced their focus of 2018 as refugee resettlement, with the results of this joint goal yet to be seen.²²⁹⁷

Germany has launched highly ambitious programs in ensuring the economic and social integration of the millions of their migrants and refugees. It also continues to be a leading player in international efforts to help refugees.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mertol Özalp

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 14 September 2017, the Indian government launched Operation Insaniyat to provide humanitarian assistance to refugees in Bangladesh.²²⁹⁸ The relief material included sugar, pulses, rice, salt, and biscuits.²²⁹⁹

On 21 September 2017, the Indian government announced 116 new “high impact community development projects” in Afghanistan.²³⁰⁰ One of the projects is a low cost housing program for ensuring the safe return of Afghan refugees.²³⁰¹

On 22 November 2017, the Ministry of External Affairs announced the inclusion of persecuted minorities from Pakistan and Bangladesh in a self-financing scheme for educational programs.²³⁰²

²²⁹⁶ UNHCR und BAMF im Dialog, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 28 February 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180227-unhcr-und-bamf-im-dialog.html>.

²²⁹⁷ UNHCR und BAMF im Dialog, Bundesamt für Migration und Flüchtlinge (Berlin) 28 February 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bamf.de/SharedDocs/Meldungen/DE/2018/20180227-unhcr-und-bamf-im-dialog.html>.

²²⁹⁸ Operation Insaniyat — Humanitarian Assistance to Bangladesh on account of influx of refugees, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/28944/Operation_Insaniyat__Humanitarian_assistance_to_Bangladesh_on_account_of_influx_of_refugees.

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²³⁰⁰ India announces taking up 116 high-impact projects in Afghanistan, The Times of India (New York) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-announces-taking-up-116-high-impact-projects-in-afghanistan/articleshow/60783744.cms>.

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²³⁰² Self-financing scheme — inclusion of persecuted religious minority migrants from Bangladesh and Pakistan based in India, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. www.mea.gov.in/Uploads/PublicationDocs/29131_Self_Financing_pr.pdf.

This scheme will facilitate persecuted religious minority migrants in gaining access to higher education in India.²³⁰³

On 24 November 2017, India sent 3000 family relief packs with items such as rice, salt, sugar, and soap to the displaced people in the Rakhine State.²³⁰⁴

On 20 December 2017, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Dr S. Jaishankar signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Myanmar's Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement that initiated the Rakhine State Development program.²³⁰⁵ Under the program, India will contribute USD25 million over a period of five years on development activities in the Rakhine state.²³⁰⁶ The program attempts to facilitate the return of displaced persons by improving socio-economic conditions through various livelihood-generating initiatives.²³⁰⁷ It also includes a project to build prefabricated housing that will provide an immediate living space to the returning refugees.²³⁰⁸

On 27 December 2017, the Indian paramilitary group Assam Rifles helped to repatriate 1600 refugees to Myanmar's Chin state.²³⁰⁹ Fleeing violence between Myanmar's national forces and the Arakan Army militants, many displaced persons first sought shelter in India's Mizoram province in November 2017.²³¹⁰ Despite an improvement of the Chin state's security situation, most of the refugees have chosen to stay in India, though a small number of them were successfully repatriated by the paramilitary group.²³¹¹ The refugees still present in the four villages in Mizoram's Lawngtlai district are being moved to a single relief camp in Hmawngbuchhuah village in order to ensure better access to food, essential commodities and relief materials.²³¹²

²³⁰³ Self-financing scheme — inclusion of persecuted religious minority migrants from Bangladesh and Pakistan based in India, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. www.mea.gov.in/Uploads/PublicationDocs/29131_Self_Financing_pr.pdf.

²³⁰⁴ India sends 3000 relief packs to Myanmar's Rakhine State, Hindustantimes (New Delhi) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-sends-3000-relief-packs-to-myanmar-s-rakhine-state/story-Xh7KM1NxIjSsFYQd862scO.html>.

²³⁰⁵ Visit of Foreign Secretary of India to Myanmar, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29186/Visit+of+Foreign+Secretary+of+India+to+Myanmar+December+20+2017>.

²³⁰⁶ India inks pact to restore normalcy in Rakhine, The Times of India (New Delhi) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-to-help-myanmar-restore-normalcy-in-rakhine-province/articleshow/62183035.cms>.

²³⁰⁷ Visit of Foreign Secretary of India to Myanmar, Ministry of External Affairs (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/29186/Visit+of+Foreign+Secretary+of+India+to+Myanmar+December+20+2017>.

²³⁰⁸ India, Myanmar sign MoU for Rakhine state's development, Hindustantimes (New Delhi) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-myanmar-sign-mou-for-rakhine-state-s-development/story-cBT3QZmXWtliUeCvNjcFcN.html>.

²³⁰⁹ Mizoram: Refugees moved to one relief camp from four villages, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/rohingya-muslim-refugees-myanmar-relief-camp-5050186/>.

²³¹⁰ Mizoram: Refugees moved to one relief camp from four villages, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/rohingya-muslim-refugees-myanmar-relief-camp-5050186/>.

²³¹¹ Myanmarese refugees of Mizoram unwilling to return, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 9 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/myanmarese-refugees-of-mizoram-unwilling-to-return-5017767/>.

²³¹² Mizoram: Refugees moved to one relief camp from four villages, The Indian Express (Aizawl) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://indianexpress.com/article/north-east-india/mizoram/rohingya-muslim-refugees-myanmar-relief-camp-5050186/>.

In 2017, India did not contribute to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees.

Through the provision of humanitarian and development assistance, India has addressed its commitment to refugees in the international sphere. However, India has taken little action to meet the distinct needs of refugees and migrants domestically.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Raafia Shahid

Indonesia: 0

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 September 2017, Indonesia sent 34 tons of aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²³¹³ The aid included tents, rice, sugar and sanitation supplies, water tanks and blankets.²³¹⁴

On 21 September 2017, the Embassy of Indonesia in Yangon and the National Disaster Management Agency provided humanitarian assistance to camps for internally displaced persons in Myanmar and conducted a training session which involved the installation of refugee tents and portable water tanks.²³¹⁵ The aid, which included sarongs, portable water tanks, medicine, and food, was delivered by Ambassador of Indonesia to Myanmar Ito Sumardi, who also promised further assistance for the reconstruction of damaged infrastructure.²³¹⁶

On 14 November 2017, the Government of Indonesia signed the Association of Southeast Asian Nations' (ASEAN) Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers.²³¹⁷ In addition to highlighting the rights of migrant workers and their families, the Consensus outlines the obligations and commitments of ASEAN member states, including provisions that strengthen migrant workers' access to health services, social protection, and justice.²³¹⁸

²³¹³ The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, The Washington Times (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/12/the-latest-indonesia-sends-34-tons-of-aid-for-rohi/>.

²³¹⁴ The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, The Washington Times (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/sep/12/the-latest-indonesia-sends-34-tons-of-aid-for-rohi/>.

²³¹⁵ Muslim Community in Myanmar Appreciates RI's Humanitarian Assistance, Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/en/berita/Pages/Muslim-Community-in-Myanmar-Appreciates-Indonesia's-Humanitarian-Assistance.aspx>.

²³¹⁶ Muslim Community in Myanmar Appreciates RI's Humanitarian Assistance, Republic of Indonesia Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.kemlu.go.id/en/berita/Pages/Muslim-Community-in-Myanmar-Appreciates-Indonesia's-Humanitarian-Assistance.aspx>.

²³¹⁷ ASEAN Leaders Commit to Safeguard the Rights of Migrant Workers, ASEAN (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://asean.org/asean-leaders-commit-safeguard-rights-migrant-workers/>.

²³¹⁸ ASEAN Leaders Commit to Safeguard the Rights of Migrant Workers, ASEAN (Manila) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://asean.org/asean-leaders-commit-safeguard-rights-migrant-workers/>.

On 25 November 2017, Indonesia passed a law on the Protection of Indonesian Migrant Workers.²³¹⁹ The law installs measures to prevent the abuse of migrant workers, placing the responsibility for their protection on Indonesia's provincial governments.²³²⁰ Regional bodies are now responsible for providing prospective migrants with pre-departure vocational training and information on the legal routes for seeking work abroad.²³²¹ Regional bodies must also ensure that migrant workers receive proper placements and submit reports on the performance of placement agencies.²³²² These measures are designed to ensure the protection of workers by holding private recruitment agencies accountable.²³²³

In 2017, Indonesia contributed USD60,000 to the UN High Commission for Refugees.²³²⁴

By strengthening the rights of migrant workers and providing humanitarian assistance to refugees abroad, Indonesia has fulfilled its international obligation with respect to the commitment. However, Indonesia has not adequately addressed the distinct needs of refugees within the country.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Raafia Shahid

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 12 July 2017, the Italian government advanced an 11-point plan that proposes new rules for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with refugees in the Mediterranean Sea.²³²⁵ The plan includes a ban on making phone calls or firing flares as they may signal to human traffickers to push boats full of migrants out to sea.²³²⁶ NGO vessels are also required to allow police to travel with to

²³¹⁹ For Migrants' Peace of Mind, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/10/30/editorial-for-migrants-peace-of-mind.html>.

²³²⁰ For Migrants' Peace of Mind, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018.

<http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/10/30/editorial-for-migrants-peace-of-mind.html>.

²³²¹ Indonesia Passes Landmark Migrant Worker Law, Freedom United (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.freedomunited.org/news/indonesia-passes-landmark-migrant-worker-law/>.

²³²² Indonesia Passes Landmark Migrant Worker Law, Freedom United (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.freedomunited.org/news/indonesia-passes-landmark-migrant-worker-law>.

²³²³ Indonesia Passes Landmark Migrant Worker Law, Freedom United (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.freedomunited.org/news/indonesia-passes-landmark-migrant-worker-law>.

²³²⁴ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018.

<http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²³²⁵ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

²³²⁶ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

prevent human traffickers hiding amongst migrants.²³²⁷ The boats will also no longer be able to transfer migrants from their boats to others, and are obliged to carry the migrants to the ports.²³²⁸

On 20 July 2017, Italy pledged a EUR9 million humanitarian aid package for Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan, and Palestine.²³²⁹ Minister of Foreign Affairs Angelino Alfano announced that the aid will support a number of UN agencies and relief organizations, including the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East, UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), and other Italian non-governmental organizations.²³³⁰ The funding will also support programs enabling the repatriation of Somali refugees from Kenya, supplying relief materials for refugees and displaced persons in Afghanistan, and assisting Uganda in hosting its South Sudanese refugees.²³³¹

On 7 August 2017, Minister Alfano announced EUR2 million for Eritrean refugees in Ethiopia.²³³² The funding will provide assistance to host communities, including through the improvement of refugee reception and integration standards.²³³³

On 26 September 2017, Minister of the Interior Marco Minniti presented the first official plan for migrant integration initiatives.²³³⁴ The plan's key objectives include teaching respect for women and the Italian language to new arrivals in Italy.²³³⁵

On 23 October 2017, Italy pledged EUR7 million in humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and Myanmar.²³³⁶ The funding will assure that food, healthcare, and protection is offered

²³²⁷ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

²³²⁸ Italy drafts contested code of conduct for NGO migrant boats, Reuters (Rome) 12 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-ngos/italy-drafts-contested-code-of-conduct-for-ngo-migrant-boats-idUSKBN19X2U1>.

²³²⁹ Alfano: "Italy makes emergency contributions in Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Palestine", Farnesina (Rome) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/07/alfano-dall-italia-interventi-di.html.

²³³⁰ Alfano: "Italy makes emergency contributions in Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Palestine", Farnesina (Rome) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/07/alfano-dall-italia-interventi-di.html.

²³³¹ Alfano: "Italy makes emergency contributions in Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Palestine", Farnesina (Rome) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/07/alfano-dall-italia-interventi-di.html.

²³³² Alfano: "Two million euros for refugees in Ethiopia from the Fund for Africa", Farnesina (Rome) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/08/alfano-dal-fondo-per-l-africa-due.html.

²³³³ Alfano: "Two million euros for refugees in Ethiopia from the Fund for Africa", Farnesina (Rome) 9 August 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/08/alfano-dal-fondo-per-l-africa-due.html.

²³³⁴ Piano nazionale d'integrazione dei titolari di protezione internazionale, Dipartimento per le Libertà Civili e l'Immigrazione (Rome) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.interno.gov.it/servizi-line/documenti/piano-nazionale-dintegrazione-dei-titolari-protezione-internazionale>.

²³³⁵ Piano nazionale d'integrazione dei titolari di protezione internazionale, Dipartimento per le Libertà Civili e l'Immigrazione (Rome) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.interno.gov.it/servizi-line/documenti/piano-nazionale-dintegrazione-dei-titolari-protezione-internazionale>.

to the refugees.²³³⁷ It will be provided by UN agencies and the International Committee of the Red Cross.²³³⁸

On 22 December 2017, Minister Minniti promised to airlift 10,000 migrants from Libya by next year to counter human trafficking through the Mediterranean Sea.²³³⁹

In 2017, Italy contributed USD51.4 million to the UNHCR.²³⁴⁰

On 10 January 2018, during the Summit of the Southern European Union Countries, Italy and other European countries issued a statement urging the EU to share the responsibility of receiving refugees and helping those states that are at the forefront of the EU's external borders.²³⁴¹ They also expressed their determination to continue working with countries of origin and transit.²³⁴²

On 16 January 2018, the Italian coastguard and finance police, EU Operation Sophia, and ships run by humanitarian agencies rescued 1,400 migrants off the coast of Libya.²³⁴³

On 23 January 2018, Ambassador of Italy to Libya Giuseppe Perrone announced that Italy will send aid to refugees in southern Libya, like medicines and medical equipment, as part of a humanitarian assistance program.²³⁴⁴

In January 2018, Italy donated EUR250,000 to the UNHCR to support refugees in Zambia, including by providing basic needs such as food, clean water, sanitation, and blankets.²³⁴⁵

²³³⁶ Alfano: "Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people", Farnesina (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html.

²³³⁷ Alfano: "Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people", Farnesina (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html.

²³³⁸ Alfano: "Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people", Farnesina (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html.

²³³⁹ Italy vows to bring in 10,000 migrants from Libya by plane, The Times (Rome) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/italy-vows-to-bring-in-10-000-migrants-from-libya-by-plane-9ppj5vjzw>.

²³⁴⁰ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018.

<http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²³⁴¹ Declaration: Bringing the EU forward in 2018, Summit of the Southern European Union Countries (Rome) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.governo.it/sites/governo.it/files/documenti/documenti/Notizie-allegati/governo/DeclarationIVEUSouthSummit.pdf>.

²³⁴² Declaration: Bringing the EU forward in 2018, Summit of the Southern European Union Countries (Rome) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.governo.it/sites/governo.it/files/documenti/documenti/Notizie-allegati/governo/DeclarationIVEUSouthSummit.pdf>.

²³⁴³ Some 1,400 migrants rescued at sea, two bodies recovered: Italy coastguard, Reuters (Rome) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-europe-migrants-italy/some-1400-migrants-rescued-at-sea-two-bodies-recovered-italy-coastguard-idUSKBN1F52FC>.

²³⁴⁴ Italy to send aid to southern Libya, says ambassador Perrone, The Libya Observer 23 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.libyaobserver.ly/inbrief/italy-send-aid-southern-libya-says-ambassador-perrone>.

²³⁴⁵ Italy donates 250,000 euros towards refugee programmes in Zambia, The Lusaka Times 31 January 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.lusakatimes.com/2018/01/31/italy-donates-250000-euros-towards-refugee-programmes-zambia/>.

On 15 March 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs donated EUR1 million the World Food Programme and UN Children's Fund to support Sahrawi refugees.²³⁴⁶ The humanitarian aid will provide nutritional food, health, and education for the refugees.²³⁴⁷

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of migrants and refugees, in particular close to their regions of origin. It has taken international action by providing humanitarian aid for refugees in various countries like Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan and Bangladesh. It has also taken domestic action by rescuing migrants off their shores and bringing them to safety, as well as establishing integration methods for refugees.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sara Fallaha

Japan: 0

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

In August and September 2017, Syrian refugee students arrived in Japan to begin their studies as a part of the Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR).²³⁴⁸ The JISR was initiated by Government of Japan in partnership with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in 2016 to provide Syrian refugee students with the opportunity to take courses for master's degree programs, with the intention of helping them to contribute to Syria's future reconstruction.²³⁴⁹ The students will be learning Japanese and have received an orientation in Japanese society and culture.²³⁵⁰

On 4 October 2017, Japan announced USD3.5 million in emergency grant aid to Syrian refugees.²³⁵¹ Of the USD3.5 million, USD1.5 million was given to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) for vaccinations, sanitation, and other basic needs of Syrian women and children, and the other USD2 million was allocated to the UNHCR to meet the daily needs of urban refugees in Syria and provide health services.²³⁵²

²³⁴⁶ Italy grants 1 million Euros as aid to Sahrawi refugees, Sahara Press Service (Algiers) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.spsrasd.info/news/en/articles/2018/03/16/14284.html>.

²³⁴⁷ Italy grants 1 million Euros as aid to Sahrawi refugees, Sahara Press Service (Algiers) 16 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.spsrasd.info/news/en/articles/2018/03/16/14284.html>.

²³⁴⁸ The first round of participants arrive in Japan under the Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.jica.go.jp/syria/english/office/topics/171012.html>.

²³⁴⁹ Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo) Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.jica.go.jp/syria/english/office/others/jisr.html>.

²³⁵⁰ Japanese Initiative for the future of Syrian Refugees (JISR), Japan International Cooperation Agency (Tokyo). Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.jica.go.jp/syria/english/office/others/jisr.html>.

²³⁵¹ Government of Japan grants US\$3.5 million to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to UNHCR and UNICEF Jordan for continued assistance to crisis affected Syrians, UNICEF Jordan (Amman) 4 October 2017. Access Date: 9 March 2018. https://www.unicef.org/jordan/media_12242.html.

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On 17 October 2017, the Japanese government pledged USD8.6 million in aid towards the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar.²³⁵³

Between 6 November 2017 and 1 December 2017, the Japanese government detained 91 asylum seekers working illegally in Japan.²³⁵⁴

In 2017, Japan contributed USD152.4 million to the UNHCR, making it one of the UNHCR's top donors for the year.²³⁵⁵

By the end of 2017, Japan accepted 20 of the 19,628 applications it received from asylum seekers in 2017.²³⁵⁶

On 12 January 2018, the Ministry of Justice initiated a new policy that aims to limit the number of work permits available to individuals who have applied for refugee status.²³⁵⁷ This may increase barriers faced by refugees resettling into host communities, as work is a form of financial support and a way of social integration for migrants.²³⁵⁸ The policy is part of an ongoing effort to discourage individuals from applying for refugee status in Japan.²³⁵⁹ It will deny approximately 10,000 work permits to asylum seekers.²³⁶⁰

Japan has taken international action to meet the needs of Rohingya and Syrian refugees living abroad. However, Japan's stringent policies against asylum seekers, its limited support for domestic refugees, and new rules regarding asylum seekers' limited job access indicate that Japan does not take sufficient domestic actions in fulfilling its commitment to meeting the need of migrants.

Thus, Japan receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nancy Qin

²³⁵³ UNHCR chief praises Japan's willingness to address "most serious refugee crisis since '90s," *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017.

<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/11/20/national/unhcr-chief-praises-japans-willingness-address-serious-refugee-crisis-since-90s/> - .WhmgfkqnFnI.

²³⁵⁴ Japan rounds up 341 in first crackdown on asylum seekers working illegally, *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/02/27/national/crime-legal/japan-rounds-341-first-crackdown-refugee-applicant-work-abuses/> - .WqWWcK2ZOfU.

²³⁵⁵ Voluntary contributions to UNHCR in 2017, UNHCR (New York City) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/donors.html>.

²³⁵⁶ Japan had 20,000 applications for asylum in 2017. It accepted 20, *The Guardian* 16 February 2018. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/feb/16/japan-asylum-applications-2017-accepted-20>.

²³⁵⁷ Japan toughens screening rules for refugees; automatic work permits ditched, *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/01/12/national/japan-tighten-refugee-screening-system-starting-next-week/> - .WlxW8ainFnI.

²³⁵⁸ Not welcome: Japan refuses more than 99 percent of refugee applications, *The Telegraph* (London) 4 May 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/04/not-welcome-japan-refuses-99-percent-refugee-applications/>.

²³⁵⁹ Japan rounds up 341 in first crackdown on asylum seekers working illegally, *The Japan Times* (Tokyo) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/02/27/national/crime-legal/japan-rounds-341-first-crackdown-refugee-applicant-work-abuses/> - .WqWWcK2ZOfU.

²³⁶⁰ Japan to launch crackdown on asylum seekers: Yomiuri, *Reuters* (London) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-japan-immigration/japan-to-launch-crackdown-on-asylum-seekers-yomiuri-idUSKBN1D006R>.

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 25 July 2017, 23 Myanmar nationals were resettled in Korea as part of United Nations High Commission for Refugees' (UNHCR's) resettlement program.²³⁶¹ Another 7 refugees from Myanmar arrived later in August.²³⁶² These refugees were given F-2 visas that allowed them to live and work in Korea, and they also received Korean language instruction and vocational training, in accordance with the 2013 Refugee Act.²³⁶³

On 22 August 2017, the Korean government pledged USD200,000 in humanitarian aid to Nepal in the wake of numerous floods and landslides that killed 131 and destroyed about 9,850 homes.²³⁶⁴

On 29 August 2017, the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family announced plans to build two shelters for female migrant victims of physical abuse.²³⁶⁵

On 5 September 2017, it was reported that Advocates for Public Interest Law and the International Organization for Migration had recently released a report detailing a two-year investigation into the conditions faced by migrant fishermen in South Korea.²³⁶⁶ It found that migrant fishermen suffer poor living conditions, long work hours, unequal pay, and verbal and physical assault.²³⁶⁷ Migrant fishermen are hired under the Seafarers Act, which does not include labour rights or a set minimum wage.²³⁶⁸

On 6 September 2017, Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Guy Ryder called for Korea's Employment Permit System to be reevaluated in order to prevent discrimination and inhuman working conditions.²³⁶⁹ Under the current system, migrant workers do not have the right to seek new employment without the consent of their current employer, leaving them

²³⁶¹ Korea to take in 30 Myanmar refugees for resettlement, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170724000598>.

²³⁶² Korea to take in 30 Myanmar refugees for resettlement, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170724000598>.

²³⁶³ Korea to take in 30 Myanmar refugees for resettlement, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170724000598>.

²³⁶⁴ ROK Government to Provide Humanitarian Aid worth US\$200,000 to Flood-hit Nepal, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=318978&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=aid&srchTp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=&page=1&titleNm=.

²³⁶⁵ Gender equality ministry to boost support for sexual offense victims, The Korea Times (Seoul) 29 August 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/08/113_235601.html.

²³⁶⁶ Activists call for improvement in migrant fishermen's human rights, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170905000873&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁶⁷ Activists call for improvement in migrant fishermen's human rights, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170905000873&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁶⁸ Activists call for improvement in migrant fishermen's human rights, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170905000873&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁶⁹ Employment permit system needs review, The Korea Times (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2017/09/371_236103.html.

vulnerable to abuse.²³⁷⁰ He also stated that Korean labour law does not comply with ILO conventions, which stipulate equal treatment and freedom of association.²³⁷¹

On 9 September 2017, the Korean government pledged USD200,000 in humanitarian aid to Bangladesh through the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).²³⁷²

On 20 September 2017, the Korean government pledged USD1.5 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to provide humanitarian aid to the refugees that have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state.²³⁷³

As of 18 October 2017, Incheon has only nine lawyers within the Ministry of Justice to assist 61,254 foreign residents, including by helping migrants file complaints regarding wages, rental contracts, and immigration proceedings.²³⁷⁴ As a result, the staff is unable to handle the number of requests received.²³⁷⁵

On 2 November 2017, the Korean government announced plans to investigate the situation of undocumented migrant children and address their distinct human rights concerns.²³⁷⁶ A total of USD113,983 has been allocated to fund the project.²³⁷⁷ After the investigation, the Ministry of Justice will be tasked with creating policies to ensure that the human rights of undocumented children are upheld.²³⁷⁸

As of 7 November 2017, Korea lacks a systematic support system for North Korean defectors, resulting in many North Korean refugees seeking asylum elsewhere.²³⁷⁹ National Assembly Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee Member Lee Seok-hyun called on the Korean government to

²³⁷⁰ Migrant workers protest against Employment Permit System, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 21 August 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20170821000752&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁷¹ 'OEmployment permit system needs review,' The Korea Times (Seoul) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/nation/2017/09/371_236103.html.

²³⁷² ROK Government to Provide Humanitarian Aid worth US\$200,000 to Flood-affected Bangladesh, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 8 September 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018.

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²³⁷³ ROK Government to Provide Humanitarian Aid worth US\$1.5 million regarding Situation in Myanmar's Rakhine State, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/myanmar/rok-government-provide-humanitarian-aid-worth-us15-million-regarding-situation>.

²³⁷⁴ Incheon foreigners suffer legal services shortage, The Korea Times (Seoul) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/10/113_237827.html.

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²³⁷⁶ Gov't to boost protection for undocumented children, The Korea Times (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/113_238682.html.

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²³⁷⁹ North Korean defectors choosing third countries over South Korea, The Korea Times (Seoul) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_238860.html.

expand its assistance framework and help North Korean defectors with finding sustainable jobs and accessing psychological support services during the integration process.²³⁸⁰

On 12 November 2017, the Executive Office of the Korean President called on China to release North Korean defectors to the Government of Korea during a meeting between Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Kyung-wha and Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs Wang Yi.²³⁸¹ This move followed a report received by the Korean Consulate in Shenyang, China that found that ten North Korean defectors were in danger of being deported by the Chinese police.²³⁸² If China agrees to cooperate, Presidential Press Secretary Yoon Young-chan stated that the decision to move to Korea would be based on the wishes of the defectors.²³⁸³

On 21 November 2017, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi stated that the Government of Korea's assistance to the UNHCR is likely to exceed USD30 million by the end of 2017.²³⁸⁴

On 7 December 2017, the Ministry of Employment and Labour announced that it will take steps to improve labour standards and workplace safety for migrant workers in Japan by ensuring them rights to overtime pay, sick leave, and paid holidays.²³⁸⁵ This announcement was made after the National Human Rights Commission issued a report finding that migrant workers, on average, work 10.5 hours a day and 33 per cent of them live in temporary housing.²³⁸⁶ A study conducted by the IOM Migration Research & Training Centre also found that 67.9 per cent of migrant workers who were injured on the job received no governmental compensation due to language barriers and efforts by employers to cover up accidents.²³⁸⁷

On 22 December 2017, an inter-ministerial committee in charge of managing the foreign labor force in Korea announced new policies to improve the working and living conditions of migrant workers.²³⁸⁸ The committee, headed by Minister of the Office for Government Policy Coordination Hong Nam-gi, pledged to stop migrant workers from being placed with employers that offer vinyl or makeshift houses as residences.²³⁸⁹ They also announced they would allow migrant workers to change

²³⁸⁰ North Korean defectors choosing third countries over South Korea, The Korea Times (Seoul) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_238860.html.

²³⁸¹ Seoul asks Beijing to hand over N. Korean defectors, The Korea Times (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_239114.html.

²³⁸² Seoul asks Beijing to hand over N. Korean defectors, The Korea Times (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/nation/2017/11/103_239114.html.

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²³⁸⁴ Foreign Minister Meets with UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=319418&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=Vice&srchTp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=.

²³⁸⁵ Ministry vows efforts for better treatment of migrant workers, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171208000560&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁸⁶ Ministry vows efforts for better treatment of migrant workers, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171208000560&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁸⁷ Ministry vows efforts for better treatment of migrant workers, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171208000560&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁸⁸ Korea to accept 56,000 foreign workers in 2018, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171222000777&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁸⁹ Korea to accept 56,000 foreign workers in 2018, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171222000777&ACE_SEARCH=1.

their places of employment if subjected to poor conditions, or if their wages had been unfairly reduced to pay for lodging.²³⁹⁰

On 26 December 2017, the Government of Korea announced an extra USD2.6 million in humanitarian aid to the Rohingya migrants in Bangladesh.²³⁹¹ These funds will be delivered through the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNHCR, World Food Programme (WFP), and UN Population Fund.²³⁹²

In 2017, Korea contributed USD21.8 million to the UNHCR.²³⁹³

On 13 February 2018, the Korean Cabinet approved a revision to the North Korean Refugees Protection and Settlement Support Act that would cut the questioning period of North Korean defectors from 180 to 90 days.²³⁹⁴ This was a response to critics who stated that the original questioning period which determines these migrants' motivations for defecting was unnecessarily long.²³⁹⁵

On 1 March 2018, the Government of Korea pledged 50,000 tons of Korean rice, valued at USD42.5 million to the WFP to distribute to displaced persons in Syria, Yemen, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Uganda.²³⁹⁶

Korea has taken international action by providing monetary assistance to organizations that work to address the distinct needs of migrants. However, while the Korean government does guarantee many rights to refugees, these same benefits are not extended to other migrants, such as humanitarian status holders. The high rejection rate of refugee status applications and the slowness of the review process show that asylum seekers are not subject to fair asylum procedures.

Thus, Korea receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Kathryn Mannie

Mexico: 0

Mexico has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

²³⁹⁰ Korea to accept 56,000 foreign workers in 2018, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20171222000777&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁹¹ ROK Government Decides to Offer Additional US\$2.6 Million in Human Assistance to Rohingya in Bangladesh and Myanmar, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/rok-government-decides-offer-additional-us26-million-human-assistance-rohingya>.

²³⁹² ROK Government Decides to Offer Additional US\$2.6 Million in Human Assistance to Rohingya in Bangladesh and Myanmar, Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/report/bangladesh/rok-government-decides-offer-additional-us26-million-human-assistance-rohingya>.

²³⁹³ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²³⁹⁴ Govt. to cut NK defector questioning period in half to 90 days, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20180213000223&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁹⁵ Govt. to cut NK defector questioning period in half to 90 days, The Korea Herald (Seoul) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://www.koreaherald.com/view.php?ud=20180213000223&ACE_SEARCH=1.

²³⁹⁶ Korea to supply 50,000 tons of rice as foreign aid, The Korea Times (Seoul) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/biz/2018/03/602_244956.html.

On 25 August 2017, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi stated that Mexico needed to increase protection for asylum seekers, especially along its southern border to match the increase of applicants due to the violence against citizens in countries such as Honduras and El Salvador.²³⁹⁷

In 2017, Mexico contributed USD80,000 to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²³⁹⁸

As of 18 January 2018, Mexico has contributed USD900,000 to the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2017.²³⁹⁹ The funds will go towards the World Food Programme to assist vulnerable Syrian refugees in Burundi, Jordan, Lebanon, South Sudan, Turkey, and the West Africa Bureau.²⁴⁰⁰

As of 23 January 2018, Mexican migration authorities have routinely deported asylum seekers from Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala without consideration for the risk to their security.²⁴⁰¹

Mexico sustained existing international initiatives through its financial contributions to the UNHCR and WFP. However, it has failed to provide new concrete actions to address the unique needs of refugees and migrants domestically and has taken action that proves harmful to migrants.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Lisa Alers-Hankey

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 17 July 2017, Russia delivered more than 20 tonnes of humanitarian aid to Yemen, including food, tents and medical equipment.²⁴⁰²

In July 2017, Russia granted refugee status to two individuals from Syria, although there are reportedly 7,000 Syrians in Russia who have been assisted by the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴⁰³

Between July 2017 and December 2017, the number of individuals granted asylum in Russia has dropped significantly.²⁴⁰⁴ Police forces are regularly arresting individuals applying for asylum status

²³⁹⁷ U.N. official urges Mexico and US to boost refugee protection, Reuters (Mexico City) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-mexico-refugees-un/u-n-official-urges-mexico-and-u-s-to-boost-refugee-protection-idUSKCN1B52QS>.

²³⁹⁸ Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²³⁹⁹ Donor Profiles, World Food Programme (Rome) 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.wfp.org/about/funding/governments/mexico>.

²⁴⁰⁰ Donor Profiles, World Food Programme (Rome) 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. Donor Profiles, WFP (Rome) 2017. Access Date: 23 November 2017. <http://www.wfp.org/about/funding/governments/mexico?year=2016>.

²⁴⁰¹ Mexico: Migration authorities unlawfully turning back thousands of Central Americans to possible death, Amnesty International (Mexico City) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2018/01/mexico-migration-authorities-unlawfully-turning-back-thousands-of-central-americans-to-possible-death/>.

²⁴⁰² Russia delivers humanitarian aid to Yemen, Al Masdar News (Beirut) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/russia-delivers-humanitarian-aid-yemen/>.

²⁴⁰³ Syrian refugees in Russia have to fight for their rights, Open Democracy (London) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/ekaterina-fomina/syrian-refugees-in-russia>.

and the Directorate of Migration Affairs brings administrative charges and fines against asylum seekers, violating Article 31 of the UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.²⁴⁰⁵

On 10 January 2018, the Russian Foreign Ministry announced that Russia allocated USD10 million in funding to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East for its work in 2017-2021.²⁴⁰⁶

In 2017, Russia contributed USD2 million to the UNHCR.²⁴⁰⁷

Russia has taken minimal steps to ensure the protection of migrants and refugees internationally, by donating money to the UNHCR. However, it has severely undermined these efforts through its unfair treatment of asylum seekers within its own territory.

Thus, Russia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nadine Abd El Razek

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

By 24 August 2017, the Saudi Arabian government ordered illegal migrants to register their intention to return to their country of origin, regardless of the domestic conditions of each individual's country of origin.²⁴⁰⁸ If they fail to register, they could face detention, fines, and deportation.²⁴⁰⁹

In September 2017, the Saudi Arabian government pledged USD15 million in aid for Rohingya Muslim refugees in Myanmar.²⁴¹⁰

In November 2017 at the United Nations General Assembly, the Government of Saudi Arabia pledged USD37 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

²⁴⁰⁴ Syrian refugees in Russia have to fight for their rights, Open Democracy (London) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <https://www.opendemocracy.net/od-russia/ekaterina-fomina/syrian-refugees-in-russia>.

²⁴⁰⁵ Russian Federation, The UN Refugee Agency (Moscow) 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2017. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/2551?y=2017#year>.

²⁴⁰⁶ Moscow praises UN help to Palestinian refugees, TASS (Moscow) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://tass.com/politics/984536>.

²⁴⁰⁷ Contributions to UNHCR — 2017, UNHCR. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²⁴⁰⁸ Why Saudi Arabia Must Halt Deportation of Half a Million Ethiopians, Human Rights Watch (New York City) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/08/24/why-saudi-arabia-must-halt-deportation-half-million-ethiopians>.

²⁴⁰⁹ Why Saudi Arabia Must Halt Deportation of Half a Million Ethiopians, Human Rights Watch (New York City) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/08/24/why-saudi-arabia-must-halt-deportation-half-million-ethiopians>.

²⁴¹⁰ Rohingya crisis: Saudi Arabia stays silent on growing humanitarian disaster despite oil interests and historic ties, The Independent (London) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/rohingya-crisis-latest-saudi-arabia-burma-muslim-refugees-persecution-rakhine-oil-bangladesh-china-a7958716.html>.

(UNRWA) to assist Palestinian refugees in 2018.²⁴¹¹ As of 6 November 2017, Saudi Arabia pledged over USD51 million to the UNRWA to support programs in health and education in 2017.²⁴¹²

By 29 November 2017, more than 1300 Ethiopians were expelled from Saudi Arabia in “recent days.”²⁴¹³ Many expelled Ethiopians were unable to claim asylum and be entitled to international protection due to the fact that Saudi Arabia is not party to the 1951 Refugee Convention.²⁴¹⁴

In 2017, Saudi Arabia contributed USD18 million to the UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴¹⁵

On 6 January 2018, Saudi Arabia and the UAE agreed to join Malaysia in a joint humanitarian project to assist Rohingya refugees in Cox’s Bazaar in Bangladesh.²⁴¹⁶ Saudi Arabia agreed to provide medical supplies and other materials for Malaysia’s field hospital to assist refugees.²⁴¹⁷

On 22 January 2018, the Saudi Arabian government pledged USD1.5 billion in humanitarian aid for Yemen, although the funds have not yet been formally allocated.²⁴¹⁸

On 29 January 2018, Saudi Arabia and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees signed an agreement to assist Syrian refugees in Lebanon.²⁴¹⁹ The agreement includes a USD3.5 million contribution from Saudi Arabia for a housing rehabilitation project for refugees.²⁴²⁰

Saudi Arabia has taken some steps to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants by providing monetary aid to international organizations that assist refugees abroad but has not taken any steps to support refugees domestically.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nadine Abd El Razek

²⁴¹¹ ‘Epic’ Humanitarian Crisis Looms Should Palestine Refugee Agency Be Compelled to Scale Back Services, Delegates Warn as Fourth Committee Debate Continues, The UN Press (Geneva) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/gaspd654.doc.htm>.

²⁴¹² ‘Epic’ Humanitarian Crisis Looms Should Palestine Refugee Agency Be Compelled to Scale Back Services, Delegates Warn as Fourth Committee Debate Continues, The UN Press (Geneva) 6 November 2017. Access Ddate: 18 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/gaspd654.doc.htm>.

²⁴¹³ Ethiopia Says Saudi Arabia Has Expelled More Than 1,300 of Its Citizens, Bloomberg (Addis Ababa) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-29/ethiopia-says-saudi-arabia-expels-more-than-1-300-citizens>.

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²⁴¹⁵ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²⁴¹⁶ UAE and Saudi to join Malaysia in humanitarian mission to Bangladesh, The Star Online (Kluang) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2018/01/06/uae-and-saudi-to-join-malaysia-in-humanitarian-mission-to-bangladesh/>.

²⁴¹⁷ UAE and Saudi to join Malaysia in humanitarian mission to Bangladesh, The Star Online (Kluang) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.thestar.com.my/news/nation/2018/01/06/uae-and-saudi-to-join-malaysia-in-humanitarian-mission-to-bangladesh/>.

²⁴¹⁸ Saudi-led coalition to give \$1.5 billion in Yemen aid, expand port capacity, Reuters (Riyadh) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. <http://news.trust.org/item/20180122000138-nzflj/>.

²⁴¹⁹ Saudi Arabia, UNHCR sign agreement to aid Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Arab News (Jeddah) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1235776/saudi-arabia>.

²⁴²⁰ Saudi Arabia, UNHCR sign agreement to aid Syrian refugees in Lebanon, Arab News (Jeddah) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1235776/saudi-arabia>.

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 23 August 2017, more than 473 migrant applications were delayed by the South African government.²⁴²¹ The Department of Home Affairs is legally required to process overdue applications within a reasonable timeframe; however, some have been delayed for over four years.²⁴²²

As of September 2017, the low number of Refugee Reception Offices (RROs) throughout the country meant asylum seekers were facing difficulties in maintaining the validity of their documentation, as they were required to travel long distances to RROs every three to six months.²⁴²³ RROs are critical to carrying out the services entitled to asylum seekers by the Refugee Act.²⁴²⁴

On 3 October 2017, Minister of Home Affairs Hlengiwe Mkhize spoke to the Executive Committee of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴²⁵ The Minister reaffirmed the South African government's commitment to keeping their ports of entry open to incoming migrants and providing access to education and healthcare.²⁴²⁶ She also confirmed that the South African government has upgraded the technology in its refugee centres to increase efficiency in processing asylum applications.²⁴²⁷

As of 17 October 2017, a growing number of asylum seekers were being arrested and deported without due process as they attempted to renew their Section 22 permits.²⁴²⁸ There had been many instances where asylum seekers were only verbally told that their application had been denied and did

²⁴²¹ Migrant bungling by home affairs officials hampers job creation, Business Day (Johannesburg) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2017-10-13-migrant-bungling-by-home-affairs-officials-hampers-job-creation/>.

²⁴²² Migrant bungling by home affairs officials hampers job creation, Business Day (Johannesburg) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2017-10-13-migrant-bungling-by-home-affairs-officials-hampers-job-creation/>.

²⁴²³ SCA rules that closure of Cape Town Refugee Reception Office unlawful, Legal Resources Centre (Cape Town) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://lrc.org.za/lrcarchive/press-releases/3739-press-release-sca-rules-that-closure-of-cape-town-refugee-reception-office-unlawful>.

²⁴²⁴ SCA rules that closure of Cape Town Refugee Reception Office unlawful, Legal Resources Centre (Cape Town) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://lrc.org.za/lrcarchive/press-releases/3739-press-release-sca-rules-that-closure-of-cape-town-refugee-reception-office-unlawful>.

²⁴²⁵ SA committed to treating asylum seekers with dignity, SA News (Cape Town) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sa-committed-treating-asylum-seekers-dignity>.

²⁴²⁶ SA committed to treating asylum seekers with dignity, SA News (Cape Town) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.sanews.gov.za/south-africa/sa-committed-treating-asylum-seekers-dignity>.

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²⁴²⁸ South Africa steps up deportation of asylum seekers, Refugees Deeply (Johannesburg) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/articles/2017/10/17/south-africa-steps-up-deportation-of-asylum-seekers>.

not receive any kind of written record.²⁴²⁹ Additionally, in some cases, asylum seekers were told their applications had been denied despite an official decision never being made.²⁴³⁰

On 18 October 2017, the South African government announced the development of an action plan to address the unique challenges faced by unaccompanied migrant children.²⁴³¹ There has been a lack of funding in this area, many front-line officials are incapable of adequately providing for unaccompanied children, and there are no accurate statistics on this specific demographic.²⁴³² Migrant children in South Africa generally lack access to basic services, which is a violation of human rights protected by the South African Constitution.²⁴³³

On 15 November 2017, the Department of Home Affairs introduced a new travel document for refugees, with updated technology and security standards, in accordance with the UNHCR and International Civil Aviation Authority guidelines.²⁴³⁴ The enhanced security decreases the risk of identity fraud and increases trust in the refugee who uses them, ensuring safe travel for refugees, as the risk of exploitation, abuse, and violence decreases.²⁴³⁵

On 13 December 2017, a report indicated that dozens of migrant children were being illegally detained alongside adults at the Lindela Repatriation Centre.²⁴³⁶ In addition, the clinic at the centre denied life-saving care to migrants and lacks Tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus testing equipment.²⁴³⁷ Beatings and suspicious deaths have also been reported at the Krugersdorp centre.²⁴³⁸

²⁴²⁹ South Africa steps up deportation of asylum seekers, Refugees Deeply (Johannesburg) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees/articles/2017/10/17/south-africa-steps-up-deportation-of-asylum-seekers>.

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²⁴³¹ Social Development on colloquium on unaccompanied and undocumented migrant children, South African Government (Cape Town) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/social-development-colloquium-unaccompanied-and-undocumented-migrant-children-18-oct-2017>.

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²⁴³⁶ Children illegally detained under Bosasa's watch at Lindela as healthcare crumbles, Mail & Guardian (Rosebank) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://bhekisisa.org/article/2017-12-13-00-children-illegally-detained-under-bosasa-watch-at-lindela-as-health-care-crumbles>.

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On 18 December 2017, the Government of South Africa passed the Refugees Amendment Act.²⁴³⁹ The amendment includes policies dictating that refugees may lose their status through voluntary actions, such as re-availing themselves to their country of origin, or if the circumstances for their refugee status no longer exist.²⁴⁴⁰

On 19 December 2017, it was reported that migrant business owners are often subjected to harassment and extortion, receive minimal protection from the police, and oftentimes must bribe officials.²⁴⁴¹ Furthermore, South Africa's migration policy has become more exclusionary as evident by the 90 per cent rejection rate among asylum and refugee applications.²⁴⁴²

In 2017, the Departments of Health and of Sports and Recreation assisted the International Organization for Migration in providing healthcare to migrants and had supported migrant youth in sports participation.²⁴⁴³

Additionally, in 2017, the Government of South Africa contributed USD147,382 to the UNHCR.²⁴⁴⁴

As of 31 January 2018, the portable toilets at the Cape Town Refugee Reception Office was removed and migrants have resorted to relieving themselves on the grounds outside the building.²⁴⁴⁵

On 10 February 2018, Home Affairs Director of Asylum Seeker Management Mandla Madumisa reported that there is currently a backlog of 140,000 asylum status appeal cases during a hearing conducted by the South African Human Rights Commission.²⁴⁴⁶ Furthermore, the majority of asylum seekers need to bribe officials with ZAR2,500 in order to gain refugee status.²⁴⁴⁷

As of 7 March 2018, over 1,000 asylum seekers are fearing deportation because the Department of Home Affairs lacks the interpreters needed to provide assistance with applications for refugee

²⁴³⁹ Refugees Amendment Act of 2017, South African Government (Cape Town) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018.

https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/RefugeesAmendmentAct%2011%20of2017_G41343_gon1452.pdf.

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²⁴⁴¹ How migrant entrepreneurs play a role in easing lives of SA's poorest, Business Day (Johannesburg) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/opinion/2017-12-19-how-migrant-entrepreneurs-play-a-role-in-easing-lives-of-sas-poorest/>.

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²⁴⁴³ Migrant community grateful for integration, News24 (Cape Town) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/Local/Maritzburg-Fever/migrant-community-grateful-for-integration-20170830>.

²⁴⁴⁴ Contributions to UNHCR –2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 18 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/5954c4257.html>.

²⁴⁴⁵ No toilets for refugees while new offices for Cape town in pipeline, News24 (Cape Town) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/no-toilets-for-refugees-while-new-offices-for-cape-town-in-pipeline-20180131>.

²⁴⁴⁶ Most asylum seekers in SA are young males looking for economic opportunities, New24 (Cape Town) 10 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/most-asylum-seekers-in-sa-are-young-males-looking-for-economic-opportunities-20180210>.

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status.²⁴⁴⁸ Without a refugee application underway, asylum seekers lack the documentation that prevents the police from deporting them.²⁴⁴⁹ Under normal circumstances, asylum seekers could access a call centre and request a translator to accompany them to the Department of Home Affairs, but the call centres are understaffed.²⁴⁵⁰

South Africa has contributed to international actions to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants by contributing financial support to organizations such as the UNHCR. Domestically, South Africa has worked to improve their refugee determination process. However, it is difficult for migrants to access the services they are entitled to and efforts have not been made to address these problems.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

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Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 July 2017, the United Kingdom's Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration David Bolt published a report based on an inspection of entry clearance operations in Istanbul carried out by the Turkish government between November 2016 and March 2017.²⁴⁵¹ He found that Istanbul's handling of family reunification applications had improved.²⁴⁵² Nonetheless, he mentioned work still needs to be done in granting access to interpreters and the commissioning and funding of DNA tests.²⁴⁵³

In August 2017, the Ministry of Family and Social Affairs announced that it would oversee the return of 100,000 Syrians to Syria by the end of 2017, in cooperation with the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR).²⁴⁵⁴ This is in addition to the 70,000 individuals that have

²⁴⁴⁸ Deportation fear for refugees in Home Affairs dilemma, IOL (Cape Town) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/deportation-fear-for-refugees-in-home-affairs-dilemma-13640021>.

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²⁴⁵¹ The Chief Inspector has published a report on family reunion applications received at the Istanbul entry clearance decision making centre, Gov.UK (London) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-chief-inspector-has-published-a-report-on-family-reunion-applications-received-at-the-istanbul-entry-clearance-decision-making-centre>.

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²⁴⁵³ The Chief Inspector has published a report on family reunion applications received at the Istanbul entry clearance decision making centre, Gov.UK (London) 13 July 2017. Access Date: December 18 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-chief-inspector-has-published-a-report-on-family-reunion-applications-received-at-the-istanbul-entry-clearance-decision-making-centre>.

²⁴⁵⁴ Around 100,000 refugees expected to return to Syria from Turkey by end of 2017: Study, Hurriyet Daily News (Ankara) 7 August 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.hurriyetaidailynews.com/around-100000-refugees-expected-to-return-to-syria-from-turkey-by-end-of-2017-study-116438>.

already returned.²⁴⁵⁵ The Ministry announced that psychological support would be provided to women and children returnees.²⁴⁵⁶ Furthermore, the Turkish Disaster Management Agency intends to help rebuild towns in northern Syria to help facilitate refugee return.²⁴⁵⁷

On 2 September 2017, the Cooperation and Coordination Agency donated its first shipment of 1,000 tonnes of foodstuffs and medicine to the conflict zone of the Rakhine state in Myanmar, making it the first foreign organization to do so.²⁴⁵⁸

In November 2017, Turkey received EUR2.9 billion from the EU from its 18 March 2016 EUR3 billion pledge to provide a wide range of services, including healthcare, border control, education and a limited universal income for Syrian refugees.²⁴⁵⁹

In November 2017, the Ministry of National Education and UNICEF published two guidebooks to enhance the quality of special education services offered to Syrian refugees in public schools and temporary education centres.²⁴⁶⁰

Additionally, in November 2017, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies and UNICEF collaborated to develop a Rolling Work Plan for 2018-2019 to expand social cohesion programmes to integrate Turkish language courses and child protection services for refugee children.²⁴⁶¹

On 22 November 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Recep Akdag announced that Turkey would build 5,000 prefabricated homes for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh in addition to its initial promise of 20,000.²⁴⁶² The Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), Turkish Red Crescent, and

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²⁴⁵⁸ Rohingya crisis brings Turkey and Bangladesh closer, Al Jazeera (Cox's Bazar) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/rohingya-crisis-brings-turkey-bangladesh-closer-171222140806764.html>.

²⁴⁵⁹ Mülteci hesabı, Hürriyet (Ankara) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 27 December 2017. <http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/multeci-hesabi-40644078>.

²⁴⁶⁰ UNICEF Turkey Humanitarian Situation Report No. 15, UNICEF (Ankara) November 2017, Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/UNICEF%20Turkey%20Humanitarian%20Situation%20Report%20%2315%20November%202017%20.pdf>.

²⁴⁶¹ UNICEF Turkey Humanitarian Situation Report No. 15, UNICEF (Ankara) November 2017, Access Date: 8 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/UNICEF%20Turkey%20Humanitarian%20Situation%20Report%20%2315%20November%202017%20.pdf>.

²⁴⁶² Bangladesh's Disaster and Relief Minister: "Turkey is there wherever people are having trouble", AFAD 22 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22788/Bangladeshs-Disaster-and-Relief-Minister-Turkey-is-there-whenever-people-are-having-trouble>.

TIKA also promised to build two field hospitals and ten medical centers in Cox's Bazaar to support Rohingya refugees.²⁴⁶³

On 29 November 2017, Minister of Family and Social Policies Fatma Kaya stressed that a significant portion of the EUR3.3 billion allocated by the EU to Turkey for refugees must go toward the education of Syrian refugee children.²⁴⁶⁴ UNICEF found a 22 per cent increase of the Syrian refugee children receiving cash transfers from the Turkish state to attend school from September 2017 to November 2017.²⁴⁶⁵ As a result, regular school enrolment has increased in this period.²⁴⁶⁶

On 19 December 2017, Prime Minister Binali Yıldırım vowed that Turkey would continue to support Bangladesh with Rohingya refugees during an official visit to the country.²⁴⁶⁷ Since mid-September, TIKA distributed 2.5 tonnes of ingredients every day, often rice, lentils, and potatoes to Rohingya refugees in southern Bangladesh.²⁴⁶⁸ TIKA had also distributed 10,000 blankets, provided essential medical care, and built a playground for Rohingya children in refugee camps.²⁴⁶⁹ The AFAD and Religious Affairs Directorate also provided aid and medical care for Rohingya refugees.²⁴⁷⁰

In 2017, Turkey contributed USD300,000 to the UNHCR.²⁴⁷¹

On 7 February 2018, Minister Kaya announced her continued commitment to meeting the needs of refugees by expanding the psychological support services that had already been given to 300,000

²⁴⁶³ Bangladesh's Disaster and Relief Minister: "Turkey is there wherever people are having trouble", AFAD 22 November 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22788/Bangladeshs-Disaster-and-Relief-Minister-Turkey-is-there-wherever-people-are-having-trouble>.

²⁴⁶⁴ Bugün Türkiye'de okula gidemeyen Suriyeli çocuk varsa bu, dünyanın sorunudur, Republic of Turkey Ministry of Family and Social Policies (Ankara) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/bugun-turkiyede-okula-gidemeyen-suriyeli-cocuk-varsa-bu-dunyanin-sorunudur>.

²⁴⁶⁵ UNICEF Turkey Humanitarian Situation Report No. 15, UNICEF (Ankara) November 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. <http://www.unicefturk.org/public/uploads/files/UNICEF%20Turkey%20Humanitarian%20Situation%20Report%20%2315%20November%202017%20.pdf>.

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²⁴⁶⁷ Turkey pledges continued support to Rohingya refugees as Yıldırım visits Bangladesh, Hurriyet Daily News (Dhaka) 19 December 2017. Access Date : 19 March 2018. <http://www.hurriyettailynews.com/turkey-pledges-continued-support-to-rohingya-refugees-as-yildirim-visits-bangladesh-124397>.

²⁴⁶⁸ Rohingya crisis brings Turkey and Bangladesh closer, Al Jazeera (Cox's Bazar) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 19 March 2018. <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/rohingya-crisis-brings-turkey-bangladesh-closer-171222140806764.html>.

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²⁴⁷¹ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

Syrian refugees.²⁴⁷² She reiterated her focus on women and children, with a commitment to continue placing vulnerable children in foster care, and abused women into shelters.²⁴⁷³

On 15 February 2018, Minister Kaya welcomed UN High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and maintained her call for cooperation in directing funds properly towards refugee care.²⁴⁷⁴ The Minister again specifically took into consideration the needs of children, such as education, by calling for continued cooperation with UNICEF in implementing the Mandatory Education Program.²⁴⁷⁵

On 23 February 2018, Head of the AFAD Mehmet Gulluoglu announced that Turkey distributed more than USD10 million in aid to support Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh since August 2017.²⁴⁷⁶

Given the large influx of refugees within Turkey, efforts have been concentrated on domestic actions. Turkey has taken some steps towards addressing the needs of migrants within their territory by financially contributing to refugee assistance programs, especially considering the needs of women and children, and collaborating with international organizations. Turkey has also taken various steps to meet the distinct needs for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, meeting the international component of the commitment, by providing medical equipment, foodstuffs and building infrastructure for refugees.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: 0

The United Kingdom has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 July 2017, a report published by Independent Chief Inspector of Borders and Immigration David Bolt reaffirmed the Home Office's default position of refusing family reunification requests

²⁴⁷² Ülkemizde misafir ettiğimiz Suriyeli çocuklarımızın kendi çocuklarımız gibi okul ve eğitim hayatının içerisinde kopmadan yer almalarını çok önemli buluyoruz, T.C. Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı (Ankara) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/ulkemizde-misafir-ettigimiz-suriyeli-cocuklarimizin-kendi-cocuklarimiz-gibi-okul-ve-egitim-hayatinin-icerisinde-kopmadan-yer-almalarini-cok-onemli-buluyoruz>.

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²⁴⁷⁵ Bakan Kaya, BM Mülteciler Yüksek Komiseri Filippo Grandi'yi kabul etti, T.C. Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı (Ankara) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.aile.gov.tr/haberler/bakan-kaya-bm-multeciler-yuksek-komiseri-filippo-grandi-yi-kabul-etti>.

²⁴⁷⁶ 'Turkey provided over \$10M for Rohingya refugees' 23 February 2018. Access Date : 19 March 2018. <https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/turkey-provided-over-10m-for-rohingya-refugees-3135336>.

for refugees coming from Turkey rather than deferring a decision until more evidence can be produced.²⁴⁷⁷

On 19 July 2017, Home Secretary Amber Rudd announced a GBP1 million fund to help communities support refugees.²⁴⁷⁸ The money would be used to fund training and support for all the groups that decided to join the program.²⁴⁷⁹

On 25 August 2017, 8,500 Syrian refugees arrived in the UK as part of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.²⁴⁸⁰ This meant that over one third of the refugees that the UK government promised to resettle before 2020 were already in the UK.²⁴⁸¹

In 2017 the United Kingdom was the ninth highest donor to the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) with a total amount of USD52.3 million donated.²⁴⁸²

On 6 October 2017, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) announced the Department for International Development had donated 4,000 shelter kits to Rohingya refugees fleeing into Bangladesh.²⁴⁸³ Each shelter kit contained two plastic sheets, two ropes, two blankets and one sleeping mat per family.²⁴⁸⁴

On 9 November 2017, it was announced that councils across England will receive GBP18 million in extra funding from the UK government in order to alleviate local services' over-extension caused by recent migration influxes.²⁴⁸⁵

On 15 November 2017, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein accused the UK, among other countries, for the hardships that Libyan refugees endure.²⁴⁸⁶ The comments

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²⁴⁸³ Rohingya refugees continue to flood into packed Cox's bazaar settlement, International Organization for Migration (Geneva) 6 October 2017. Accessed 2 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/rohingya-refugees-continue-flood-packed-coxs-bazar-settlements>.

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²⁴⁸⁵ £18 million extra funding for council services, Gov.UK (London) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/18-million-extra-funding-for-council-services>.

²⁴⁸⁶ UN accuses Britain of 'turning a blind eye to horrors suffered by refugees,' Independent (London) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/un-uk-refugee-crisis-accusation-libyan-coastguard-turning-blind-eye-horrors-suffered-torture-rape-a8057121.html>.

come in the context of the UK supporting the Libyan coastguard in intercepting refugee boats so they do not land in Italy.²⁴⁸⁷ The High Commissioner was particularly vocal in regards to the beatings, shootings, and fatal sinking of migrants and refugees that allegedly occur.²⁴⁸⁸

On 17 November 2017, the Department for International Development co-funded a program that provides solar energy to remote health posts where Rohingya refugees reside.²⁴⁸⁹ The program allows for 24-hour healthcare services, which would have been otherwise restricted at night time.²⁴⁹⁰

On 12 December 2017, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Jonathan Allen stated in a speech that the UK provided USD79 million to the UN's Humanitarian Response Plan in order to provide life-saving assistance and protection to refugees fleeing towards Bangladesh.²⁴⁹¹ He also called upon Myanmar to engage with the UN Secretary General openly and meaningfully in order to ensure that the return of refugees will eventually be possible.²⁴⁹²

On 14 December 2017, the UK government pledged a GBP52 million humanitarian package for South Sudan in the context of the start of peace negotiations.²⁴⁹³ The aid will also extend to neighbouring Sudan, Uganda, and Ethiopia, which have also been affected by South Sudanese refugee influxes.²⁴⁹⁴ The package will provide enough medicine, shelter, food, and sanitation to help 50,000 South Sudanese migrants for the next five years.²⁴⁹⁵ Additionally, food assistance will be offered to 950,000 refugees living in Uganda.²⁴⁹⁶ Essential healthcare will also be provided to 450,000 refugees sheltered in Ethiopia.²⁴⁹⁷ As many as 500,000 individuals in South Sudan will be aided

²⁴⁸⁷ UN accuses Britain of 'turning a blind eye to horrors suffered by refugees,' Independent (London) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/un-uk-refugee-crisis-accusation-libyan-coastguard-turning-blind-eye-horrors-suffered-torture-rape-a8057121.html>.

²⁴⁸⁸ UN accuses Britain of 'turning a blind eye to horrors suffered by refugees,' Independent (London) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/un-uk-refugee-crisis-accusation-libyan-coastguard-turning-blind-eye-horrors-suffered-torture-rape-a8057121.html>.

²⁴⁸⁹ Solar Power brings 24-hour healthcare to Rohingya refugees, local communities in Bangladesh, International Organization for Migration (Geneva) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/solar-power-brings-24-hour-healthcare-rohingya-refugees-local-communities-bangladesh>.

²⁴⁹⁰ Solar Power brings 24-hour healthcare to Rohingya refugees, local communities in Bangladesh, International Organization for Migration (Geneva) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/solar-power-brings-24-hour-healthcare-rohingya-refugees-local-communities-bangladesh>.

²⁴⁹¹ "Today's conditions in the Rakhine state do not yet allow for the safe, voluntary, and dignified return of refugees to their homes, Gov.UK (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/todays-conditions-in-the-rakhine-state-do-not-yet-allow-for-the-safe-voluntary-and-dignified-return-of-refugees-to-their-homes>.

²⁴⁹² Today's conditions in the Rakhine state do not yet allow for the safe, voluntary, and dignified return of refugees to their homes, Gov.UK (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/todays-conditions-in-the-rakhine-state-do-not-yet-allow-for-the-safe-voluntary-and-dignified-return-of-refugees-to-their-homes>.

²⁴⁹³ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁴ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁵ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁶ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁷ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

through emergency food, medicine, shelter, health and sanitation, seeds, tools, and fishing kits, which will enable the South Sudanese to feed their families.²⁴⁹⁸

On 18 December 2017, International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt unveiled an aid package meant to address forced displacement.²⁴⁹⁹ She reiterated the above-mentioned figures for South Sudan, to which she added that 460,000 refugees in Tanzania will be helped to find work so that they can remain where they are without being forced to migrate elsewhere to find job opportunities.²⁵⁰⁰ The Secretary also announced a GBP5 million aid package to Libya, which would offer humanitarian aid to migrants and refugees, including some of those in detention.²⁵⁰¹ She said the UK was collaborating with Ethiopia to create 100,000 new jobs for Ethiopians and refugees through a Jobs Compact program.²⁵⁰² The UK has helped issue 70,000 work permits for Syrian refugees in Jordan.²⁵⁰³ The UK has also helped return 2,200 people from Libya and Niger. Secretary Mordaunt also announced the establishment of a fund called Education Cannot Wait, which offers education opportunities to 4.5 million children in Chad, Ethiopia, and Syria.²⁵⁰⁴

In 2017, the UK contributed USD136.2 million to the UNHCR.²⁵⁰⁵

On 16 January 2018, extra funding valuing a total of GBP29 million was given to councils from the UK government in order to support them in aiding unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.²⁵⁰⁶

On 19 January 2018, Prime Minister Theresa May signed the Sandhurst Treaty with French President Emmanuel Macron for Calais to prevent migrants from crossing to the UK through France.²⁵⁰⁷ As a result of this deal, the UK will pay EUR50 million for fencing, CCTV, and other detection technologies in Calais and channel ports, essentially stopping migrants trying to reach British shores.²⁵⁰⁸ The Sandhurst Treaty will speed up the time taken to process migration from Calais to the

²⁴⁹⁸ New UK aid support for South Sudan, Gov.UK (London) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-aid-support-for-south-sudan>.

²⁴⁹⁹ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰⁰ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰¹ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰² UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰³ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰⁴ UK aid tackling global migration crisis, Gov.UK (London) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-tackling-global-migration-crisis>.

²⁵⁰⁵ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²⁵⁰⁶ £29 million extra to boost councils' support for vulnerable children, Gov.UK (London) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/29-million-extra-to-boost-councils-support-for-vulnerable-children>.

²⁵⁰⁷ May and Macron to sign new Calais border treaty, The Guardian (London), 17 January 2018. Access Date: 17 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/jan/17/may-and-macron-to-sign-new-calais-border-treaty>.

²⁵⁰⁸ 'Sandhurst Treaty': Britain and France agree new deal on border security, France 24 19 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.france24.com/en/20180118-france-uk-migrants-calais-sandhurst-treaty-britain-france-agree-new-deal-border-security>.

UK, reducing the wait time from six months to one month for adults, and 25 days for minors.²⁵⁰⁹ The UK also agreed to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France.²⁵¹⁰

On 26 February 2018, the IOM announced the UK had resettled 10,538 refugees as part of the Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme.²⁵¹¹ It is a system meant to resettle Middle Eastern and Northern African minors and their families whose lives are at risk.²⁵¹²

The United Kingdom has taken efforts to meet the domestic and international components of this commitment. Domestically, it has accepted refugees and has enhanced the integration of refugees and migrants. It has also taken a substantial role in international efforts to address the needs of migrants by providing aid packages to refugees in countries such as South Sudan and Tanzania. However, the United Kingdom has also undermined its efforts to addressing the needs of refugees by supporting the Libyan coast guard and signing an agreement with France to stop migrants from reaching British shores.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of 0.

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United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 13 July 2017, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced USD119 million in funding to assist Iraqis displaced by ISIS.²⁵¹³ The aid includes medical care and nutritional assistance.²⁵¹⁴

On 20 September 2017, USAID announced nearly USD264 million in funding to assist internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Iraq.²⁵¹⁵ The funding will help provide emergency shelter, health care, safe drinking water, and food.²⁵¹⁶

²⁵⁰⁹ Calais migrants: UK and France sign new treaty, BBC (Calais) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-42723401>.

²⁵¹⁰ UK to accept 260 unaccompanied minors from France, The Local 20 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20180120/uk-to-accept-260-unaccompanied-minors-from-france>.

²⁵¹¹ Over 10,000 vulnerable refugees resettled in the UK, Infomigrants 26 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/7764/over-10-000-vulnerable-refugees-resettled-in-uk>.

²⁵¹² Over 10,000 vulnerable refugees resettled in the UK, Infomigrants 26 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <http://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/7764/over-10-000-vulnerable-refugees-resettled-in-uk>.

²⁵¹³ United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, USAID Press Office (Washington) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-13-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-iraqi-people>.

²⁵¹⁴ United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, USAID Press Office (Washington) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-13-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-iraqi-people>.

²⁵¹⁵ USAID Administrator Green Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, Office of Press Relations USAID (Washington) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-20-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-iraqi-people>.

On 24 September 2017, President Donald Trump issued travel restrictions for nationals of Chad, Yemen, Libya, Iran, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, and Venezuela.²⁵¹⁷ The travel restrictions took full effect on 4 December 2017.²⁵¹⁸

As of 30 September 2017, the US government announced that funding figures for Syria for the fiscal years of 2012-2017 reached a total of USD7.5 million.²⁵¹⁹ The funding supported organizations including the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM), UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the World Health Organization, among various others, in assisting IDPs in Syria.²⁵²⁰ The funding went to activities such as humanitarian coordination and information management, relief commodities, shelter and settlements, meeting health concerns and providing nutritious meals, and offering protection and education for children.²⁵²¹

On 24 October 2017, the 120-day suspension of the refugee admissions program put into place by President Trump expired.²⁵²² The March 2017 Executive Order, directed the Secretary of State and Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend the refugee admissions program for 120 days, though waivers were still granted on a case-by-case basis.²⁵²³ The United States refugee admissions program thus resumed at this time, although President Trump called for a 90-day review for the program in regards to 11 "high risk" countries of origin.²⁵²⁴

²⁵¹⁶ USAID Administrator Green Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance For Iraqi People, Office of Press Relations USAID (Washington) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-20-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-for-iraqi-people>.

²⁵¹⁷ White House expands travel ban, restricting visitors from eight countries, The Washington Post (Washington) 24 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/national-security/trump-administration-changes-travel-ban-countries/2017/09/24/1fef7cfe-a140-11e7-ade1-76d061d56efa_story.html?utm_term=.e337ca943f28.

²⁵¹⁸ Supreme Court Allows Trump Travel Ban to Take Effect, The New York Times (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/04/us/politics/trump-travel-ban-supreme-court.html>; Presidential Proclamation Enhancing Vetting Capabilities and Processes for Detecting Attempted Entry into the United States by Terrorists or Other Public-Safety Threats, The White House (Washington) 24 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-proclamation-enhancing-vetting-capabilities-processes-detecting-attempted-entry-united-states-terrorists-public-safety-threats/>.

²⁵¹⁹ SYRIA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/12.08.17_-_USG_Syria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf.

²⁵²⁰ SYRIA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY Fact Sheet #2, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/12.08.17_-_USG_Syria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf.

²⁵²¹ SYRIA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Factsheet #2, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 December 2017. Access Date: https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/12.08.17_-_USG_Syria_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_2.pdf.

²⁵²² Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>; Press: Executive Order Protecting Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States, White House (Washington) 27 January 2018. Access Date: February 28, 2018. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-protecting-nation-foreign-terrorist-entry-united-states/>.

²⁵²³ Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>.

²⁵²⁴ Trump Ends Refugee Ban with Order to Review Program for 11 Countries, The Guardian (Washington) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 17 April 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/oct/24/trump-refugee-ban-end-immigration-executive-order>.

On 24 October 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order calling for a 90-day review of security procedures for 11 countries, including Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Mali, South Sudan, and Syria.²⁵²⁵

As of 31 December 2017, the US continued its funding of the Refugee and Entrant Assistant account for the fiscal year of 2017 at USD2.141 billion to address migrant needs in integrating into US society.²⁵²⁶

For the fiscal year of 2017, the US provided over USD1 billion in humanitarian funding for the Horn of Africa.²⁵²⁷ The US has collaborated with the UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM, the World Food Programme (WFP) and numerous other non-governmental organizations.²⁵²⁸ The funding has supported activities such as providing nutrition for refugees, preventing gender-based violence for refugee women in camps, providing basic education for refugees, and providing psychosocial assistance for refugees, among others.²⁵²⁹

Additionally, in 2017, the US contributed USD1.45 billion to the UNHCR, making it the largest donor in that year.²⁵³⁰ During the same period, the US has reduced the number of refugee applicants it will accept and the number of offices that handle refugees.²⁵³¹

On 8 January 2018, President Trump ended the temporary protected status of Salvadorans living in the US, forcing them to leave the country or be deported by September 2019.²⁵³² The temporary protection status is a humanitarian relief program aimed at providing relief for people fleeing their

²⁵²⁵ Presidential Executive Order on Resuming the United States Refugee Admissions Program with Enhanced Vetting Capabilities, White House (Washington) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/presidential-executive-order-resuming-united-states-refugee-admissions-program-enhanced-vetting-capabilities/>.

²⁵²⁶ Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>.

²⁵²⁷ HORN OF AFRICA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/hoa_ce_fs01_11-28-2017.pdf.

²⁵²⁸ HORN OF AFRICA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/hoa_ce_fs01_11-28-2017.pdf.

²⁵²⁹ HORN OF AFRICA - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #1, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 8 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/hoa_ce_fs01_11-28-2017.pdf.

²⁵³⁰ Donor Profile, UNHCR (Geneva) 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles>.

²⁵³¹ Refugee Admissions and Resettlement Policy, Congressional Research Service (Washington) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31269.pdf>; Trump Administration to Drop Refugee Cap to 45,000, Lowest In Years, NPR (Washington) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.npr.org/2017/09/27/554046980/trump-administration-to-drop-refugee-cap-to-45-000-lowest-in-years>.

²⁵³² Trump Administration Says That Nearly 200,000 Salvadorans Must Leave, The New York Times (Los Angeles) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>; Trump administration says nearly 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants must leave or face deportation, Associated Press (Washington) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-salvadorans-immigrants-protections-ending-deportation-2018-1>.

country due to natural disasters or conflict.²⁵³³ Salvadorians are the fourth nationality to lose temporary protection status in the US since January 2017.²⁵³⁴

On 31 January 2018, the Department of Homeland Security announced enhanced security procedures for refugees seeking resettlement in the US.²⁵³⁵ These procedures included additional screening procedures for 11 countries and periodic reviews of the high-risk refugee countries of origin list.

As of 6 March 2018, the US government committed USD648.6 million in humanitarian funding for the Lake Chad Basin Response for the fiscal year of 2017-2018.²⁵³⁶ The funding supports agencies like the UNHCR, IOM, UNICEF, WFP, among others.²⁵³⁷ The funding supports initiatives for displaced persons, including providing protection and offering multi-sector assistance for IDPs, and offering education, health, and nutrition assistance for IDPs and host communities in Nigeria, Chad, Niger, and Cameroon.²⁵³⁸

On 6 March 2018, the US government announced that an additional USD184 million in humanitarian assistance would be provided in response to the South Sudan crisis. Of the USD184 million, USD145 million was committed for interventions in South Sudan and nearly USD39 million was committed for projects that assist South Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries.²⁵³⁹ The funding supports agencies including the UNHCR, International Committee of the Red Cross, UNICEF, WFP, and IOM.²⁵⁴⁰ The funding has supported preventing gender-based violence, safe

²⁵³³ Trump Administration Says That Nearly 200,000 Salvadorans Must Leave, The New York Times (Los Angeles) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>; Trump administration says nearly 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants must leave or face deportation, Associated Press (Washington) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-salvadorans-immigrants-protections-ending-deportation-2018-1>.

²⁵³⁴ Trump Administration Says That Nearly 200,000 Salvadorans Must Leave, The New York Times (Los Angeles) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/08/us/salvadorans-tps-end.html>; Trump administration says nearly 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants must leave or face deportation, Associated Press (Washington) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/trump-salvadorans-immigrants-protections-ending-deportation-2018-1>.

²⁵³⁵ DHS Announces Additional, Enhanced Security Procedures for Refugees Seeking Resettlement in the United States, Department of Homeland Security (Washington) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2018/01/29/dhs-announces-additional-enhanced-security-procedures-refugees-seeking-resettlement>.

²⁵³⁶ LAKE CHAD BASIN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.08.18_-_USAID-DCHA_Lake_Chad_Basin_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf.

²⁵³⁷ LAKE CHAD BASIN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.08.18_-_USAID-DCHA_Lake_Chad_Basin_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf.

²⁵³⁸ LAKE CHAD BASIN - COMPLEX EMERGENCY, Fact Sheet #9, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.08.18_-_USAID-DCHA_Lake_Chad_Basin_Complex_Emergency_Fact_Sheet_9.pdf.

²⁵³⁹ SOUTH SUDAN — CRISIS, Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.06.18_-_USAID-DCHA_South_Sudan_Crisis_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf.

²⁵⁴⁰ SOUTH SUDAN — CRISIS, Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.06.18_-_USAID-DCHA_South_Sudan_Crisis_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf.

drinking water and nutrition, providing basic education, and providing psychosocial assistance for IDPs among others.²⁵⁴¹

On 8 March 2018, the Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project, which was sponsored by USAID, ended.²⁵⁴² The US provided a total of USD673,301 to the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association over a period of two years in order to provide legal assistance, monitoring and capacity building on issues related to asylum seekers, migrants, and refugees.²⁵⁴³

The US has implemented some measures which addresses the needs of migrants internationally and domestically based on its funding of certain programs. However, travel restrictions and enhanced security policies enacted create an unfair set of procedures for domestic refugee determination processes.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to address the distinct needs of refugees and migrants, in particular close to their region of origin and, when applicable, to enable them to return home safely.

On 6 September 2017, the European Commission called on all member states to keep up the good work made in the process of managing irregular migration.²⁵⁴⁴ At the same time, it also announced that 27,695 persons had been relocated to Turkey through the EU-Turkey Statement, which has both curtailed irregular migration and facilitated the resettlement of 10,000 Syrians in the EU.²⁵⁴⁵ Particularly, the EU-Turkey refugee deal has helped reduce the number of arrivals to just 75 arrivals per day, equating to an overall decrease of 97 per cent since the Statement first began operating.²⁵⁴⁶ The European Commission also increased monetary support for the Facility for Refugees in Turkey. Of the EUR3 billion to be allocated, contracts to deliver financial support were signed for a total of EUR1.66 billion and disbursements increased to EUR838 million.²⁵⁴⁷ As a result, the number of refugees helped by the Emergency Social Safety Net, a humanitarian program funded by the EU,

²⁵⁴¹ SOUTH SUDAN — CRISIS, Fact Sheet #5, Fiscal Year 2018, USAID (Washington) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1866/03.06.18_-_USAID-DCHA_South_Sudan_Crisis_Fact_Sheet_5.pdf.

²⁵⁴² Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project, USAID (Washington) 2016. Access Date: 13 March 2018. <https://2012-2017.usaid.gov/node/243876>.

²⁵⁴³ Migrant and Refugee Human Rights Protection Project, USAID (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date 13 March, 2018. <https://www.usaid.gov/macedonia/fact-sheets/migrant-and-refugee-human-rights-protection-project>.

²⁵⁴⁴ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁴⁵ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

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rose from 600,000 to 860,000 and is expected to reach 1.3 million by the end of 2017.²⁵⁴⁸ The European Commission stated it had collaborated with partners in Africa to stabilize death rates at sea and reduce the number of people crossing the Mediterranean Sea to Europe.²⁵⁴⁹

On 20 July 2017, the Initiative for the Protection and Reintegration of Migrants, in collaboration with the EU and International Organization for Migration (IOM) was launched in Nigeria.²⁵⁵⁰ The EU Trust Fund supports the initiative, which provides Nigerian migrants reintegration assistance to start businesses, provide educational opportunities, or cover medical and accommodation costs upon repatriation.²⁵⁵¹

On 6 September 2017, High Representative of the Commission Federica Mogherini indicated that the EU helped assist over 11,000 migrants in their voluntary returns to Libya and Niger alongside the IOM since 2016.²⁵⁵² Similarly, under the Partnership Framework, the Sahel region was aided by the EU in areas of security and development.²⁵⁵³ A grand total of 169 contracts, worth over EUR1.2 billion, were signed under the EU Trust Fund for Africa, which had expanded to cover Guinea Bissau, Ghana, and Cote d'Ivoire as well.²⁵⁵⁴ The EU also helps the G5 Sahel force with financial packages worth EUR 50 million.²⁵⁵⁵ The EU also worked alongside Italy and Libya to build border and migration management capacities in Libya. Their cost was EUR46.3 million.²⁵⁵⁶ Through this effort, protection of migrants and refugees was improved, willful returns increased, and legal avenues for persons in need of protection were opened throughout 2017.²⁵⁵⁷

²⁵⁴⁸ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁴⁹ European Agenda on Migration: Good progress in managing migration flows needs to be sustained, European Commission (Brussels). 6 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3081_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁰ UN Migration Agency, EU Partner to Provide Returning Nigerian Migrants with Reintegration Assistance, IOM (Abuja) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/un-migration-agency-eu-partner-provide-returning-nigerian-migrants-reintegration-assistance>.

²⁵⁵¹ UN Migration Agency, EU Partner to Provide Returning Nigerian Migrants with Reintegration Assistance, IOM (Abuja) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.iom.int/news/un-migration-agency-eu-partner-provide-returning-nigerian-migrants-reintegration-assistance>.

²⁵⁵² Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

²⁵⁵³ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁴ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁵ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁶ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁷ Partnership Framework on Migration: Joint management of migration shows positive results, European Commission (Brussels) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 8 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3091_en.htm; 2017 Annual Report EU Trust Fund for Africa, European Commission (Brussels) 2018. Access Date: 18 April 2018. https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/sites/euetfa/files/2017_tffa_en_web_lowres_final05.pdf.

On 27 September 2017, President Jean-Claude Juncker presented a set of initiatives to enforce the EU migration and asylum policy in his State of the Union Address.²⁵⁵⁸ The President presented a new resettlement scheme for at least 50,000 refugees, pilot projects for legal migration that would be financially supported by the European Commission, and new measures to create a more effective EU return policy.²⁵⁵⁹ The EU had helped alleviate the burden on Italy and Greece by relocating 29,000 people.²⁵⁶⁰ The new resettlement scheme indicated that at least 50,000 vulnerable persons should be brought in the EU over the next 2 years.²⁵⁶¹ This scheme will be effective until October 2019 and will be undertaken in collaboration with member states, which are bound to receive EUR500 million in order to pursue proper resettlement.²⁵⁶²

On 17 October 2017, the European Commission announced that it had reached one million refugees living in Turkey through its Emergency Social Safety Net program, which initially began in September 2016.²⁵⁶³

On 23 October 2017, the European Union co-hosted a conference in Geneva alongside the IOM, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and Kuwait. A total of 35 humanitarian aid pledges were made, collectively worth USD344 million.²⁵⁶⁴ The pledges directed humanitarian aid to Rohingya refugees and host communities in Bangladesh.²⁵⁶⁵

On 15 November 2017, High Representative Mogherini pledged to strengthen the European Agenda on Migration.²⁵⁶⁶ At the same time, she announced its already existing successes, which include providing EUR3 billion to refugees in Turkey by the end of 2017, facilitating access to monthly electronic cash transfers to 1 million Syrian refugees, investing almost EUR2 billion in the EU Trust Fund for Africa to support economic development and help manage migration crises, as well as

²⁵⁵⁸ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁵⁹ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶⁰ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶¹ State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶² State of the Union 2017 — Commission presents next steps towards a stronger, more effective and fairer EU migration and asylum policy, European Commission (Brussels). 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3406_en.htm.

²⁵⁶³ 1 million refugees in Turkey reached by EU's Emergency Social Safety Net, European Commission (Brussels) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3902_en.htm

²⁵⁶⁴ Donors pledge US \$344 million in response to Rohingya refugee crisis, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva). 23 October 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2017/10/59ee1c494/donors-pledge-us344-million-response-rohingya-refugee-crisis.html>.

²⁵⁶⁵ Donors pledge US \$344 million in response to Rohingya refugee crisis, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (Geneva). 23 October 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2017/10/59ee1c494/donors-pledge-us344-million-response-rohingya-refugee-crisis.html>.

²⁵⁶⁶ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

cooperating with the UNHCR, UN Children's Fund, and the IOM to improve living conditions of migrants in Libya through medical assistance.²⁵⁶⁷ In addition, the EU Trust Fund for Africa also worked in tandem with the Nigerian government in search-and-rescue missions in deserts, which resulted in 1,100 migrants being brought to safety.²⁵⁶⁸ Almost 15,000 migrants, 10,000 of them from Libya, have been helped to voluntarily return to their countries of origin.²⁵⁶⁹ The EU has also worked with member to extract pledges for the new resettlement scheme. As a result, 34,400 pledges have been made by 16 EU member since September 2017, but could exceed 50,000 by October 2019.²⁵⁷⁰

On 20 December 2017, the European Commission drafted the European Partnership for Integration alongside its social and economic partners in order to facilitate the integration of refugees into the European labour market.²⁵⁷¹ The plan emphasis youth employment and intends to engage private and public actors, EU institutions, local authorities, and civil society organizations.²⁵⁷² The key principles of the plan include providing support at the earliest time possible, making sure integration actually benefits refugees in a meaningful way, and ensuring a multi-stakeholder approach.²⁵⁷³ Among the commitments expressed, the main points were the sharing of best practices between social and economic parties, organization of mentoring programmes to ease access into the workplace, ensuring and making identification, assessment, and documentation of skills to be done.²⁵⁷⁴

In 2017, the EU contributed USD436 million to the UNHCR, making it the third largest donor in that year.²⁵⁷⁵

On 15 January 2018, the EU adopted a EUR5 million programme that will provide humanitarian support to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.²⁵⁷⁶ The programme will keep adding to previous identification and registration efforts undertaken on behalf of the Bangladeshi government. Its main

²⁵⁶⁷ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁶⁸ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁶⁹ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁰ European Agenda on Migration: Consolidating progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4484_en.htm.

²⁵⁷¹ Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷² Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷³ Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁴ Integration of refugees: Commission joins forces with social and economic partners, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 17 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5352_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁵ Donor Profiles 2017, UNHCR (Geneva) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2017>.

²⁵⁷⁶ EU steps up support to address the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh, European Commission (Brussels) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-201_en.htm.

goal is to facilitate the creation of required conditions for the voluntary, safe, and dignified return of the Rohingya who have fled Myanmar.²⁵⁷⁷

On 30 January 2018, the European Commission announced EUR37.5 million in humanitarian aid for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran.²⁵⁷⁸ The sum is broken down as follows: EUR27 million will be distributed to provide emergency trauma care, food, water, sanitation, shelter, and protection for those affected by conflict in Afghanistan; EUR5.5 million will be distributed to vulnerable Afghans in Pakistan to quell issues such as food security and malnutrition; a further EUR5 million will be distributed to Afghan refugees in Iran in order to provide food assistance, shelter, health, protection, and education.²⁵⁷⁹

On 16 February 2018, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights organized a peer learning activity event which stressed the importance of migrant integration through inclusive education, gender equality lessons, and adequate training for teachers.²⁵⁸⁰

On 26 February 2018, the European Commission adopted three new programmes worth more than EUR150 million to protect migrants and provide them with adequate reintegration options in Libya, Ethiopia, and along the Central Mediterranean Route.²⁵⁸¹ Through these programmes, the EU was delivering on commitments previously made as part of a joint UN, African Union (AU), and EU Task Force established on 29 November 2017 to save and protect lives of migrants and refugees along the routes and within Libya, while also speeding up the voluntary returns to countries of origin, as well as the resettlement of those who required international protection.²⁵⁸² The new programme aimed at carefully evacuating 3,800 refugees from Libya, as well as providing voluntary humanitarian return to 15,000 migrants still present in Libya.²⁵⁸³ These migrants would be helped to return to their country of origin, where they will also be supported financially to reintegrate.²⁵⁸⁴ Lastly, the programme will aid 14,000 individuals in need of international protection, mainly from Niger, Chad, Cameroon, and Burkina Faso.²⁵⁸⁵

²⁵⁷⁷ EU steps up support to address the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh, European Commission (Brussels) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-201_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁸ Humanitarian aid: €37.5 million for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. European Commission (Brussels) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-384_en.htm.

²⁵⁷⁹ Humanitarian aid: €37.5 million for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. European Commission (Brussels) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-384_en.htm.

²⁵⁸⁰ Intercultural dialogue on integrating migrants and refugees. European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (Vienna) 16 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2018/intercultural-dialogue-integrating-migrants-and-refugees>.

²⁵⁸¹ Delivering on commitments: new programmes to protect migrants and support return and reintegration in Africa worth €150 million adopted, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1143_en.htm.

²⁵⁸² Joint press release of the United Nations, the African Union and the European Union, European Commission (Brussels) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-5029_en.htm.

²⁵⁸³ Delivering on commitments: new programmes to protect migrants and support return and reintegration in Africa worth €150 million adopted, European Commission (Brussels). 26 February 2018. Access Date Accessed: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1143_en.htm.

²⁵⁸⁴ Delivering on commitments: new programmes to protect migrants and support return and reintegration in Africa worth €150 million adopted, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1143_en.htm.

²⁵⁸⁵ Delivering on commitments: new programmes to protect migrants and support return and reintegration in Africa worth €150 million adopted, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1143_en.htm.

On 28 February 2018, the European Commission and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs have announced a humanitarian aid package worth EUR 24 million for the Ukraine.²⁵⁸⁶ The money will be spent on food, healthcare, and education for children.²⁵⁸⁷

On 28 February 2018, the EU reaffirmed its commitment towards Palestinian refugees. The commitment occurred in light of the financial crisis experienced by the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).²⁵⁸⁸ As such, the EU hoped that a reaffirmation of its support would result in an increased donor base and comprehensive reform of the UNRWA.²⁵⁸⁹

The European Union has taken action to address the distinct needs of migrants both within Europe and abroad through a number of programmes and initiatives, including the EU-Turkey refugee deal and multiple partnership programs with international organizations such as the IOM and UNHCR.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

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²⁵⁸⁶ EU announces €24 million to address the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1282_en.htm.

²⁵⁸⁷ EU announces €24 million to address the humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine, European Commission (Brussels) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-18-1282_en.htm.

²⁵⁸⁸ European Union and United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East reaffirm strong commitment to serving Palestine refugees, EUREporter (Brussels) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.eureporter.co/frontpage/2018/02/28/european-union-and-united-nations-relief-and-works-agency-for-palestine-refugees-in-the-near-east-unrwa-reaffirm-strong-commitment-to-serving-palestine-refugees/>.

²⁵⁸⁹ European Union and United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East reaffirm strong commitment to serving Palestine refugees, EUREporter (Brussels) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.eureporter.co/frontpage/2018/02/28/european-union-and-united-nations-relief-and-works-agency-for-palestine-refugees-in-the-near-east-unrwa-reaffirm-strong-commitment-to-serving-palestine-refugees/>.

8. Sustainable Development Goals: Alignment

“We commit to further align our actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina		0	
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.85		

Background

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted at the UN Sustainable Development Summit on 15 September 2015, and came into force on 1 January 2016.²⁵⁹⁰ The 2030 Agenda outlines 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and establishes a 15-year timeline for UN member states to take action to fulfill the goals.²⁵⁹¹ The SDGs are a “universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity.”²⁵⁹² The SDGs build on the successes of the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), agreed to in September

²⁵⁹⁰ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

²⁵⁹¹ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

²⁵⁹² The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

2000. In comparison to the MDGs, the SDGs also include new areas like climate change, innovation, economic inequality, sustainable consumption, peace and justice.²⁵⁹³ The SDGs are as follows:

- End poverty in all its forms everywhere;
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture;
- Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages;
- Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all;
- Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls;
- Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all;
- Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all;
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all;
- Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive sustainable industrialization and foster innovation;
- Reduce inequality within and among countries;
- Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe resilient and sustainable;
- Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns;
- Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;
- Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development;
- Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystem, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss;
- Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels; and
- Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.²⁵⁹⁴

The G20 first mentioned the SDGs at the 2015 Antalya Summit. The Leaders' Communiqué introduced the 2030 Agenda and committed to “develop an action plan in 2016 to further align our work with the 2030 Agenda.”²⁵⁹⁵ At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 reaffirmed its commitment to align “its work with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,” and released

²⁵⁹³ The Sustainable Development Agenda, United Nations (New York). Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/development-agenda/>.

²⁵⁹⁴ Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for sustainable Development, Sustainable Development Knowledge Platform (New York) 25 September 2015. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>.

²⁵⁹⁵ Antalya G20 Leaders' Communiqué, G20 Research Group (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communicue.html>.

the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.²⁵⁹⁶ The Action Plan intends to contribute to “global efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda, including the SDGs” to ensure that “no one is left behind in our efforts to eradicate poverty, achieve sustainable development and build an inclusive and sustainable future for all.”²⁵⁹⁷ It stresses the G20’s “comparative advantage” in spearheading global implementation of the 2030 Agenda, given its ability to “add value as a global forum for economic cooperation” as well as its “convening power and its collective ability” to adopt initiatives at the global level.²⁵⁹⁸ The G20 Action Plan reflects ongoing, mid and long-term G20 commitments to be updated and adapted to reflect the priorities of successive G20 presidencies.²⁵⁹⁹

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, G20 leaders endorsed the Hamburg Update as the first step in implementing the G20 Action Plan. The Hamburg Update reaffirms and strengthens the G20’s commitment to the 2030 Agenda and “reflects the priorities of the German presidency — resilience, sustainability, responsibility — and continues G20 efforts of leading by example to implement the 2030 Agenda.”²⁶⁰⁰

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment is “to further align our actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, domestically and internationally, including in support of developing countries and the provision of public goods.”²⁶⁰¹ “Further align” refers to a continual effort to harmonize actions towards realizing the SDGs. This may include improving old policies, programs, legislation, and other relevant governance systems, as well as implementing new ones. While such efforts do not need to explicitly reference the SDGs, “align” implies that these actions are nevertheless complementary to and in accordance with the SDGs’ implementation. Efforts that advance the achievement of one or multiple SDGs may count towards compliance. This includes both the targeted accomplishment of a particular SDG as well as actions that are in line with towards the SDG framework but do not directly cite the SDGs as its guiding principle. Furthermore, “actions” implies a tangible, physical initiative to do something. Such actions must be conducted both at the domestic and international level.

The purpose of conducting such actions must include supporting developing countries and contributing to the provision of public goods. While “supporting developing countries” and “provision of public goods” are both inherently international in nature, only the former is categorized as an international action. Given the nature of the SDGs, domestic efforts to implement them at the national level inevitably contribute to the provision of global public goods. Thus while

²⁵⁹⁶ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

²⁵⁹⁷ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

²⁵⁹⁸ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

²⁵⁹⁹ G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>

²⁶⁰⁰ Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-hamburg-update.html>

²⁶⁰¹ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Hamburg) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

the provision of public goods is implicit in any tangible effort to align actions with the SDGs, providing support for developing countries must be a key aspect of international actions in order for the G20 member to achieve full compliance.

Part One: Domestic Actions

Domestic actions refer to concrete efforts at the national level (or in the case of the EU, supranational level) to further align G20 members' policies and activities with the goals of the 2030 Agenda. While such efforts may also contribute to international public goods, they must be national in nature and focus on domestic priorities, needs, and capacities.²⁶⁰² For example, domestic actions include, but are not limited to, the creation of new or improvement of old legislation, social welfare programs, policies, incentives and/or other governmental services with a view to implementing or promoting the realization of the SDGs.

Part Two: International Actions

International actions refer to concrete efforts at the international or global level to further align G20 members' and other states' policies and activities with the goals of the 2030 Agenda. They can include financially or otherwise supporting other states in their implementation of the SDGs, such as contributing to alleviating poverty and hunger in low income countries, or collaborating with other states through cooperative programs and agreements to voluntarily and mutually commit each other to achieving the SDGs.

To fulfill the second part of the commitment, international actions must entail the provision of support for developing countries. For developed economies, examples of this can include but are not exclusive to Aid for Trade programs, Foreign Direct Investment, and other domestic public goods provided on an international scale. Developing economies must demonstrate support for developing countries other than their own, for example, through programs of South-South cooperation and trade. While other international efforts to align actions with the SDGs that do not entail support for developing countries may be noted, they are insufficient alone to fulfill this part of the commitment.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must take concrete actions at the domestic and international level to further align their actions with the 2030 Agenda. International efforts must include the provision of support for developing countries.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member does not take action at the domestic NOR international level INCLUDING supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.
0	G20 member does not take action at the domestic OR international level INCLUDING supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.
+1	G20 member takes action at the domestic AND international level INCLUDING supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

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Argentina: 0

Argentina has partially complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

²⁶⁰² G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Centre (Hangzhou) 6 September 2016. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>.

On 6-8 September 2017, Argentina hosted the United Nations Economic and Social Council Development Cooperation Forum and High-Level Symposium in Buenos Aires.²⁶⁰³ As the President of the G20 and host of the second UN High-Level Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) scheduled to take place in March 2019, Argentina is hosting this conference to discuss the potential and contributions of South-South cooperation to poverty eradication and sustainable development.²⁶⁰⁴

On 13 September 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development announced the incorporation of 150,000 hectares of land into the Iberá National Park in the Corrientes Province.²⁶⁰⁵ The biodiversity and surface territory of the park will make it one of Argentina's largest protected areas.²⁶⁰⁶

On 8 November 2017, President Mauricio Macri passed a labor reform bill that will reduce severance payments by 40 per cent with the aim of lowering the cost of doing business.²⁶⁰⁷ The bill will also eliminate some of the benefits offered to employees in case of dismissal under current labour law.²⁶⁰⁸

On 27 September 2017, the Inter-American Development Bank approved a USD200 million loan to the government-run 'Plan Belgrano' program.²⁶⁰⁹ The loan will finance drinking water and sewerage system enhancement, improve environmental and hygiene conditions through wastewater treatment, and boost the management capacity of water and sanitation service providers in Argentina's northwest and northeastern regions.²⁶¹⁰ The Argentine government has already committed a total budget for 2018 of USD350 million for the implementation of the project.²⁶¹¹ The program "will provide sewerage services to 19,000 homes and wastewater treatment services to 130,000 homes."²⁶¹²

²⁶⁰³ DCF Argentina High-level Symposium, ECOSOC (Buenos Aires) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2017/dcf-argentina-high-level-symposium>

²⁶⁰⁴ DCF Argentina High-level Symposium, ECOSOC (Buenos Aires) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.un.org/ecosoc/en/events/2017/dcf-argentina-high-level-symposium>

²⁶⁰⁵ Continúa el proceso de traspaso para la creación del Parque Nacional Iberá, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

<http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/continua-el-proceso-de-traspaso-para-la-creacion-del-parque-nacional-ibera/>

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²⁶⁰⁷ Argentine Unions Agree on Labor Reform Bill, Macri Says, Bloomberg (London) 08 November 2017. Access Date: November 17 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-08/argentine-unions-agree-on-labor-reform-bill-macri-says>

²⁶⁰⁸ Argentine Unions Agree on Labor Reform Bill, Macri Says, Bloomberg (London) 08 November 2017. Access Date: November 17 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-08/argentine-unions-agree-on-labor-reform-bill-macri-says>

²⁶⁰⁹ Argentina to Improve Water and Sanitation Services in Northern Provinces with IDB loan, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2017-09-27/water-and-sanitation-in-argentina,11898.html>

²⁶¹⁰ Argentina to Improve Water and Sanitation Services in Northern Provinces with IDB loan, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017.

<http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2017-09-27/water-and-sanitation-in-argentina,11898.html>

²⁶¹¹ La Nación Prevé darle Prioridad al Plan Belgrano, La Gaceta (Buenos Aires) 16 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.lagaceta.com.ar/nota/744874/actualidad/nacion-preve-darle-prioridad-al-plan-belgrano.html>

²⁶¹² Argentina to Improve Water and Sanitation Services in Northern Provinces with IDB loan. Inter-American Development Bank, (Washington D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.iadb.org/en/news/news-releases/2017-09-27/water-and-sanitation-in-argentina,11898.html>

On 11 December 2017, representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Production, Commerce, and Environment and Sustainable Development attended the 2017 Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium, held in the District of Buenos Aires.²⁶¹³ The conference addressed the topic of “Global Economy and Agenda 2030: How can Trade Deliver Jobs and Sustainable Development?”²⁶¹⁴ One of the main topics was the challenges faced by Latin America in the new global economy, and how to create fairer and more inclusive multilateral treaties for Sustainable Development.²⁶¹⁵

On December 19 2017, President Macri passed a pension reform bill shifting the retirement age from 65 to 70 for men, and from 60 to 63 for women.²⁶¹⁶ The changes are also expected to lower the amounts paid to pensioners.²⁶¹⁷

On January 5 2018, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development announced the creation of the Fund for the Protection of Native Forest Ecosystems.²⁶¹⁸ This fund is part of the Argentine government’s general budget for 2018, and is meant to reinforce the government’s commitment to a sustainable environmental policy.²⁶¹⁹

On 9 February 2018, the Ministries of Environment and Sustainable Development and AgroIndustry reached a consensus in regards to a sustainable policy for the Forest Industry.²⁶²⁰ The two ministries established a few priority areas including the prevention of forest fires, an early alert system, and the formulation of a public-private agreement.²⁶²¹

On 28 February 2018, Minister of Interior Affairs Rogelio Frigerio announced the execution of 1,100 projects by the ministry alone for a value of over ARS5,600 million to the Northern Provinces of

²⁶¹³ Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium 2017, International Institute for Sustainable Development (New York) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/events/trade-and-sustainable-development-symposium-2017/>

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²⁶¹⁵ Trade and Sustainable Development Symposium 2017, International Institute for Sustainable Development (New York) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/events/trade-and-sustainable-development-symposium-2017/>

²⁶¹⁶ Argentina Passes Pension Reform Despite Violent Protests, BBC News (Buenos Aires) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-42416195>

²⁶¹⁷ Argentina Passes Pension Reform Despite Violent Protests. BBC News (Buenos Aires) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2017. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-42416195>

²⁶¹⁸ Se Creó el Fondo Fiduciario para la Protección Ambiental de los Bosques Nativos, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/sin-categoria/se-creo-el-fondo-fiduciario-para-la-proteccion-ambiental-de-los-bosques-nativos/>

²⁶¹⁹ Se Creó el Fondo Fiduciario para la Protección Ambiental de los Bosques Nativos. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/sin-categoria/se-creo-el-fondo-fiduciario-para-la-proteccion-ambiental-de-los-bosques-nativos/>

²⁶²⁰ Hacia una Política Sustentable para la Industria Forestal. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/hacia-una-politica-sustentable-para-la-industria-forestal/>

²⁶²¹ Hacia una Política Sustentable para la Industria Forestal. Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/hacia-una-politica-sustentable-para-la-industria-forestal/>

Argentina.²⁶²² These projects are part of the Argentine government's bid to address entrenched issues of regional inequality and reaffirm its commitment to Federalism.²⁶²³

Argentina has made significant investments towards combating climate change at the domestic level, especially through its investment in improving water-related infrastructure. However, Argentina has not significantly engaged in international actions to advance the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Sofia Kavlin

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 30 September 2017, the Australian Government announced that it would be sending help to Vanuatu following a threat of volcanic eruption on Ambae Island.²⁶²⁴ To help with necessary evacuation, the Australian government sent HMAS Choules to the island to rescue the 11,000 residents.²⁶²⁵ In addition, it pledged AUD250,000 for supplies such as water and food, to “fund aerial surveillance of affected areas,” and to aid the Vanuatuan authorities in managing the displaced population.²⁶²⁶

On 14 October 2017, Australia increased humanitarian assistance to Vanuatu due to its need of evacuation, following the threat of volcanic eruption in September.²⁶²⁷ Australia increased its humanitarian assistance to AUD3 million.²⁶²⁸ Australia also sent a team of humanitarian and military personnel to assist the Vanuatuan authorities.²⁶²⁹

²⁶²² Mas de 1100 obras en el Norte Argentino para Impulsar su Potencia, Ministry of Interior, Public Works and Housing (Buenos Aires) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/mas-de-1100-obras-en-el-norte-argentino-para-impulsar-su-potencial>

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²⁶²⁴ Media Release by the Hon Julie Bishop and Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Ministry of Defense (Canberra) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170930.aspx

²⁶²⁵ Media Release by the Hon Julie Bishop and Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Ministry of Defense (Canberra) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170930.aspx

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²⁶²⁷ Australia's Humanitarian Assistance to Vanuatu, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/investment-priorities/building-resilience/humanitarian-preparedness-and-response/Pages/australias-humanitarian-assistance-to-vanuatu.aspx>

²⁶²⁸ Australia's Humanitarian Assistance to Vanuatu, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/topics/investment-priorities/building-resilience/humanitarian-preparedness-and-response/Pages/australias-humanitarian-assistance-to-vanuatu.aspx>

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On 1 November 2017, the Department of Health announced the expansion of the Better Access initiative (MBS).²⁶³⁰ This initiative aims to increase patients' access to mental health professionals.²⁶³¹ MBS is a telehealth service for psychological therapy, and it is delivered through a video conference between the patient and a health professional.²⁶³² The Australian government declared that it would fund this initiative with AUD9.1 million over four years.²⁶³³

On 20 November 2017, the Ministry for the Environment and Energy hosted the National Food Waste Summit at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.²⁶³⁴ The purpose of this summit was to bring in "stakeholders from industry, business, academia, government and the not-for-profit sector" to find ways to decrease the food waste in Australia.²⁶³⁵ On the same day, the National Food Waste Strategy was launched by the Minister for the Environment and Energy, which outlined future efforts to decrease food waste in Australia.²⁶³⁶

On 6 March 2018, the Australian government pledged to provide AUD5.5 million to aid Somalia during its severe drought.²⁶³⁷ This aid will be going towards supplies needed in vulnerable communities in Somalia at this time, which includes "emergency food, clean water and shelter."²⁶³⁸ Minister of Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop also mentioned in her press release that this aid will be carried out by the UN and other partners.²⁶³⁹

Through investments and improvements in the areas of food waste, accessibility of healthcare, and foreign aid, Australia has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Bianca Meta

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

²⁶³⁰ Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists and General Practitioners through the MBS (Better Access) Initiative, Department of Health (Canberra) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth-betteraccess>

²⁶³¹ Better Access to Psychiatrists, Psychologists and General Practitioners through the MBS (Better Access) Initiative, Department of Health (Canberra) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/mentalhealth-betteraccess>

²⁶³² Telehealth Psychological Services for People in Rural Areas, Department of Health (Canberra) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-ba-telehealth>

²⁶³³ Telehealth Psychological Services for People in Rural Areas, Department of Health (Canberra) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/mental-ba-telehealth>

²⁶³⁴ Tackling Australia's Food Waste, Department of the Environment and Energy (Canberra) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

²⁶³⁵ Tackling Australia's Food Waste, Department of the Environment and Energy (Canberra) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

²⁶³⁶ Tackling Australia's Food Waste, Department of the Environment and Energy (Canberra) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

²⁶³⁷ (Media Release) Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs(Canberra) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180306.aspx

²⁶³⁸ (Media Release) Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs(Canberra) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180306.aspx

²⁶³⁹ (Media Release) Humanitarian Assistance to Somalia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs(Canberra) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/jb_mr_180306.aspx

On 4 September 2017, President Michel Temer signed four multilateral documents issued by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.²⁶⁴⁰ The documents are the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and the New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁶⁴¹

On 21 October 2017, President Temer signed a decree authorizing the conversion of approximately BRL4 billion in fines into environmental investments during a visit to the Caiman farm in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul.²⁶⁴² Deputy Sarney Filho said that this decree “transforms [the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA)] from a monitoring body into an effective agent of recovery and sustainable development.”²⁶⁴³

On 11 November 2017, President Temer issued a new labour law aimed at improving labour conditions in three areas.²⁶⁴⁴ The new labour law allows pregnant women to request leave, improves working hours with the “12-36 shift system,” and ameliorates conditions for self-employed and part-time workers.²⁶⁴⁵

On 27 November 2017, during the 2017 Global South-South Development Expo in Turkey, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA) Fund released its latest report, highlighting current, completed and future projects.²⁶⁴⁶ In 2017, the IBSA Fund contributed USD33 million to 15 developing partner states in areas including poverty and hunger eradication, child and maternal health, and gender equality.²⁶⁴⁷ The fund also announced the inauguration of the cardiological wing of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Atta-Habib Medical Center, which is located in the Gaza Strip.²⁶⁴⁸ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern

²⁶⁴⁰ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

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²⁶⁴² Environmental fines may be converted into recovery actions for degraded areas, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 October 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/10/environmental-fines-may-be-converted-into-recovery-actions-for-degraded-areas>

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²⁶⁴⁴ Government issues executive order adjusting labour rules, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/government-issues-executive-order-adjusting-labour-rules>

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²⁶⁴⁶ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6dnFPY>

²⁶⁴⁷ UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-buqyoV0jpSMDZsNEhNR2YxS2s/view>

²⁶⁴⁸ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6dnFPY>

side of Gaza City.²⁶⁴⁹ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza's recovery plans.²⁶⁵⁰ IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global south during the Expo.²⁶⁵¹

On 30 November 2017, the Ministries of Environment and Tourism, the Chico Mendes Institute for the Conservation of Biodiversity (ICMBio), and the Brazilian Tourism Board signed a new agreement to cooperate in promoting ecotourism in Brazil's protected areas.²⁶⁵² The agreement is part of the government's effort to promote sustainable development and educate the population in regards to the importance of conservation.²⁶⁵³

On 19 December 2017, Secretary-General of the Presidency Moreira Franco reaffirmed the government's commitment to invest BRL212.4 million in eleven regional airports.²⁶⁵⁴ The investments are part of the Time to Move Forward programme, which aims to address infrastructural deficits.²⁶⁵⁵

On 21 December 2017, Brazil hosted the 51st MercoSur trade bloc summit.²⁶⁵⁶ The meeting emphasized Brazil's cooperation with the Pacific Alliance formed by Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru, referencing this among other important South-South trade agreements.²⁶⁵⁷

On 4 January 2018, the National Economic and Social Development Bank (BNDES) committed BRL54 billion in renewable energy related infrastructure to be implemented this year.²⁶⁵⁸ According to BNDES, 60 per cent of this amount will be invested in wind and solar power.²⁶⁵⁹

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²⁶⁵² Agreement will Promote eco-tourism in Brazil, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 11 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/agreement-will-promote-eco-tourism-in-brazil>

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²⁶⁵⁶ New Stage of Mercosur brings more agreements and closer ties with several countries, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/new-stage-of-mercosur-brings-more-agreements-and-closer-ties-with-several-countries>

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²⁶⁵⁸ BNDES to finance up to R\$ 54bn in infrastructure by 2019, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 5 January 2018. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2018/01/bndes-to-finance-up-to-r-54bn-in-infrastructure-by-2019>

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On 23 February 2018, Brazil participated in the first session of intergovernmental negotiations on the draft Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration held in New York.²⁶⁶⁰ Brazil emphasized that the principle of non-criminalization of migration needed to be a guiding concept in the elaboration of the Compact.²⁶⁶¹ It also held the view that it is necessary to broaden the options to legalize the status of illegal immigrants.²⁶⁶²

On 18 March 2018, Brazil hosted the 8th World Water Forum with the goal of enhancing dialogue of the decision making process on water at the global level.²⁶⁶³ The purpose of this forum is to move towards implementation, bridging the platform of science and technology to water issues and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.²⁶⁶⁴ In anticipation for this event, the Regional Government of Bahia signed a letter of compromise titled “Pact for Water Security in the State of Bahia.”²⁶⁶⁵

Brazil has undertaken concrete efforts at the national level to advance the Sustainable Development Goals, through actions including social welfare programs, improvement of old legislation, and infrastructure investment. Brazil has also taken concrete actions at the international level through collaborative programs to mutually commit to achieving the 2030 Agenda, especially through South-South cooperation and trade with other developing economies.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sofia Kavlin

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 1 November 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs Chrystia Freeland announced Canada’s National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security.²⁶⁶⁶ The plan, set to be implemented over the next five years, aims to address social, economic, and political gender inequalities against women and is a part of Canada’s ‘feminist foreign policy’ platform.^{2667,2668} The plan, amongst other goals, will invest

²⁶⁶⁰ Governments Hold First Negotiation on Migration Compact, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/governments-hold-first-negotiations-on-migration-compact/>

²⁶⁶¹ Governments Hold First Negotiation on Migration Compact, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/governments-hold-first-negotiations-on-migration-compact/>

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²⁶⁶³ Towards Brasília gathers 550 people in Salvador, World Water Council (Marseille) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.worldwaterforum8.org/node/764>.

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²⁶⁶⁶ Freeland Unveils Government’s 5-year Women, Peace, and Security Plan, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Toronto) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-women-peacekeeping-mission-1.4381373>

²⁶⁶⁷ Freeland Unveils Government’s 5-year Women, Peace, and Security Plan, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-women-peacekeeping-mission-1.4381373>

CAD450 million in the United Nations Women, Peace, and Security Agenda projects, CAD150 million to support local women's organizations and movements that fight against gender inequality, and CAD650 million into global efforts for women's sexual and reproductive health and rights.²⁶⁶⁹ By 2022, the plan aims to ensure that 95 per cent of Global Affairs Canada's investments will "specifically target or integrate gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls."²⁶⁷⁰

On 16 November 2017, Canada and the United Kingdom jointly announced the formation of the Global Alliance to Power Past Coal.^{2671,2672} The Alliance aims to phase out traditional forms of coal power in favor of new, clean power, to implement policies that will help in doing so, and to cut funding from policies and regulations that promote coal as a source of power.²⁶⁷³ By November 2018, the Alliance aims to have 50 partners in total.²⁶⁷⁴

On 20 November 2017, Minister of Natural Resources James Carr announced the Clean Growth Project (CGP), which will provide CAD155 million in funding towards projects and research for "clean technology projects in the areas of energy, mining, and forestry."²⁶⁷⁵ CGP aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimize waste, reduce water waste, maintain the safety of water ecosystems, and increase natural energy production.²⁶⁷⁶

On 20 November 2017, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna and Rwanda's Minister of Environment Vincent Biruta signed a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding

²⁶⁶⁸ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/national_action_plan_wps-plan_national_action_fps.aspx?lang=eng

²⁶⁶⁹ Canada's National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. http://international.gc.ca/world-monde/issues_development-enjeux_developpement/gender_equality-egalite_sexes/national_action_plan_wps-plan_national_action_fps.aspx?lang=eng

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²⁶⁷¹ Canada-U.K. Alliance Hopes to Combat Climate Change by Phasing Out Coal, The Toronto Star (Toronto) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2017/11/16/canada-uk-alliance-hopes-to-combat-climate-change-by-phasing-out-coal.html>

²⁶⁷² Powering Past Coal Alliance Declaration, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2016. <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/canada-international-action/coal-phase-out/alliance-declaration.html>

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²⁶⁷⁵ New \$155-Million Clean Growth Program Launched to Address Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/new_155-million_cleangrowthprogramlaunchedtoaddressclimatechange.html

²⁶⁷⁶ New \$155-Million Clean Growth Program Launched to Address Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2017/11/new_155-million_cleangrowthprogramlaunchedtoaddressclimatechange.html

pledging to cooperate on environmental issues.²⁶⁷⁷ The two countries pledged to work together on “climate change, the green economy, environmental compliance and enforcement, [and] sustainable urban wetland management,” amongst other environmental commitments.²⁶⁷⁸ Furthermore, the Memorandum of Understanding also includes a commitment to promoting gender equality and the rights of Indigenous peoples, as well as innovative growth.²⁶⁷⁹

On 22 November 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Canada’s new National Housing Strategy.²⁶⁸⁰ The strategy, which aims to “strengthen the middle class, promote sustainable growth for Canadians, and lift more Canadians out of poverty,” will provide CAD15.9 billion in funding to repair up to 240,000 community homes and develop up to 60,000 new homes.²⁶⁸¹ The strategy also aims to cut homelessness by up to 50 per cent.²⁶⁸²

On 27 November 2017, Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Canada announced that it would be creating 10,000 paid student internships by 2021.²⁶⁸³ The government will be investing CAD221 million to create these positions.²⁶⁸⁴ The paid internships are intended to prepare students and graduates for jobs in the middle-class workforce and growing the economy.²⁶⁸⁵

On 17 January 2018, Minister Carr announced that the Government of Canada would invest CAD6.45 million into six forestry projects in the province of British Columbia.²⁶⁸⁶ The funding will

²⁶⁷⁷ Canada and Rwanda Agree to Cooperate on Environmental Protection and Climate Change, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 20 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2017/11/canada_and_rwandaagreeetocooperateonenvironmentalprotectionandcli.html

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²⁶⁸⁰ Liberals Detail \$40B for 10-Year National Housing Strategy, Introducing Canada Housing Benefit, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/housing-national-benefit-1.4413615>

²⁶⁸¹ BACKGROUNDER: Canada’s National Housing Strategy, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2017/11/backgrounder_canadasnationalhousingstrategy.html

²⁶⁸² Liberals Detail \$40B for 10-Year National Housing Strategy, Introducing Canada Housing Benefit, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (Ottawa) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/housing-national-benefit-1.4413615>

²⁶⁸³ Federal Government Creates 10,000 Paid Internships for Canadian Students and Recent Graduates, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/11/federal_governmentcreates10000paidinternshipsforcanadianstudents.html

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²⁶⁸⁶ Government of Canada Takes Action to Support Innovation in British Columbia’s Forest Sector, Sustain Middle-class Jobs for Canadians, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 20 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/natural-resources-canada/news/2018/01/government_of_canadatakesactiontosupportinnovationinbritishcolum.html

help develop innovation in the forestry sector.²⁶⁸⁷ It will also help to “combat the effects of climate change, create new markets for Canadian forest companies and sustain good, middle-class jobs for Canadians.”²⁶⁸⁸

On 18 January 2018, Minister of Innovation, Science, and Economic Development Navdeep Bains and Minister McKenna announced that the Canadian government will divert CAD700 million over five years to the Business Development Bank of Canada to aid in the innovation of clean technology.²⁶⁸⁹ This initiative aims “to grow Canada’s clean technology industry, protect the environment, and create jobs.”²⁶⁹⁰

On 18 January 2018, Minister Bains and Minister Carr announced the launch of the Clean Growth Hub, which “will focus on supporting companies and projects that produce clean technology, as well as coordinate existing programs and track results.”²⁶⁹¹

On 24 January 2018, Minister of International Development Marie-Claude Bibeau announced that the Government of Canada will invest CAD1.2 million in Dundee Sustainable Technologies, in order to aid the development of cleaner mining practices.²⁶⁹² The funding will go towards the formation of a process that will separate toxic by-products from mining.²⁶⁹³

Through investment in clean energy, gender equality, and economic reforms, as well as cooperation with international agencies and developing countries, Canada has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

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²⁶⁸⁷ Government of Canada Takes Action to Support Innovation in British Columbia’s Forest Sector, Sustain Middle-class Jobs for Canadians, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 20 January 2018.

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²⁶⁸⁹ Government of Canada Investing in Clean Technology, Business Development Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.bdc.ca/en/about/mediaroom/news_releases/pages/government-canada-investing-clean-technology.aspx

²⁶⁹⁰ Government of Canada Investing in Clean Technology, Business Development Bank of Canada (Ottawa) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. https://www.bdc.ca/en/about/mediaroom/news_releases/pages/government-canada-investing-clean-technology.aspx

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China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 20 July 2017, the State Council Information Office published the National Nutrition Plan, which outlines detailed goals towards the general improvement of national health and nutritional status with a time frame of 2017 to 2030.²⁶⁹⁴ Under the plan, China pledges to decrease anemia rates among children under five years old to 12 per cent.²⁶⁹⁵ The plan also encourages the national agricultural sector to develop organic, green, and pollution-free food, while decreasing the use of oil, salt and sugar in processed foods.²⁶⁹⁶ Furthermore, China pledges to promote research on nutrition legislation and policy-making to ensure the plan's effective execution.²⁶⁹⁷

On 24 August 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published an annual report on the progress of the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.²⁶⁹⁸ On international cooperation, China achieved results with its contribution of 5,000 personnel of technical, medical, and other foreign aid experts in developmental projects abroad, benefiting 156 countries.²⁶⁹⁹ China pledged to continue to provide “assistance to the best of its ability within the framework of South-South Cooperation, and support them in its efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda and achieve common development.”²⁷⁰⁰

On 28 August 2017, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a letter of intent in cooperation with Ministry of Science of Technology of China.²⁷⁰¹ In the agreement, UNDP promised to assist China's sustainable development commitment, enabling China to continue its building of 10 national demonstration zones to reduce poverty and improve health, education, and

²⁶⁹⁴ 国新办举行《国民营养计划（2017-2030年）》发布会, Xin Hua News (Beijing) 20 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-07/20/content_5211867.htm

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²⁶⁹⁷ China Issues National Nutrition Plan(2017-2030) The State Council, The People's Republic of China July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/xinwen/2017-07/20/content_5211867.htm

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²⁷⁰¹ 科技部与联合国开发计划署签署关于建设国家发展议程创新示范区的合作意向书 Ministry of Science and Technology, The People's Republic of China 28 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.most.gov.cn/kjbgz/201708/t20170828_134624.htm

environmental protection.²⁷⁰² China will seek operable policies and experiences that could be implemented through tests in demonstration zones.²⁷⁰³

On 4 September 2017, the Chinese delegation at the 9th BRICS Summit signed four multilateral documents to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.²⁷⁰⁴ The documents were the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁷⁰⁵

On 22 September 2017, the National Development and Reform Commission released a report on China's progress on promoting the use of sustainable energy sources.²⁷⁰⁶ From January 2017 to August 2017, the total investment towards hydropower, nuclear power, and wind power accounted for 71 per cent of the annual national total investment on electricity.²⁷⁰⁷ Compared to the same period of 2016, the investment increased by 3.4 per cent.²⁷⁰⁸

On 23 October 2017, the 19th National Congress laid out China's plan to transform its economy from rapid growth to "high-quality development," meaning that the Chinese government is seeking to switch its priority from economic growth to sustainable development.²⁷⁰⁹ China committed to strengthening regulations and monitoring "ecological protection and environmental governance," in order to improve China's environmental conditions and contribute reducing the impacts of climate change.²⁷¹⁰

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²⁷⁰³ 国务院关于引发中国落实 2030 年可持续发展议程创新示范区建设方案的通知 State Council, The People's Republic of China 3 December 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2016-12/13/content_5147412.htm

²⁷⁰⁴ Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

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On 16 November 2017, Premier Li Keqiang announced at the 12th East Asia Summit that China will hold forums on clean and new energy in the near future.²⁷¹¹ Furthermore, China will initiate talks to address the issue of plastic microbeads in the oceans, looking for answers in international collaboration.²⁷¹²

On 22 November 2017, China donated USD2 million to the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) for children in Somalia affected by drought.²⁷¹³ Approximately 15,000 children will benefit from China's donation.²⁷¹⁴ China's contributions to Somalia in 2017 also included 2,800 tons of food as humanitarian aid, as well as USD1 million to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), directed towards aiding internal migrants and refugees in Somalia.²⁷¹⁵

On 1 January 2018, China introduced an environment tax plan for pollution control.²⁷¹⁶ The plan would see taxes collected for pollution on a national level based on established rules.²⁷¹⁷ Besides the establishment of national environmental taxation, China already provides detailed rules on the minimum taxation on each type of pollution.²⁷¹⁸

On 26 January 2018, during the 48th World Economic Forum leaders from Alphabet, the Coca-Cola Company, Royal Philips, and Unilever announced the formation of the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy (PACE) in partnership with the Governments of China, Indonesia, Rwanda, and Nigeria, to tackle plastic and electronics waste.²⁷¹⁹ PACE aims to go beyond the 9 per cent of waste that is currently cycled back into the economy by tackling plastics pollution and electronic waste.²⁷²⁰

On 13 February 2018, the State Council ratified the designation of Shenzhen as a demonstration zone for the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.²⁷²¹ China will explore policies and systems

²⁷¹¹ 李克强在第十二届东亚峰会上的讲话（全文） Xin Hua News 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://news.xinhuanet.com/world/2017-11/15/c_1121956535.htm

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²⁷¹⁹ WEF Launches Partnerships on Circular Economy, Oceans, Skills Development (Winnipeg) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/wef-launches-partnerships-on-circular-economy-oceans-skills-development/>

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²⁷²¹ 国务院关于同意深圳市建设国家可持续发展议程创新示范区的批复 The People's Republic of China. 13 February. Access Date: 7 March 2018. http://www.gov.cn/zhengce/content/2018-02/24/content_5268412.htm

focusing on environmental recovery, sewage treatment, and comprehensive utilization of waste to identify the most effective policies in each area.²⁷²²

Through investment in sustainable development projects and innovation, as well as international cooperation and aid provided to developing countries, China has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 30 June 2017, the Agence du développement française began its project in India to assist the local government in increasing renewable energy resources.²⁷²³ The objective is to take advantage of India's large hydropower potential.²⁷²⁴ EUR100 million has been committed to this project, and it is expected to be finished by 30 June 2018.²⁷²⁵

On 6 July 2017, Minister for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition Nicolas Hulot presented the Climate Plan.²⁷²⁶ Drawn up at the request of the president and prime minister, the Plan calls on all government departments across the board to step up the pace of the energy and climate transition and of the Paris Agreement's implementation, throughout the five-year term.²⁷²⁷ The plan also includes the following these goals: 1) developing and subsidizing accessible clean transportation, 2) achieving 100 per cent plastic recycling by 2025, 3) generating carbon-free electricity and eliminating fossil fuel production by 2040, 4) halting imports on products that contribute to deforestation, 5) supporting non-governmental climate advocates, and 6) assist developing countries in the fight against climate change.²⁷²⁸

On 4 September 2017, the Ministry of Education stated that the education system in France has recently started to go through several changes implemented after President Emmanuel Macron came into office.²⁷²⁹ One of many changes was the introduction of smaller class sizes at the younger ages of schooling, which, according to studies done, has shown children are more likely to become

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²⁷²³ Developing Hydropower in Himachal Pradesh, French Development Agency (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://www.afd.fr/en>

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²⁷²⁶ Climate Plan, Government of France (Paris) 6 July 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/climate-plan>

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²⁷²⁸ France plans to end oil and gas production by 2040, Reuters (Paris) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 23 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-hydrocarbons/france-plans-to-end-oil-and-gas-production-by-2040-idUSKCN1BH1AQ>

²⁷²⁹ France Goes Back to School as Reforms Get Underway, The Local (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20170904/france-goes-back-to-school-as-reforms-get-underway>

encouraged to do well in school from the one-on-one interactions they do with their teachers.²⁷³⁰ Primary schools across the country have also lowered the amount of days children are in school for, from 4.5 days to four.²⁷³¹

On 27 October 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food published a press release on its latest actions demonstrating its interest in the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.²⁷³² The release discussed the Ministry's call for projects, announced in September 2017, with a budget of EUR300,000 to increase and conserve genetic diversity in agricultural plants.²⁷³³

On 14 November 2017, President Macron outlined a plan to reduce poverty and unemployment in France's poorest cities, by implementing a revised version of a failed employment plan implemented by prior administrations.²⁷³⁴ The revised plan removes certain application restrictions that previously made it more difficult for impoverished citizens to take part in the plan.²⁷³⁵

On 20 December 2017, Parliament passed a law to end the production of fossil fuels in France by 2040.²⁷³⁶ The law reiterates President Macron's earlier commitment to shift to an exclusively green energy sector by 2040.²⁷³⁷

On 24 January 2018, the Public Treasury launched the first French sovereign green bond with a maturity of 22 years.²⁷³⁸ The Green Obligations Assimilables du Trésor (OAT) was issued at EUR7 billion, and is the largest and longest-dated green bond ever issued.²⁷³⁹ In keeping with the commitments that France made for the implementation of the Paris Agreement under the terms of the Energy Transition and Green Growth Act, France's Green OAT will fund central government

²⁷³⁰ France Goes Back to School as Reforms Get Underway, The Local (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20170904/france-goes-back-to-school-as-reforms-get-underway>

²⁷³¹ France Goes Back to School as Reforms Get Underway, The Local (Paris) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 5 November 2017. <https://www.thelocal.fr/20170904/france-goes-back-to-school-as-reforms-get-underway>

²⁷³² France takes action to preserve cultivated biodiversity, Government of France (Paris) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/france-takes-action-to-preserve-cultivated-biodiversity>

²⁷³³ France takes action to preserve cultivated biodiversity, Government of France (Paris) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/france-takes-action-to-preserve-cultivated-biodiversity>

²⁷³⁴ Macron in poorest French cities, fights 'president of the rich' tag, Radio France Internationale (Paris) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://en.rfi.fr/france/20171114-macron-visits-france-s-poorest-cities-fights-president-rich-label>

²⁷³⁵ Macron in poorest French cities, fights 'president of the rich' tag, Radio France Internationale (Paris) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://en.rfi.fr/france/20171114-macron-visits-france-s-poorest-cities-fights-president-rich-label>

²⁷³⁶ France bans fracking and oil extraction in all of its territories, The Guardian (Paris) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2017/dec/20/france-bans-fracking-and-oil-extraction-in-all-of-its-territories>

²⁷³⁷ France plans to end oil and gas production by 2040, Reuters (Paris) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 23 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-france-hydrocarbons/france-plans-to-end-oil-and-gas-production-by-2040-idUSKCN1BH1AQ>

²⁷³⁸ The Green OAT Evaluation Council, Agence France Trésor (Paris) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.aft.gouv.fr/articles/the-membership-of-the-green-oat-evaluation-council-is-announced-and-the-council-holds-its-first-meeting_13107.html

²⁷³⁹ The Green OAT Evaluation Council, Agence France Trésor (Paris) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.aft.gouv.fr/articles/the-membership-of-the-green-oat-evaluation-council-is-announced-and-the-council-holds-its-first-meeting_13107.html

budget expenditure and expenditure under the “Invest for the Future” programme to fight climate change, adapt to climate change, protect biodiversity and fight pollution.²⁷⁴⁰

Through transformative efforts in education, food security and sustainability, protection of biodiversity and investing resourcing into developing countries, France has committed to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals both domestically and internationally.

Thus, France receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sila Naz Elgin

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 24 July 2017, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture committed EUR537,000 to improve the sustainability of German agriculture, by expanding the availability of pesticides for small crops and agriculture.²⁷⁴¹

On 8 August 2017, the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture published a brochure to educate the agricultural and forestry sectors in the best practices for the prevention and settlement of infrastructure damage due to extreme weather.²⁷⁴²

On 11 September 2017, Minister of Development Gerd Müller signed an agreement with the Weihenstephan-Triesdorf University of Applied Sciences to train 25 African students in post-graduate agricultural programs on sustainable farming techniques.²⁷⁴³

On 21 September 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR1.8 million in funding to assist Bangladesh in infrastructure and agricultural reconstruction after an unusually strong monsoon.²⁷⁴⁴

On 27 September 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation committed USD19 million to assist the Dominican Republic rebuild resilient infrastructure in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.²⁷⁴⁵

²⁷⁴⁰ The Green OAT Evaluation Council, Agence France Trésor (Paris) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.aft.gouv.fr/articles/the-membership-of-the-green-oat-evaluation-council-is-announced-and-the-council-holds-its-first-meeting_13107.html

²⁷⁴¹ Bundeslandwirtschaftsministerium verlängert Förderung des Lückenindikations-Vorhabens, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/064-Lueckenindikationsvorhaben.html>.

²⁷⁴² Schmidt: "Forschung, Prävention und Hilfe - damit Schäden durch Extremwetterereignisse bestenfalls vermieden werden und Hilfe bereitsteht, wenn Schäden auftreten", Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 8 August 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/067-BroschuereExtremwetterlagen.html>.

²⁷⁴³ German know-how for Africa's agriculture, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 11 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. https://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/september/170911_pm_098_German-know-how-for-Africas-agriculture/index.html.

²⁷⁴⁴ Reconstruction after heavy monsoon rainfall in Bangladesh, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/september/170921_pm_103_Reconstruction-after-heavy-monsoon-rainfall-in-Bangladesh/index.html.

On 5 October 2017, the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development signed a joint declaration with the Union for the Mediterranean, committing EUR2 million to develop employment opportunities for young women and men in the Mediterranean region.²⁷⁴⁶

On 10 October 2017, Minister Müller signed agreements with Egyptian Investment Minister Sahar Nasr committing EUR320 million to assist Egyptian employment, energy, and education projects.²⁷⁴⁷

On 15 October 2017, Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid Bärbel Kofler reiterated Germany's commitment to continue fighting global hunger and pointed to EUR633 million spent by Germany in 2017 so far.²⁷⁴⁸

On 18 October 2017, Minister Müller announced to the World Health Summit of the African Association of German Industry that Germany will continue to support improvements in African health care, including through 51 German hospital partnerships in Africa established in the past year.²⁷⁴⁹

On 1 November 2017, Minister of the Economy and Energy Brigitte Zypries committed EUR5.2 million to the construction of the "Mittelstand 4.0 Competence Center for Planning and Building," one of twenty such centers designed to support medium-sized businesses in digital innovation.²⁷⁵⁰

On 3 November 2017, the Ministry Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development committed to assisting Ethiopia in increasing employment through vocational training, and in becoming resistant to drought through resilient infrastructure and agricultural practices.²⁷⁵¹

On 6 November 2017, Minister for the Environment Barbara Hendricks opened the 23rd World Climate Conference in Bonn and recommitted to the Paris Agreement and its 1.5 °C global warming

²⁷⁴⁵ Verwüstete Karibikinsel Dominica erhält Soforthilfe von Klimarisikoversicherung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/september/170927_pm_104_Hurrikan-Maria-Dominica-erhaelt-Soforthilfe-von-Klimarisikoversicherung/index.jsp.

²⁷⁴⁶ Germany and UfM join forces to tackle unemployment and promote trade in the Mediterranean, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/oktober/171005_pm_105_Germany-and-UfM-join-forces-to-tackle-unemployment-and-promote-trade-in-the-Mediterranean/index.html.

²⁷⁴⁷ Egypt, Germany sign deals worth 320 million euros to support Cairo's economic reforms, Ahram Online (Cairo) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContent/3/12/278571/Business/Economy/Egypt,-Germany-sign-deals-worth--million-euros-to-.aspx>.

²⁷⁴⁸ Welternährungstag am 16.10.17, Federal Foreign Office (Berlin) 15 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/DE/Infoservice/Presse/Meldungen/2017/171015_MRHH_Kofler_Welternaehrungstag.html.

²⁷⁴⁹ Ausbildung für eine bessere Gesundheitsversorgung in Afrika, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/oktober/171018_Ausbildung_fuer_eine_bessere_Gesundheit_sversorgung_in_Afrika/index.jsp.

²⁷⁵⁰ Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrum Planen und Bauen heute gestartet, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171101-mittelstand-40-kompetenzzentrum-planen-und-bauen-heute-gestartet.html>.

²⁷⁵¹ Stabilisierung durch Beschäftigung und Widerstandsfähigkeit gegen Dürre, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. http://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171103_Aethiopien-Stabilisierung-durch-Beschaeftigung-und-Widerstandsfaehigkeit-gegen-Duerre/index.jsp.

target.²⁷⁵² Minister Hendricks also committed EUR50 million in funding for the Adaptation Fund.²⁷⁵³ The Adaptation Fund assists developing countries in financing climate adaptation and resilience projects.²⁷⁵⁴

On 6 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR50 million in funding for the Least Developed Countries Fund.²⁷⁵⁵ The Least Developed Countries Fund assists developing countries vulnerable to climate change fund resilience projects.²⁷⁵⁶

On 10 November 2017, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Minister of Food and Agriculture Peter Bleser committed EUR500,000 to facilitate international cooperation in the adaptation to, and mitigation of, climate change in the agricultural sector.²⁷⁵⁷

On 14 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR31 million to the Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership.²⁷⁵⁸ The Nationally Determined Contributions Partnership provides financial support for developing countries in meeting the targets of the Paris Agreement.²⁷⁵⁹

On 15 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR12 million to the Blue Action Fund.²⁷⁶⁰ The Blue Action Fund is a German governmental organization which works to protect oceans and coastlines in developing countries through financial assistance to national and international non-governmental organizations.²⁷⁶¹

²⁷⁵² Eröffnungsrede zur 23. Weltklimakonferenz, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (Bonn) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017.

<https://www.bmub.bund.de/rede/eroeffnungsrede-zur-23-weltklimakonferenz/>.

²⁷⁵³ UN Climate Change Conference begins: Germany supports developing countries in climate change adaptation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171106_pm_118_UN-Climate-Change-Conference-begins-Germany-supports-developing-countries-in-climate-change-adaptation/index.html.

²⁷⁵⁴ About the Adaptation Fund, Adaptation Fund (Washington D.C.). Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.adaptation-fund.org/about/>.

²⁷⁵⁵ UN Climate Change Conference begins: Germany supports developing countries in climate change adaptation, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171106_pm_118_UN-Climate-Change-Conference-begins-Germany-supports-developing-countries-in-climate-change-adaptation/index.html.

²⁷⁵⁶ Least Developed Countries Fund — LDCF, Global Environment Facility (Washington D.C.). Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.thegef.org/about/organization>.

²⁷⁵⁷ Klimaschutz und Ernährungssicherung in fairen Ausgleich bringen, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bonn) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017.

<https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/100-FoerderungWissensplattform.html>.

²⁷⁵⁸ One year of the NDC Partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171114_pm_123_One-year-of-the-NDC-Partnership-new-members-and-more-funds-for-climate-action-at-COP23/index.html.

²⁷⁵⁹ One year of the NDC Partnership, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

http://www.bmz.de/en/press/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171114_pm_123_One-year-of-the-NDC-Partnership-new-members-and-more-funds-for-climate-action-at-COP23/index.html.

²⁷⁶⁰ Deutschland setzt sich für besseren Schutz der Ozeane ein, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017.

https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171115_pm_125_Deutschland-setzt-sich-fuer-besseren-Schutz-der-Ozeane-ein/index.jsp.

²⁷⁶¹ About, Blue Action Fund (Frankfurt am Main) Access Date: 31 December 2017.

<http://www.blueactionfund.org/about/>.

On 23 November 2017, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development committed EUR10 million to fighting violence against women and girls in the countries of South Africa, Lesotho, and Zambia.²⁷⁶²

On 25 November 2017, Minister Müller committed EUR45 million to assist developing countries train technicians in sustainable refrigeration, so as to reach their ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbon reduction targets under the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances.²⁷⁶³

On 28 November 2017, Germany committed EUR300 thousand to the International Criminal Court Trust Fund for victims, an organization dedicated to assisting victims of war crimes and crimes against humanity.²⁷⁶⁴ This act demonstrates Germany's commitment to global access to justice.²⁷⁶⁵

On 12 December 2017, Permanent State Secretary of the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Dr. Friedrich Kitschelt committed EUR100 million to assist Ghana in the creation of private-sector employment and renewable energy production.²⁷⁶⁶

On 13 December 2017, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development opened a migration advisory center in Accra, Ghana and committed EUR5 million to the project.²⁷⁶⁷ Migration advisory centers work to create economic opportunities, discourage illegal migration, and assist economic reintegration of returnees.²⁷⁶⁸

²⁷⁶² Maria Furtwängler und Gerd Müller: Gewalt gegen Frauen und Mädchen verhindern, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171123_pm_127_Maria-Furtwaengler-und-Gerd-Mueller-Gewalt-gegen-Frauen-und-Maedchen-verhindern/index.jsp.

²⁷⁶³ Bundesregierung baut Unterstützung von Klima- und Ozonschutz in Entwicklungsländern aus, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/november/171125_pm_128_Bundesregierung-baut-Unterstuetzung-von-Entwicklungslaendern-zum-Klima-und-Ozonschutz-aus/index.jsp.

²⁷⁶⁴ Germany contributes €300,000 to the Trust Fund for Victims, The Trust Fund for Victims (The Hague) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://trustfundforvictims.org/en/news/germany-contributes-%E2%82%AC300000-trust-fund-victims>

²⁷⁶⁵ Germany contributes €300,000 to the Trust Fund for Victims, The Trust Fund for Victims (The Hague) 28 November 2017. Access Date: 23 January 2018. <https://trustfundforvictims.org/en/news/germany-contributes-%E2%82%AC300000-trust-fund-victims>

²⁷⁶⁶ Bei den energiebedingten CO₂-Emissionen rechnet die AG Energiebilanzen mit einer stagnierenden Entwicklung, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/dezember/171212_pm_132_Staatssekretaer-Kitschelt-gibt-Startschuss-fuer-die-Reformpartnerschaft-mit-Ghana/index.jsp.

²⁷⁶⁷ Deutschland und Ghana eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Accra, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/dezember/171213_pm_134_Deutschland-und-Ghana-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Accra/index.jsp.

²⁷⁶⁸ Deutschland und Ghana eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Accra, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 31 December 2017. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2017/dezember/171213_pm_134_Deutschland-und-Ghana-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Accra/index.jsp.

On 23 January 2018, the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development opened a migration advisory center in Dakar, Senegal and committed EUR5.6 million to the project.²⁷⁶⁹

On 7 February 2018, the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy committed EUR4.4 million for the construction of a “Mittelstand 4.0 Competence center” in Siegen.²⁷⁷⁰ The center is designed to assist small and medium sized enterprises in South Westphalia digitalize.²⁷⁷¹

Through international investments in the fields of agricultural innovation, economic development, combating climate change, disaster preparedness, and gender equality, among others, and through increasing renewable energy production, economic growth, and agricultural innovation, Germany has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sterling Mancuso

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 17 July 2017, India launched its first solar-powered diesel-electric multiple unit train as part of its initiative to replace diesel with solar panels in powering train systems and components such as air conditioning and lights.²⁷⁷² The trains are estimated to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by nine tonnes per coach each year.²⁷⁷³

On 4 September 2017, the Indian delegation to BRICS signed four multilateral documents at the 9th BRICS Summit to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.²⁷⁷⁴ The documents signed include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the

²⁷⁶⁹ Deutschland und Senegal eröffnen Migrationsberatungszentrum in Dakar, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bonn) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. https://www.bmz.de/de/presse/aktuelleMeldungen/2018/januar/180123_pm_004_Deutschland-und-Senegal-eroeffnen-Migrationsberatungszentrum-in-Dakar/index.jsp.

²⁷⁷⁰ Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär Wiese eröffnet Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrum Siegen, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin), 7 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180207-parlamentarischer-staatssekretaer-wiese-eroeffnet-mittelstand-4-0-kompetenzzentrum-siegen.html>.

²⁷⁷¹ Parlamentarischer Staatssekretär Wiese eröffnet Mittelstand 4.0-Kompetenzzentrum Siegen, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin), 7 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Pressemitteilungen/2018/20180207-parlamentarischer-staatssekretaer-wiese-eroeffnet-mittelstand-4-0-kompetenzzentrum-siegen.html>.

²⁷⁷² Renewable Energy Projects in India, Europe Seek to Accelerate Low-carbon Energy Transition, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 7 November 2017.

²⁷⁷³ Renewable Energy Projects in India, Europe Seek to Accelerate Low-carbon Energy Transition, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 25 July 2017. Access Date: 7 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/renewable-energy-projects-in-india-europe-seek-to-accelerate-low-carbon-energy-transition/>

²⁷⁷⁴ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁷⁷⁵

On 6 October 2017, India and the European Union issued a joint statement on clean energy, pledging to strengthen bilateral cooperation in the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.²⁷⁷⁶ This coalition targets a range of issues, including increased energy efficiency, the integration of renewable energy in the electricity system, and the deployment of offshore wind with an aim to develop an electricity system which can integrate renewable energy.²⁷⁷⁷

On 30 October 2017, India signed six agreements to increase trade with Italy.²⁷⁷⁸ Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Italian Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni to discuss the trade deals to improve cooperation in sectors such as energy and anti-terrorism.²⁷⁷⁹ Both sides expressed interest in cooperating in the science and technology sectors, along with other ongoing trade initiatives.²⁷⁸⁰

On 6 November 2017, during the 2017 Pledging Conference for Development Activities, India announced a multi-year contribution of USD100 million to the India-United Nations Development Partnership Fund to help developing countries increase the quality of life and diminish poverty.²⁷⁸¹ The fund, launched on 8 June 2017, is managed by the UN Office of South-South Cooperation.²⁷⁸² It focuses on the developing countries and small island states.²⁷⁸³ This contribution comes in addition to the USD10 million that India is contributing to other UN programs in areas of development and food security.²⁷⁸⁴

²⁷⁷⁵ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

²⁷⁷⁶ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

²⁷⁷⁷ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

²⁷⁷⁸ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

²⁷⁷⁹ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

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²⁷⁸¹ India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmojf.html>

²⁷⁸² India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmojf.html>

²⁷⁸³ India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmojf.html>

²⁷⁸⁴ India To Contribute \$100 Million To UN Development Fund, Hindustan Times (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india-to-contribute-100-million-to-un-development-fund/story-PnSCIRfKjzn1h8MeKgmojf.html>

On 10 November 2017, the Cabinet agreed on the restructuring of the National Rural Drinking Water Programme and approved the provision of INR230 billion to the programme until 2019-2020.²⁷⁸⁵ The updated programme will cover all the rural population across the country and be more flexible, result-oriented, and competitive, enabling the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation to reach the goal of increasing the coverage of sustainable piped water supply.²⁷⁸⁶

On 27 November 2017, during the Global South-South Development Expo in Turkey, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA) Fund released its latest report, highlighting current, completed and future projects.²⁷⁸⁷ In 2017, the IBSA Fund contributed USD33 million to 15 developing partner states in areas including poverty and hunger eradication, child and maternal health, and gender equality.²⁷⁸⁸ The fund also announced the inauguration of the cardiological wing of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Atta-Habib Medical Center, which is located in the Gaza Strip.²⁷⁸⁹ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.²⁷⁹⁰ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza's recovery plans.²⁷⁹¹ During the Expo, IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global south.²⁷⁹²

On 1 December 2017, India launched a National Strategic Plan 2017-24 to eradicate HIV/AIDS by 2030.²⁷⁹³ India is particularly committed to fighting AIDS as a public health threat by 2030, in line with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).²⁷⁹⁴ The Indian government's current focus is preventing the transmission of HIV and syphilis from mother to child.²⁷⁹⁵

²⁷⁸⁵ Nod for rural water plan revamp, The Times of India (New Delhi) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/nod-for-rural-water-plan-revamp/articleshow/61601959.cms>

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²⁷⁸⁷ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6dnFPY>

²⁷⁸⁸ UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-buqyoV0jpSMDZsNEhNR2YxS2s/view>

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²⁷⁹³ India's commitment to 'Ending the AIDS' epidemic, The Pharma Letter (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 16 December 20. <https://www.thepharmaletter.com/article/india-s-commitment-to-ending-the-aids-epidemic>

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²⁷⁹⁵ India's commitment to 'Ending the AIDS' epidemic, The Pharma Letter (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 16 December 20. <https://www.thepharmaletter.com/article/india-s-commitment-to-ending-the-aids-epidemic>

On 15-16 January 2018, the International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure took place in New Delhi, India.²⁷⁹⁶ The workshop is a collaborative effort between the National Disaster Management Authority and the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.²⁷⁹⁷ During the workshop, Minister of Home Rajnath Singh expressed India's desire to lead a global coalition on reducing damage to critical infrastructure.²⁷⁹⁸ India is currently investing trillions of dollars to meet the SDGs by 2030, when a projected 40 per cent of the population will be living in cities.²⁷⁹⁹

On 1 February 2018, Minister of Finance Arun Jaitley released the national budget, which allocates INR12 billion to implement a health protection scheme targeted at 100 million poor and vulnerable families.²⁸⁰⁰ The program offers reimbursements of up to INR500,000 per family per year for secondary and tertiary care for up to 500 million beneficiaries.²⁸⁰¹ However, the annual spending on children has decreased from previous years.²⁸⁰² Children are allocated to receive only 3.24 per cent of the financial resources of this year's budget, which is 0.08 per cent less than last year.²⁸⁰³

Through extensive investment and commitments to improving clean energy and quality of life, as well as international cooperation in helping developing countries, India has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nammal Khan

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 18 July 2017, during the High-Level Political Forum in New York, the Ministry of National Development Planning published a report in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF): the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia.²⁸⁰⁴ The report showcased Indonesia's progress in developing a sustainable future for

²⁷⁹⁶ India Workshop Addresses Infrastructure Resilience (Winnipeg) 13 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/india-workshop-addresses-infrastructure-resilience/>

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²⁸⁰⁰ India Says it will Fund the World's Largest National Health Programme, Quartz (New Delhi) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 24 February 2018. <https://qz.com/1195302/budget-2018-india-says-it-will-fund-the-worlds-largest-national-health-programme/>

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²⁸⁰² How the Union Budget Fails India's Children, News Click (New Delhi) 10 February 2018. Access Date: 24 February 2018. <https://newsclick.in/how-union-budget-fails-indias-children>

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²⁸⁰⁴ SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia, ReliefWeb (New York) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/indonesia/sdg-baseline-report-children-indonesia>

children, specifically through establishing a baseline to monitor the progress on key SDGs.²⁸⁰⁵ In its commitment to reduce child poverty and all forms of violence against children, the Indonesian government stated that “in 2018, several districts will introduce universal child grants for young children, [in] a new approach to provide social protection for children.”²⁸⁰⁶

On 19 July 2017, the National Board of Zakat, responsible for disbursing funds to the poor in Indonesia, agreed to extend its contribution to supporting the achievement of SDGs in Indonesia.²⁸⁰⁷ Through the collaboration with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) and the implementation of Islamic Finance, the Indonesian government can apply Zakat, a form of almsgiving, towards local SDG plans in underdeveloped communities.²⁸⁰⁸ The first contribution will be assisting the development of a micro hydropower plant in Sumatra island’s Jambi province.²⁸⁰⁹

On 1 July 2017, the Ministry of Health launched a mobile health initiative called Hibiscus, in an effort to increase access to health care to residents.²⁸¹⁰ Hibiscus “aims to deliver quality services, such as antenatal care, HIV testing, mammograms, immunization, blood pressure screenings and health education, directly to the more than 120,000 local residents.”²⁸¹¹

On 5-8 September 2017, the 48th Pacific Islands Forum leaders’ summit was held in Apia, Samoa.²⁸¹² At this summit, Indonesia restated its commitment to assisting the development of other Pacific island nations.²⁸¹³ Director of Technical Cooperation for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Syarif Alatas stated that Indonesia will renew its technical assistance to Samoa in the form of training, apprenticeships, and scholarships.²⁸¹⁴

²⁸⁰⁵ SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia, ReliefWeb (New York) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/indonesia/sdg-baseline-report-children-indonesia>

²⁸⁰⁶ SDG Baseline Report on Children in Indonesia, ReliefWeb (New York) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://reliefweb.int/report/indonesia/sdg-baseline-report-children-indonesia>

²⁸⁰⁷ Indonesia’s National Zakat Body extends first contribution to support SDGs, United Nations Development Programme (New York) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017. <http://www.id.undp.org/content/indonesia/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/07/19/indonesia-s-national-zakat-body-extends-first-contribution-to-support-sdgs.html>

²⁸⁰⁸ Financing for Development and 2030 Agenda, UNDP (New York) 17 November 2017. Date Access: 20 November 2017. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/news-centre/speeches/2017/financing-for-development-and-2030-agenda.html>

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²⁸¹⁰ Addressing inequalities on the road to ‘health for all’ in Indonesia, World Health Organization (New York). Access Date: 30 November 2017. <http://www.who.int/features/2017/addressing-inequalities-indonesia/en/>

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²⁸¹² Indonesia offers increased assistance to Samoa and Pacific, RNZ (Apia) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/339662/indonesia-offers-increased-assistance-to-samoa-and-pacific>

²⁸¹³ Indonesia offers increased assistance to Samoa and Pacific, RNZ (Apia) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/339662/indonesia-offers-increased-assistance-to-samoa-and-pacific>

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On 12 September 2017, President Joko Widodo called for an immediate end to the violence taking place in Myanmar's Rakhine state, and sent 34 tons of aid to Rohingya refugees to Bangladesh.²⁸¹⁵ The President noted that this was the first batch of aid resulting from discussions with the governments of Myanmar and Bangladesh.²⁸¹⁶

On 25 October 2017, Minister of National Development Planning Bambang Brodjonegoro announced the creation of a regulation to accommodate blended financing in support of SDG programs.²⁸¹⁷ Through the combined support from donor countries and the World Bank, blended financing will create low-cost infrastructure in Indonesia.²⁸¹⁸

In December 2017, the Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility (TLFF), launched in Jakarta in October 2016, "finalized its first investment to help reduce poverty while preserving the habitat of three critically endangered species."²⁸¹⁹ The project is designed to provide a sustainable environment with fair wages for 18,000 marginalized farmers in the provinces of Sumatra and Kalimantan.²⁸²⁰

In December 2017, in collaboration with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency, the Ministry of Industry implemented the Project of Small and Medium Industry Development Based on Improved Service Delivery.²⁸²¹ The project is being launched in five provinces: North Sumatra, Central Java, Central Sulawesi, East, and West Kalimantan.²⁸²² It is being supported by several sources including state budget availability or the synchronization of a deconcentrated budget.²⁸²³

In January 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced its planned establishment of Indonesian Aid, a single governmental agency for all of Indonesia's international aid programs, with an initial

²⁸¹⁵ The Latest: Indonesia sends 34 tons of aid for Rohingya, WTOP (Ukhiya) 12 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://wtop.com/asia/2017/09/the-latest-unhcr-says-370000-rohingya-now-in-bangladesh/>

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²⁸¹⁷ Indonesia to create regulation on blended financing, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/10/26/indonesia-to-create-regulation-on-blended-financing.html>

²⁸¹⁸ World Bank to offer blended financing for Indonesia, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 26 July 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/07/26/world-bank-to-offer-blended-financing-for-indonesia.html>

²⁸¹⁹ New financial mechanism helps people, environment in Indonesia, UN Environment (Nairobi) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/story/new-financial-mechanism-helps-people-environment-indonesia>

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²⁸²¹ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

²⁸²² Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

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budget of IDR1 trillion.²⁸²⁴ The agency aims to increase the coordination and synergies among Indonesia's aid programmes globally, mainly under the South-South and Triangular Cooperation framework.²⁸²⁵

In January 2018, Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno Marsudi led an Indonesian delegation of non-governmental organizations to the Rakhine state in Myanmar, delivering relief supplies such as food, cloth, and baby supplies.²⁸²⁶ The Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar also formed the Indonesian Humanitarian Alliance for Myanmar with the help of 14 aid organizations within Indonesia, pledging USD2 million in humanitarian aid.²⁸²⁷

On 26 January 2018, during the 48th World Economic Forum leaders from Alphabet, the Coca-Cola Company, Royal Philips, and Unilever announced the formation of the Platform for Accelerating the Circular Economy (PACE) in partnership with the governments of China, Indonesia, Rwanda, and Nigeria, to tackle plastic and electronics waste.²⁸²⁸ PACE aims to go beyond the 9 per cent of waste that is currently cycled back into the economy by tackling plastics pollution and electronic waste.²⁸²⁹

On 26 February 2018, TLFF announced its inaugural transaction of USD95 million to help finance a sustainable natural rubber plantation in two Indonesian provinces.²⁸³⁰ The planted areas will serve as a buffer zone to protect a threatened national park from encroachment.²⁸³¹ This transaction is the first corporate sustainability bond in Asia and the first sustainability bond in the Association of South East Asian Nations.²⁸³²

Indonesia has taken concrete actions at the domestic level, addressing issues of child security, health care and land and ocean protection, and has also participated in international collaborations for the

²⁸²⁴ RI sets up aid agency for int'l assistance, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 10 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/10/ri-sets-aid-agency-int-l-assistance.html>

²⁸²⁵ Indonesia to Establish Single Agency for International Aid, Jakarta Globe (Jakarta) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://jakartaglobe.id/news/indonesia-establish-single-agency-international-aid/>

²⁸²⁶ Indonesian aid to Rakhine State, Myanmar: Islamic humanitarianism, soft diplomacy, and the question of inclusive aid, Oxford Department of International Development 31 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/blog/indonesian-aid-rakhine-state-myanmar-islamic-humanitarianism-soft-diplomacy-and-question>

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²⁸²⁸ WEF Launches Partnerships on Circular Economy, Oceans, Skills Development (Winnipeg) 30 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/wef-launches-partnerships-on-circular-economy-oceans-skills-development/>

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²⁸³⁰ 1st Corporate Sustainability Bond in Asia Issued by TLFF for a Natural Rubber Company in Indonesia, Asia One (Singapore) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <http://www.asiaone.com/corporate-news-media-outreach/1st-corporate-sustainability-bond-in-asia-issued-by-tlff-for-a-natural>

²⁸³¹ Financing a natural rubber plantation in Indonesia, promoting sustainable development and green jobs, UN Environment Programme (Nairobi) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.unenvironment.org/news-and-stories/press-release/financing-natural-rubber-plantation-indonesia-promoting-sustainable>

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implementation of the SDGs. Indonesia has also taken actions in support of developing countries., providing humanitarian relief to its neighboring refugee crises and developmental aid to support South-South cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nammal Khan

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 28 September 2017, Gian Luca Galletti, Minister of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea opened an international water conference hosted in Milan with the theme of “Rules for Water, Rules for Life” and issued the “Declaration of Milan.”²⁸³³ This declaration was meant to call attention to human rights regarding access to water and sanitation, specifically mentioning the role of women in achieving these rights as a way to bring about gender equality.²⁸³⁴

On 23 October 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Angelino Alfano announced EUR7 million in humanitarian aid to the Rohingya conflict, primarily for food and healthcare distribution projects carried out by the United Nations and International Committee of the Red Cross.²⁸³⁵

On 30 October 2017, Italy signed six agreements to increase trade with India.²⁸³⁶ Prime Minister Paolo Gentiloni and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed trade deals aiming to improve cooperation in sectors such as energy and anti-terrorism.²⁸³⁷ Both sides expressed interest in cooperating in the science and technology sectors, along with other ongoing trade initiatives.²⁸³⁸

On 16 November 2017, the Government of Italy and UN Framework Convention on Climate Change signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to resolve issues surrounding climate

²⁸³³ Water Conference Focus on Gender, Food and Urban Resilience, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/water-conferences-focus-on-gender-food-and-urban-resilience/>

²⁸³⁴ Rules of Water, Rules for Life, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Paris) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/SC/pdf/MILAN_DECLARATION.pdf
http://www.unesco.org/new/en/media-services/single-view/news/rules_of_water_rules_for_life/

²⁸³⁵ Alfano: “Italy has pledged 7 million euros in humanitarian aid for the Rohingya people”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018.

https://www.esteri.it/mae/en/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/alfano-dall-italia-7-milioni-di.html

²⁸³⁶ India, Italy Sign Six Agreements; to Boost Cooperation in Railways, Energy Sectors, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/india-italy-sign-six-agreements/articleshow/61339621.cms>

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change.²⁸³⁹ Specifically, the MOU aims to help Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries, who are most likely to be threatened by climate change.²⁸⁴⁰ The MOU also launches the Capacity Award Programme to Advance Capabilities and Institutional Training in one Year (CAPACITY), which will work to achieve progress in terms of climate change research and leadership.²⁸⁴¹ Italy will provide EUR2.5 million to CAPACITY over the next five years.²⁸⁴²

On 30 November 2017, the Italian government published “Italy’s National Energy Strategy 2017.” The strategy highlights Italy’s emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy and details the global and European standards and targets that Italy is working to comply with.²⁸⁴³

On 7 February 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development published the triennial 2018/2020 Corruption Prevention Plan.²⁸⁴⁴ The document outlines a three year plan to reduce corruption in various government bodies, including the introduction of new transparency laws.²⁸⁴⁵

On 19 February 2018, Minister for Economic Development Carlo Calenda signed three agreements with President of Tuscany Enrico Rossi to boost research and development in transport and therapeutic research.²⁸⁴⁶

On 5 March 2018, the Government of Italy donated EUR1 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East to support emergency education for Palestinian refugee children in Syria.²⁸⁴⁷ The EUR1 million will fund the operations of 14 safe learning spaces

²⁸³⁹ UN, Partners Build Capacity in Climate Vulnerable Countries, Highlight Tech for Climate Solutions, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/un-partners-build-capacity-in-climate-vulnerable-countries-highlight-tech-for-climate-solutions/>

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²⁸⁴¹ Italy and UN Launch Fellowship Programme for Climate Vulnerable Countries, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

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²⁸⁴³ Italy’s National Energy Strategy 2017, Ministry of Economic Development of Italy (Rome) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/images/stories/documenti/BROCHURE_ENG_SEN.PDF

²⁸⁴⁴ The 2018/2020 Corruption Prevention Plan published, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037690-pubblicato-il-piano-di-prevenzione-della-corruzione-2018-2020>

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²⁸⁴⁶ Tuscany, agreements on Research and Development for 250 million, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037763-ricerca-e-sviluppo-in-toscana-per-un-valore-di-250-milioni>

²⁸⁴⁷ Italy contributes EUR 1 million to emergency appeal to help Palestine refugee children in Syria go to school, UNRWA (Gaza City) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/italy-contributes-eur-1-million-emergency-appeal-help-palestine-refugee>

that provide both academic and psychosocial support to children, most of whom have been displaced numerous times and suffer from conflict and trauma.²⁸⁴⁸

On 7 March 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development published the decree implementing the National Energy Efficiency Fund, which will be conducted by the private sector and public administration.²⁸⁴⁹ The fund supports efforts to reduce industrial energy consumption and improve the efficiency of public services and infrastructures to enhance energy efficiency.²⁸⁵⁰ The ministry will allocate EUR150 million at the start of the operational phase.²⁸⁵¹

Through investments and cooperation with international organizations, and aid provided to developing countries, Italy has committed to implementing the SDGs at the international level. Italy has also addressed the advancements of SDGs at the domestic level, specifically with regards to the energy sector and environmental standards.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Bianca Meta

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 17 July 2017, Japan participated in the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development held by the United Nations, where it presented the Voluntary National Review, a report on Japan's implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).²⁸⁵² Japan promised to continue its assistance plan for women in developing countries with contributions of USD3 billion from 2016 to 2017.²⁸⁵³

On 4 October 2017, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) signed a grant agreement with the Government of Guinea.²⁸⁵⁴ The agreement stipulated Japan's grant aid of up to JPY1.913

²⁸⁴⁸ Italy contributes EUR 1 million to emergency appeal to help Palestine refugee children in Syria go to school, UNRWA (Gaza City) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/italy-contributes-eur-1-million-emergency-appeal-help-palestine-refugee>

²⁸⁴⁹ Energy efficiency, here is the National Fund, Ministry of Economic Development (Rome) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/per-i-media/notizie/2037845-efficienza-energetica-ecco-il-fondo-nazionale>

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²⁸⁵² Japan's Voluntary National Review: Report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, UN (New York) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/16445Japan.pdf>

²⁸⁵³ Japan's Voluntary National Review: Report on the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, UN (New York) 17 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/content/documents/16445Japan.pdf>

²⁸⁵⁴ Signing of Grant Agreement with Guinea: Contributing to an improved learning environment for Children through the construction of primary and secondary school, Government of Japan (Tokyo). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2017/20171024/index.html>

billion for the Construction of Primary and Secondary Schools in Urban Areas Phase II.²⁸⁵⁵ The project will provide constructions of primary and secondary schools, as well as schoolroom furniture and other furnishings in Conakry, Guinea.²⁸⁵⁶

On 10 November 2017, the Governments of Japan and Vietnam agreed to sign an exchange of notes concerning Japan's future loan of JPY29,973 for the Ha Nam Investment Climate Improvement Project.²⁸⁵⁷ Japan plans to finance Vietnam for its development of roads and drainage facility systems in industrial parks located in Hanoi.²⁸⁵⁸ It will also provide funds to develop a drainage system in Ha Long City.²⁸⁵⁹

On 14 December, Japan hosted an international conference on universal health coverage (UHC) in Tokyo, jointly with the World Bank, World Health Organization (WHO), and UN Children's Fund.²⁸⁶⁰ At the conference, Japan pledged to provide UHC with financial assistance of USD2.9 billion.²⁸⁶¹

On 26 December 2017, President Shinzo Abe announced the implementation of the Basic Strategy and Fukushima Plan for a New Energy Society.²⁸⁶² Japan will commence a hydration production project of the world's largest scale in Namie Town, and later, use clean hydrogen energy made in Fukushima for the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.²⁸⁶³

In December 2017, JICA worked with the Indonesian Ministry of Industry to implement the Project of Small and Medium Industry Development Based on Improved Service Delivery.²⁸⁶⁴ The program is being launched in five provinces in Indonesia: North Sumatra, Central Java, Central Sulawesi, East,

²⁸⁵⁵ Signing of Grant Agreement with Guinea: Contributing to an improved learning environment for Children through the construction of primary and secondary school, Government of Japan (Tokyo). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2017/20171024/index.html>

²⁸⁵⁶ Signing of Grant Agreement with Guinea: Contributing to an improved learning environment for Children through the construction of primary and secondary school, Government of Japan (Tokyo). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2017/20171024/index.html>

²⁸⁵⁷ Provision of Yen Loan to Viet Nam (Advance Notification), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001787.html

²⁸⁵⁸ Provision of Yen Loan to Viet Nam (Advance Notification), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001787.html

²⁸⁵⁹ Provision of Yen Loan to Viet Nam (Advance Notification), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (Tokyo) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001787.html

²⁸⁶⁰ Prime Minister's Remarks on Universal Health Coverage, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2018/winter2018/prime_ministers_remarks.html

²⁸⁶¹ Prime Minister's Remarks on Universal Health Coverage, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2018/winter2018/prime_ministers_remarks.html

²⁸⁶² Prime Minister's Remarks on Universal Health Coverage, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. https://www.japan.go.jp/tomodachi/2018/winter2018/prime_ministers_remarks.html

²⁸⁶³ Ministerial Council on Renewable Energy, Hydrogen and Related Issues, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2018/01/09/index.html>

²⁸⁶⁴ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

and West Kalimantan. Sources of support include state budget availability or the synchronization of a deconcentrated budget.²⁸⁶⁵

On 7 February 2018, JICA signed a loan agreement with the African Development Fund to provide JPY73.601 in Official Development Assistance to economic growth and poverty alleviation in Africa.²⁸⁶⁶ The assistance will go to the African Development Fund Fourteenth Replenishment, an assistance program to promote private sector development in Africa launched by the Japanese government and the African Development Bank Group during the 2005 G8 Gleneagles Summit.²⁸⁶⁷

Through investments and advancements in health care, clean energy, and aid to developing countries, Japan has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Leinen He

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 19 July 2017, President Moon Jae-in's administration announced several new energy goals.²⁸⁶⁸ The goals include a target of generating "20 per cent of [Korea's] electricity with clean renewable energy by 2030, while reducing fossil fuel and nuclear power plants."²⁸⁶⁹ The State Affairs Planning Advisory Committee will also offer incentives to businesses to encourage the use of renewable energy sources.²⁸⁷⁰

On 10 August 2017, the Committee on Public Diplomacy, chaired by Minister of Foreign Affairs Kang Kyung-wha, held its first meeting.²⁸⁷¹ The committee brought the private sector and government officials together to discuss effective public-private partnerships and finalized Japan's first 2017-2021 Basic Plan on Public Diplomacy, which will be used as a framework for the Moon

²⁸⁶⁵ Indonesia Cooperate with Japan to Boost Small Industry Development, Netral News (Jakarta) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 29 December 2017. <http://www.en.netralnews.com/news/business/read/16776/indonesia.cooperate.with.japan.to.boost.small.industry.development>

²⁸⁶⁶ Signing of the Japanese ODA Loans Agreement with the African Development Fund: Contributing to the economic growth and poverty alleviation in the least developed countries in Africa through the first Japanese ODA loan to the African Development Fund, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2018/02/13/index.html>

²⁸⁶⁷ Signing of the Japanese ODA Loans Agreement with the African Development Fund: Contributing to the economic growth and poverty alleviation in the least developed countries in Africa through the first Japanese ODA loan to the African Development Fund, Government of Japan (Tokyo) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <https://www.japan.go.jp/publications/jgovweekly/2018/02/13/index.html>

²⁸⁶⁸ S. Korea aims to generate 20 pct of electricity with renewables by 2030, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/07/19/0501000000AEN20170719003300320.html>

²⁸⁶⁹ S. Korea aims to generate 20 pct of electricity with renewables by 2030, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2017/07/19/0501000000AEN20170719003300320.html>

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²⁸⁷¹ Committee on Public Diplomacy Holds its 1st Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5665/view.do?seq=318942

administration.²⁸⁷² This action is in line with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16, which aims to develop effective institutions at all levels.²⁸⁷³

On 20 September 2017, Minister Kang announced that Korea will join Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 (P4G).²⁸⁷⁴ P4G is a new alliance between states, business, and civil society to promote implementation of a range of SDGs in developing countries.²⁸⁷⁵

On 27 October 2017, Minister of Trade, Industry, and Energy Paik Un-Gyu and Saudi Minister of Economy and Planning Adel Fakeih signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a “ministerial level committee to boost cooperation, enhance business networking and ensure sustainable support for the Kingdom’s Vision 2030 economic reforms.”²⁸⁷⁶ Vision 2030 is a national development plan aligning Saudi Arabia’s economic policies with the SDGs.²⁸⁷⁷ Both Saudi Arabia and Japan have agreed on 40 investment projects in a variety of industries to continue advancing SDG implementation.²⁸⁷⁸

On 31 January 2018, Korea became party to the Food Assistance Convention, which provides aid to developing countries facing food shortages.²⁸⁷⁹ The Korean government first announced its intentions to become a member in August 2017.²⁸⁸⁰ It has committed an annual minimum of KRW46 billion in assistance in the form of 50,000 tonnes of rice.²⁸⁸¹

On 26 February 2018, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs announced it would sign a memorandum of understanding with FAC to send aid to Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen, and Syria.²⁸⁸²

Korea has taken action at the domestic level by focusing efforts on renewable energy and strengthening the cohesion of government institutions. It has taken action at the international level

²⁸⁷² Committee on Public Diplomacy Holds its 1st Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5665/view.do?seq=318942

²⁸⁷³ Committee on Public Diplomacy Holds its 1st Meeting, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2017. http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5665/view.do?seq=318942

²⁸⁷⁴ P4G (Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030) Launch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 20 September 2017. Access Date: Nov 21 2017.

http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/press/speeches/minister/incumbent/index.jsp?menu=m_10_40_10

²⁸⁷⁵ RELEASE: P4G Initiative Launches to Accelerate Sustainable Growth Through Innovative Partnerships, World Resources Institute (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017.

<http://www.wri.org/news/2017/09/release-p4g-initiative-launches-accelerate-sustainable-growth-through-innovative>

²⁸⁷⁶ Saudi-Korea Vision 2030 Committee launched with access to 400 companies, Arab News (Riyadh) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1186981/saudi-arabia>

²⁸⁷⁷ Vision 2030, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh) Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en>

²⁸⁷⁸ Korea, Saudi Arabia Launch Vision 2030 Committee, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong), 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/pc/pressreleases/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=599&bbs_cd_n=2¤tPage=9&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=

²⁸⁷⁹ Republic of Korea: Accession to the Food Assistance Convention, Food Assistance Committee (London) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.foodassistanceconvention.org/en/news.aspx>

²⁸⁸⁰ ROK Seeking to Become Party to Food Assistance Convention, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Seoul) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 1 March 2018.

http://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/brd/m_5676/view.do?seq=319079&srchFr=&srchTo=&srchWord=food passistance&srchTp=0&multi_itm_seq=0&itm_seq_1=0&itm_seq_2=0&company_cd=&company_nm=&page=1&titleNm=

²⁸⁸¹ Republic of Korea: Accession to the Food Assistance Convention, Food Assistance Committee (London) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <https://www.foodassistanceconvention.org/en/news.aspx>

²⁸⁸² S. Korea to sign MOU on overseas food aid, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 1 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2018/02/26/0200000000AEN20180226003300320.html>

by joining a global alliance encouraging green growth. It is supporting developing countries through its commitment to provide food assistance through participation in FAC.

Thus, the Republic of Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Ashley Lall

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 19 July 2017, Secretary of Social Development Luis Enrique Miranda announced the incorporation of 600,000 families into the Programa Prospera.²⁸⁸³ The Prospera program consists of delivering economic support based on the number of children per family, on the condition of smart reinvestment on education, health, and nutrition.²⁸⁸⁴

On September 2017, the Department of Energy announced its commitment to the financing of 964 megawatts of wind and solar capacity across Mexico.²⁸⁸⁵ The state-owned development bank Banobras will allocate public funds to finance three projects, including the 424 megawatt Reynosa Wind Farm in Tamaulipas, set to be the largest wind facility in Latin America.²⁸⁸⁶ The other two projects are the 250 megawatt El Mezquite Wind Park in Nuevo Leon and the 290 megawatt Solar Farms in Aguascalientes.²⁸⁸⁷

On 9 November 2017, the Secretariat of Social Development (SEDESOL) took measures to increase transparency and accountability in the electoral process by creating the Program for Electoral Shielding.²⁸⁸⁸ The program aims to prevent the use of public funds for campaigning, suspend

²⁸⁸³ Intensifica la SEDESOL la implementación de programas en beneficio de las familias que menos tienen, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017.

<https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/intensifica-la-sedesol-la-implementacion-de-programas-en-beneficio-de-las-familias-que-menos-tienen-luis-enrique-miranda-nava?idiom=es>

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²⁸⁸⁵ Mexican government announces investment in 964 MW of renewable projects, Power Engineering International (Oklahoma) 8 September 2017. Access date: 17 November 2017.

<http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/2017/08/mexican-government-announces-investment-in-964-mw-of-renewable-projects.html>

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<http://www.powerengineeringint.com/articles/2017/08/mexican-government-announces-investment-in-964-mw-of-renewable-projects.html>

²⁸⁸⁸ Instala la Sedesol Comité Central de Legalidad y Transparencia de Blindaje Electoral de cara a las elecciones de 2018, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 9 November 2017. Access Date: November 17 2017.

<https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/instala-la-sedesol-comite-central-de-legalidad-y-transparencia-de-blindaje-electoral-de-cara-a-las-elecciones-de-2018?idiom=es>

government propaganda, and enforce penal, administrative, and enforcement norms with regards to elections.²⁸⁸⁹

On 10 November 2017, Mexico assumed the presidency of the Inter-American Commission on Social Development of the Organization of American States (OAS).²⁸⁹⁰ Sub-Secretary of Regional Planning, Evaluation and Development of SEDESOL Javier García Berros announced Mexico's main objectives during its presidency, which include the importance of strengthening of the Inter-American Network for Social Protection and the regional adoption of the Multidimensional Poverty Index to improve the level of precision during public interventions.²⁸⁹¹

On 21 November 2017, the National Commission of Minimum Salary agreed to increase the minimum salary to a daily amount of MXN88.36, equivalent to a 10.4 per cent increase from the previous rate.²⁸⁹² The increase will take effect as of 1 December 2017.²⁸⁹³

On 4 December 2017, the government has hosted a Migration Stocktaking Meeting in Puerto Vallarta with the goal of addressing the local and global dimensions of developing a Global Compact on Migration.²⁸⁹⁴ The meeting also emphasized the need to protect displaced children as a key element of global migration policies.²⁸⁹⁵

On 15 December 2017, Mexico and Guatemala held a meeting to present their respective national social development programs and agreed to enhance regional cooperation in these areas.²⁸⁹⁶ Sub-Secretary Berros emphasized the need to develop regional integration through social infrastructure and labour inclusion projects.²⁸⁹⁷

²⁸⁸⁹ Programa de Blindaje Electoral SEDESOL 2018, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 07 July 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. http://www.sedesol.gob.mx/en/SEDESOL/Blindaje_Electoral

²⁸⁹⁰ Asume México presidencia de la Comisión Interamericana de Desarrollo Social de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 10 November 2017. Access date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/assume-mexico-presidencia-de-la-comision-interamericana-de-desarrollo-social-de-la-organizacion-de-los-estados-americanos?idiom=es>

²⁸⁹¹ Asume México presidencia de la Comisión Interamericana de Desarrollo Social de la Organización de los Estados Americanos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/assume-mexico-presidencia-de-la-comision-interamericana-de-desarrollo-social-de-la-organizacion-de-los-estados-americanos?idiom=es>

²⁸⁹² El Salario Mínimo en México Sube a 88.36 Pesos a Partir de Diciembre, Expansión (Mexico City) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://expansion.mx/economia/2017/11/21/el-salario-minimo-en-mexico-sube-a-8836-pesos-a-partir-de-diciembre>

²⁸⁹³ El Salario Mínimo en México Sube a 88.36 Pesos a Partir de Diciembre, Expansión (Mexico City) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://expansion.mx/economia/2017/11/21/el-salario-minimo-en-mexico-sube-a-8836-pesos-a-partir-de-diciembre>

²⁸⁹⁴ Mexico Hosts Migration Stocktaking Meeting, International Institute for Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/mexico-hosts-migration-stocktaking-meeting/>

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²⁸⁹⁶ México y Guatemala unen esfuerzos en materia de desarrollo social, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/mexico-y-guatemala-unen-esfuerzos-en-materia-de-desarrollo-social?idiom=es>

²⁸⁹⁷ México y Guatemala unen esfuerzos en materia de desarrollo social, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 11 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/es/prensa/mexico-y-guatemala-unen-esfuerzos-en-materia-de-desarrollo-social?idiom=es>

On 21 December 2017, Mexico attended the 51st Mercosur trade bloc summit hosted in Brazil.²⁸⁹⁸ The meeting emphasized Brazil's cooperation with the Pacific Alliance, which is comprised of Mexico, Chile, Colombia, and Peru, among other important South-South trade agreements.²⁸⁹⁹

On 27 February 2018, SEDESOL committed MXN767 million to the development of Morelos in 2018.²⁹⁰⁰ The sum represents a 14 per cent increase from last year's investment and is intended to improve public infrastructure and services for 621,000 beneficiaries.²⁹⁰¹

On 27 February 2018, President Enrique Peña Nieto delivered four infrastructural projects in Michoacán.²⁹⁰² The investment amounted to MXN2.5 million and consisted of three highways and one port intended to improve the state's overall productivity and contribute to the creation of new jobs in the region.²⁹⁰³

Mexico has made concrete efforts at the national level through improving welfare programs, investing in infrastructure, and strengthening its institutions with the view of implementing the SDGs. At the international level, Mexico has engaged in south-to-south cooperation by assuming the leadership of the OAS this year, in view of strengthening the Inter-American Network for Social Protection.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sofia Kavlin

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 29 July 2017, the Russian government signed a resolution to apply temporary quantitative restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia.²⁹⁰⁴ These measures contribute to the preservation of the ozone layer of the atmosphere and comply with the 1985 Vienna Convention

²⁸⁹⁸ New Stage of Mercosur brings more agreements and closer ties with several countries, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 21 December 2017. Access Date: January 11, 2018. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/new-stage-of-mercocur-brings-more-agreements-and-closer-ties-with-several-countries>

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²⁹⁰⁰ Sedesol Impulsa el Desarrollo del Estado de Morelos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/articulos/sedesol-impulsa-el-desarrollo-del-estado-de-morelos>

²⁹⁰¹ Sedesol Impulsa el Desarrollo del Estado de Morelos, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sedesol/articulos/sedesol-impulsa-el-desarrollo-del-estado-de-morelos>

²⁹⁰² Entrega de Infraestructura en el Estado de Michoacán, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/articulos/entrega-de-infraestructura-en-el-estado-de-michoacan>

²⁹⁰³ Entrega de Infraestructura en el Estado de Michoacán, Ministry of Social Development (Mexico City) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/articulos/entrega-de-infraestructura-en-el-estado-de-michoacan>

²⁹⁰⁴ Restrictions on the import of ozone-depleting substances to Russia, Government of Russia (Moscow) 29 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28641/>

for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.²⁹⁰⁵

On 2 August 2017, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Culture submitted a draft law to the State Duma on Russia's accession to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.²⁹⁰⁶ The Marrakesh Treaty aims to make works accessible to blind, visually impaired, or print-disabled individuals.²⁹⁰⁷ Russia's draft law aims to broaden individuals' access to books, magazines, teaching aids, and textbooks that have been created under special formats and to facilitate international exchanges of these resources.²⁹⁰⁸

On 24 August 2017, the Russian government announced the allocation of RUB535 million to the implementation of the next phase of a joint project with the World Food Programme (WFP). The program aims to replace trucks used for transporting humanitarian aid with Russian-made vehicles.²⁹⁰⁹ Russia will also contribute USD1.5 million to the WFP to develop logistical capacity, such as the integration of Russian KAMAZ trucks into the regional fleets of the WFP trucks.²⁹¹⁰

On 4 September 2017, the Russian delegation to BRICS signed four multilateral documents at the 9th BRICS Summit in order to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.²⁹¹¹ The signed documents include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and the New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁹¹²

On 7 September 2017, the Russian government unveiled a signed resolution approving a new version of a programme on the Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone.²⁹¹³ The programme aims to create favourable conditions for the socioeconomic development of the Arctic Zone to ensure

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²⁹⁰⁷ Submitting to the State Duma a draft law on Russia's accession to to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, Government of Russia (Moscow) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28679/>

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²⁹⁰⁹ Re-equipping the UN World Food Programme auto fleet with Russian-made vehicles, Government of Russia (Moscow) 24 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/28941/>

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²⁹¹¹ Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

²⁹¹² Temer: BRICS countries are "advantageous" destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

²⁹¹³ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29164/>

Russia's strategic interests and national security in the Arctic.²⁹¹⁴ The new version extends the initiative's implementation deadlines to 2025, names the Ministry of Industry and Trade as the initiative's implementer, and expands the list of participants.²⁹¹⁵ From 2018 to 2020, it aims to execute pilot projects to establish core development zones and to commission the North Pole ice-resistant self-propelled platform, to establish a modern high-tech shipyard.²⁹¹⁶ From 2020 to 2025, the new version also plans to establish and finance core development zones and to create scientific and technical capability to develop technology for manufacturing hi-tech equipment.²⁹¹⁷ The programme also intends to determine the long-term management of dangerous nuclear and radioactive objects as well as radioactive waste that has been released onto the seabed.²⁹¹⁸ It will develop radio-electronic equipment for accomplishing tasks for the Arctic Zone's socioeconomic development, and provide technological support using specialized vessels of the state marine environmental oversight agency.²⁹¹⁹ The programme will also launch the production of high-tech goods for geological prospecting operations and minerals' production and processing in the Arctic Zone.²⁹²⁰

On 3 October 2017, the Russian government announced the approval of the 2030 Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance.²⁹²¹ The strategy aims to improve the prevention and treatment of infectious and parasitic diseases of humans, animals, and plants and to reduce the severity and duration of illnesses.²⁹²² The first stage of the strategy, which will be implemented until 2020, focuses on educating the Russian public on how to appropriately use antimicrobial medications, the impermissibility of self-treatment, and raising awareness on disease prevention and healthy lifestyles.²⁹²³ It will establish key indicators regarding the spread of antimicrobial resistance.²⁹²⁴

²⁹¹⁴ New version of the state programme Socioeconomic Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation, Government of Russia (Moscow), 7 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29164/>

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²⁹²¹ Approval of the Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29477/>

²⁹²² Approval of the Strategy to Prevent the Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29477/>

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On 17 October 2017, the Russian government announced the creation of a university campus for the St. Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design.²⁹²⁵ The campus will be composed of research centres, laboratories, classrooms, and housing.²⁹²⁶ It will also welcome 3,600 students, 50 international laboratories, and at least five innovation-driven production facilities that will create 6,000 new jobs.²⁹²⁷

On 9 November 2017, the Russian government approved the implementation of a joint project with the World Health Organization (WHO) to intensify multi-sectoral anti-tuberculosis measures.²⁹²⁸ Russia will contribute USD14.8 million to WHO from 2018 to 2020 to support these measures, which are to be implemented in 25 countries with high rates of tuberculosis, morbidity, and mortality.²⁹²⁹ Russian phthisiology research institutes and Russian experts will work alongside WHO specialists to implement the joint project.²⁹³⁰

On 26 December 2017, the Russian government announced the creation of the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve.²⁹³¹ The creation of the reserve aims to preserve the islands of the Eastern Baltic while the region is being explored and maintain biodiversity on the islands.²⁹³² Special measures to protect the islands will provide for the conservation of ringed seals.²⁹³³

On 4 January 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Ladoga Skerries National Park.²⁹³⁴ The park will preserve Ladoga Lake's skerries and maintain biodiversity.²⁹³⁵ In addition to protecting plants, lichens, seaweeds and mushrooms, the park will also protect ringed seals.²⁹³⁶

On 14 February 2018, Minister of Energy Alexander Novak signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khalid bin

²⁹²⁵ Implementing the comprehensive project to create and develop a campus of the St Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design, Government of Russia (Moscow) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29655/>

²⁹²⁶ Implementing the comprehensive project to create and develop a campus of the St Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design, Government of Russia (Moscow) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29655/>

²⁹²⁷ Implementing the comprehensive project to create and develop a campus of the St Petersburg National Research University of Information Technology, Engineering and Optical Design, Government of Russia (Moscow) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/29655/>

²⁹²⁸ Joint project with the World Health Organisation to intensify multisectoral anti-tuberculosis measures, Government of Russia (Moscow) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30116/>

²⁹²⁹ Joint project with the World Health Organisation to intensify multisectoral anti-tuberculosis measures, Government of Russia (Moscow) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30116/>

²⁹³⁰ Joint project with the World Health Organisation to intensify multisectoral anti-tuberculosis measures, Government of Russia (Moscow) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30116/>

²⁹³¹ Establishing the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve (Leningrad Region), Government of Russia (Moscow) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30779/>

²⁹³² Establishing the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve (Leningrad Region), Government of Russia (Moscow) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30779/>

²⁹³³ Establishing the Vostok Finskogo Zaliva State Nature Reserve (Leningrad Region), Government of Russia (Moscow) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30779/>

²⁹³⁴ On the creation of Lagoda Skerries National Park (the Republic of Karelia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30864/>

²⁹³⁵ On the creation of Lagoda Skerries National Park (the Republic of Karelia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30864/>

²⁹³⁶ On the creation of Lagoda Skerries National Park (the Republic of Karelia), Government of Russia (Moscow) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/30864/>

Abdulaziz Al-Falih, pledging cooperation in the energy field.²⁹³⁷ The memorandum aims to enhance cooperation between Russia and Saudi Arabia on various aspects in the field of energy, including “the development of technologies, technical assistance, and sharing and analyzing information relating to global energy market,”²⁹³⁸ as well as further exploring “the potential of clean energies.”²⁹³⁹

On 19 February 2018, the Russian government announced the creation of the Khibiny National Park.²⁹⁴⁰ The purpose of the national park is to preserve mountain tundra and northern taiga biomes of the Khibiny and Lovozero mountain ranges.²⁹⁴¹

On 28 February 2018, the Ministry for Civil Defense, Emergencies, and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster signed an agreement with the Saudi Advisor to the Royal Court Dr. Abdullah Al-Rabeeah, pledging cooperation in humanitarian assistance between Saudi Arabia and Russia.²⁹⁴² The two countries “agreed to cooperate and coordinate in the joint actions such as developing and implementing programs and projects in the field of international development aid in other countries, [and] exchange information on humanitarian operations and programs.”²⁹⁴³

On 3 March 2018, the Russian government announced its decision of holding an annual Abilympics national skills competition for persons with disabilities.²⁹⁴⁴ Beginning in 2018, the competition includes tournaments for applied and professional competencies in demand for the job market.²⁹⁴⁵ The competition also includes workshops, seminars, job fairs and skills training sessions.²⁹⁴⁶ The competition helps disabled persons expand their range of professional activities, acquire professional education, and obtain employment.²⁹⁴⁷

Russia has committed to further aligning their actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by taking domestic and international actions including the creation of protected zones for natural habitats, and boosts to the economy and education. It has also supported developing countries and the provision of public goods through its anti-tuberculosis initiative with the WFP.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

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²⁹³⁷ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

²⁹³⁸ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

²⁹³⁹ Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

²⁹⁴⁰ Establishing Khibiny National Park in the Murmansk Region, Government of Russia (Moscow) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 22 February 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31338/>

²⁹⁴¹ Establishing Khibiny National Park in the Murmansk Region, Government of Russia (Moscow) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 22 February 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31338/>

²⁹⁴² KSRelief, EMERCOM of Russia Sign a Cooperation Agreement, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1731600>

²⁹⁴³ KSRelief, EMERCOM of Russia Sign a Cooperation Agreement, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1731600>

²⁹⁴⁴ Developing Abilympics, a professional skills competition for persons with disabilities, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31548/>

²⁹⁴⁵ Developing Abilympics, a professional skills competition for persons with disabilities, Government of Russia (Moscow) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://government.ru/en/docs/31548/>

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Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 26 September 2017, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud issued a royal decree granting women the permission to drive.²⁹⁴⁸ The issued decree mandated that a “high-level committee of ministers of (internal affairs, finance, labor and social development) to study the necessary arrangements for enforcement.”²⁹⁴⁹ The decree is expected to be fully implemented by June 2018.²⁹⁵⁰

On 27 October 2017, Minister of Economy and Planning Adel Fakeih and Korean Minister of Trade, Industry, and Energy Paik Un-Gyu signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing a “ministerial level committee to boost cooperation, enhance business networking and ensure sustainable support for the Kingdom’s Vision 2030 economic reforms.”²⁹⁵¹ Vision 2030 is a national development plan aligning Saudi Arabia’s economy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).²⁹⁵² The states have agreed on 40 investment projects in a variety of industries.²⁹⁵³

On 4 December 2017, Minister of Energy, Industry and Mineral Resources Khalid Al-Falih signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Secretary of Energy Rick Perry to “establish a framework for mutually beneficial cooperation in the area of clean fossil fuels and carbon management.”²⁹⁵⁴ The two countries will maintain open communication and exchange “experts, engineers, and scientists.”²⁹⁵⁵ Minister Al-Falih remarked that the signing of the Memorandum of

²⁹⁴⁸ Royal Order to Adopt Provisions of Traffic Law, Executive regulations, including Issuance of Driving Licenses for Males, Females, alike, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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²⁹⁵⁰ Saudi Arabia Will Allow Women to Attend Sporting Events in Stadiums, The Washington Post (Washington) 30 October 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2017/10/30/saudi-arabia-will-allow-women-to-attend-sporting-events-in-stadiums/?utm_term=.2170eebe80cb

²⁹⁵¹ Saudi-Korea Vision 2030 Committee launched with access to 400 companies, Arab News (Riyadh) 1 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://www.arabnews.com/node/1186981/saudi-arabia>

²⁹⁵² Vision 2030 (Riyadh) Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en>

²⁹⁵³ Korea, Saudi Arabia Launch Vision 2030 Committee, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong), 27 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017.

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²⁹⁵⁴ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossil-fuels-and>

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Understanding with the US would help to ensure that Saudi Arabia would be able to meet the SDGs outlined in Vision 2030.²⁹⁵⁶

On 12 December 2017, the Council of Ministers finalized the Citizen's Account, a new financial measure designed to help economically vulnerable households.²⁹⁵⁷ The policy aims to "ease the direct and indirect impact on low and medium income households resulting from the ongoing economic reforms such as the gasoline price adjustment, the electricity tariffs adjustment, and the value-added tax on all food and beverage items."²⁹⁵⁸ The Council of Ministers announced that the first round of payments will begin on 21 December 2017.²⁹⁵⁹

On 21 December 2017, the first payments of the Citizen's Account were made to eligible households.²⁹⁶⁰ The total of the payments was SAR2 billion.²⁹⁶¹ Saudi Arabia also announced that the second payments would be provided on 10 January 2018.²⁹⁶²

On 17 January 2018, King Al Saud announced a new directive ordering a deposit in the amount of USD2 billion into the Central Bank of Yemen.²⁹⁶³ The deposit aims to "alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people and to help them cope with the economic burdens resulting from the crimes and violations committed by Iranian-backed Houthi militias."²⁹⁶⁴ The USD2 billion deposit will bring the amount of financial aid by Saudi Arabia directed towards the Central Bank of Yemen to a total of USD3 billion.²⁹⁶⁵

On 22 January 2018, the Saudi-led Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen, announced that it would be initiating the Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations (YCHO), a humanitarian

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²⁹⁵⁷ The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Approves the Citizen's Account Policy, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1697546>

²⁹⁵⁸ The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Approves the Citizen's Account Policy, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1697546>

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²⁹⁶⁰ Saudi Arabia makes 2 billion riyal payment in citizens account program, Reuters (Riyadh) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 20 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-saudi-allowances/saudi-arabia-makes-2-billion-riyal-payment-in-citizens-account-program-idUSKBN1EF0S2?il=0>

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²⁹⁶³ Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Issues Directive for Transfer of USD \$2 Billion to the Central Bank of Yemen, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 17 January 2018. Access Date: 22 January 2018.

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aid program.²⁹⁶⁶ Under the new YCHO program, the Saudi-led military coalition will provide USD1.5 billion in funding, USD40 million “to expand Yemeni ports’ capacity to accommodate additional shipments,”²⁹⁶⁷ and USD30 million “to reduce the cost of land transportation through road upgrades.”²⁹⁶⁸

On 5 February 2018, Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Yemen Mohammed Al-Jabir announced that the YCHO will be delivering four cranes to the Yemeni ports of Mokha, Aden, and Mukalla to “help aid delivery across Yemen and its interior, as well as stimulate Yemen’s economy.”²⁹⁶⁹ The port of Mokha will receive two cranes, while Aden and Mukalla will receive one crane each.²⁹⁷⁰

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²⁹⁶⁶ Yemen Comprehensive Humanitarian Operations (YCHO): New Humanitarian Operation Commits Over \$3.5 Billion to Relieve Suffering in Yemen,” Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia (Washington) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 24 January 2018. <https://www.saudiembassy.net/news/yemen-comprehensive-humanitarian-operations-ycho-new-humanitarian-operation-commits-over-35>

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²⁹⁷² Saudi Arabia, Russia Ink Energy Cooperation MoU, Kuwait News Agency (Shuwaikh) 14 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <https://www.kuna.net.kw/ArticleDetails.aspx?id=2690822&language=en>

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²⁹⁷⁵ KSRelief, EMERCOM of Russia Sign a Cooperation Agreement, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 28 February 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1731600>

On 5 March 2018, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi signed an agreement to cooperate in combating climate change.²⁹⁷⁶ The agreement “covered cooperation in the field of environmental protection and pollution reduction.”²⁹⁷⁷

Saudi Arabia has continued to implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals agenda both domestically and internationally. Domestically, the Saudi Arabian government has demonstrated its commitment to abolishing poverty through initiatives such as that of the Citizens Account program, as well as improving gender equality by lifting long-standing bans on driving for women. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia has signed memorandums of understanding with Russia and the United States to combat climate change, as well as made attempts to improve the ongoing humanitarian situation in Yemen by providing the region with necessary aid, thus accounting for Saudi Arabia’s actions to further the SDGs on an international level.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

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South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 18 August 2017, the Ministry of Tourism approved the Coastal and Marine Tourism Implementation Plan.²⁹⁷⁸ Minister of Tourism Tokozile Xasa stated that “the coastal and marine tourism sector will contribute about ZAR21.4 billion to the gross domestic product and create about 116,000 direct jobs by 2026, thus reducing poverty, inequality and unemployment, while contributing to sustainable livelihoods and developments.”²⁹⁷⁹

On 4 September 2017, the South African delegation to BRICS signed four multilateral documents at the 9th BRICS Summit to increase intra-BRICS trade and cooperation between developing countries.²⁹⁸⁰ The signed documents include the BRICS Action Plan for Innovation Cooperation (2017-2020), BRICS Action Plan on Economic and Trade Cooperation, Memorandum of

²⁹⁷⁶ HRH the Crown Prince and Egyptian President Witness Signing of Three Agreements, Investment Memorandum of Understanding, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1733038>

²⁹⁷⁷ HRH the Crown Prince and Egyptian President Witness Signing of Three Agreements, Investment Memorandum of Understanding, Saudi Press Agency (Riyadh) 5 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://www.spa.gov.sa/viewstory.php?lang=en&newsid=1733038>

²⁹⁷⁸ Minister Tokozile Xasa welcomes approval of Coastal and Marine Tourism Implementation Plan, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 18 August 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-tokozile-xasa-welcomes-approval-coastal-and-marine-tourism-implementation-plan-18>

²⁹⁷⁹ Minister Tokozile Xasa welcomes approval of Coastal and Marine Tourism Implementation Plan, Government of South Africa (Cape Town) 18 August 2017. Access Date: 12 November 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-tokozile-xasa-welcomes-approval-coastal-and-marine-tourism-implementation-plan-18>

²⁹⁸⁰ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

Understanding between the BRICS Business Council and New Development Bank on Strategic Cooperation, and BRICS Strategy for Customs Cooperation.²⁹⁸¹

On 21 September 2017, Minister of Health Aaron Motsoaledi reached a pricing agreement on a new affordable generic single-pill HIV treatment with several international health organizations.²⁹⁸² This new price is expected to save ZAR11 billion over the next six years and increase the number of patients enrolled in the programme.²⁹⁸³

On 8 October 2017, Minister of Environmental Affairs Edna Molewa and Chad Minister of Environment and Fisheries Ahmat Mahamat signed two Memorandums of Understanding on cooperation in biodiversity conservation through the implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA) and the sustainable protection of rhinos in Chad.²⁹⁸⁴

On 31 October 2017, Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor announced the launch of the Wheat Breeding Platform.²⁹⁸⁵ She stated that the platform “provides smallholder farmers access to seed technology to enhance yields, productivity, income and growth opportunities,” reducing inequality between farmers via equal access to the newest technology.²⁹⁸⁶ Furthermore, transforming the agricultural sector with such new technology would be effective in reducing poverty and improving food security.²⁹⁸⁷

On 15 November 2017, the Department of Home Affairs launched a new Refugee Travel Document.²⁹⁸⁸ United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Representative Sharon Cooper stated that travel documents “can enable access to basic services and rights, allowing refugees to pursue education or work abroad,” and strengthen “their ability to lead independent and

²⁹⁸¹ Temer: BRICS countries are “advantageous” destinations for Brazilian investments, BrazilGovNews (Brasilia) 4 September 2017. Access Date: 17 November 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/09/temer-brics-countries-are-advantageous-destinations-for-brazilian-investments>

²⁹⁸² SA Decreases the price of ARVs to save R11 billion in six years, Ministry of Health (Pretoria) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.nhrc.org.za/index.php/2014-03-17-09-48-36/2014-03-17-09-49-50?download=2410:media-statement-south-africa-decreases-the-price-of-arvs-to-save-r11-billion-in-six-years&start=60>

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²⁹⁸⁴ South Africa and Chad sign MoU in the field of Biodiversity Conservation and Management, Environmental Affairs (Pretoria) 8 October 2017. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.environment.gov.za/mediarelease/SAandChadsignsmouinbiodiversityconservationandmanagement>

²⁹⁸⁵ Minister Naledi Pandor: Launch of Wheat Breeding Platform, Government of South Africa (Stellenbosch) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-naledi-pandor-launch-wheat-breeding-platform-31-oct-2017-0000>

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stable lives.”²⁹⁸⁹ The documents have new security features, including being machine-readable to prevent identity fraud and an additional page for parent names of refugee children to minimize risks of human trafficking.²⁹⁹⁰

On 27 November 2017, during the 2017 Global South-South Development Expo in Turkey, the India, Brazil and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA) Fund released its latest report, highlighting current, completed and future projects.²⁹⁹¹ In 2017, the IBSA Fund contributed USD33 million to 15 developing partner states in areas including poverty and hunger eradication, child and maternal health, and gender equality.²⁹⁹² The fund also announced the inauguration of the cardiological wing of the Cultural and Hospital Centre for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society and the Atta-Habib Medical Center, which is located in the Gaza Strip.²⁹⁹³ The Atta-Habib Medical Center, destroyed in the 2014 Gaza conflict, is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City.²⁹⁹⁴ With its reconstruction, the Fund hopes that the institute aids in Gaza’s recovery plans.²⁹⁹⁵ During the Expo, IBSA called for greater efforts to combat poverty and hunger across the global South.²⁹⁹⁶

On 5 December 2017, the Department of Water and Sanitation hosted the Water Infrastructure and Investment Summit.²⁹⁹⁷ Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula Mokonyane announced that an Investment Stewardship initiative would follow the Summit.²⁹⁹⁸ She stated that “the investment project opportunities and needs identified in the Summit will be pulled into a series of focused,

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²⁹⁹¹ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6dnFPY>

²⁹⁹² UNDP IBSA Report 2017, UNDP (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-buqyoV0jpSMDZsNEhNR2YxS2s/view>

²⁹⁹³ UN-backed fund combating poverty and hunger across Global South launches annual report, UN (New York) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=58170#.Wkov6dnFPY>

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²⁹⁹⁷ Minister Nomvula Mokonyane: Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, Government of South Africa (Johannesburg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nomvula-mokonyane-water-infrastructure-investment-summit-5-dec-2017-0000>

²⁹⁹⁸ Minister Nomvula Mokonyane: Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, Government of South Africa (Johannesburg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nomvula-mokonyane-water-infrastructure-investment-summit-5-dec-2017-0000>

specific engagements,” noting the necessity of building infrastructure and engaging all sectors of government in response to these challenges.²⁹⁹⁹

On 16 December 2017, the Presidency issued a response to Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training’s recommendations.³⁰⁰⁰ In 2018, the South African government will fully subsidize public technical and vocational education and training and university education to working class students.³⁰⁰¹ These changes will affect “youth from well over 90 per cent of South African households,” including those from families facing unemployment or working minimum wage.³⁰⁰²

On 27 February 2018, Parliament passed a motion seeking to legalize land expropriation without compensation as part of a land reform policy to ensure the equal ownership of land between white and black South Africans.³⁰⁰³

South Africa has taken action at the domestic level through promoting sustainable tourism, water and sanitation, agriculture, healthcare, and education. It has taken action at the international level through its efforts to stabilize refugees. It is also supporting a developing country, Chad, in implementing infrastructure to protect the environment. South Africa’s land policy, however, undermines equal rights to land and property, and is not in line with the 2030 Agenda.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

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Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels; which includes supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 22 June 2017, the Ministry of Family and Social Policies announced that new social aid reforms involving insurance premiums has been set forth.³⁰⁰⁴ The premiums and incentives program encouraged those able to find and sustain employment to do so, and for those struggling to reach out to the relevant offices within the Ministry to discuss options available to them.³⁰⁰⁵

²⁹⁹⁹ Minister Nomvula Mokonyane: Water Infrastructure Investment Summit, Government of South Africa (Johannesburg) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/minister-nomvula-mokonyane-water-infrastructure-investment-summit-5-dec-2017-0000>

³⁰⁰⁰ Presidency response on Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 16 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/presidency-response-heher-commission-inquiry-higher-education-and-training-16-dec-2017-0000>

³⁰⁰¹ Presidency response on Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 16 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/presidency-response-heher-commission-inquiry-higher-education-and-training-16-dec-2017-0000>

³⁰⁰² Presidency response on Heher Commission of Inquiry into Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa (Pretoria) 16 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/presidency-response-heher-commission-inquiry-higher-education-and-training-16-dec-2017-0000>

³⁰⁰³ MEC Sihle Zikalala: Debate on KwaZulu-Natal State of the Province Address 2018, Government of South Africa (Pietermaritzburg) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.za/speeches/debate-2018-state-province-address-1-mar-2018-0000>

³⁰⁰⁴ Regulations Pertaining to Those receiving Social Aid in Event of Employment, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 22 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170622-1.htm>

³⁰⁰⁵ Regulations Pertaining to Those receiving Social Aid in Event of Employment, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 22 June 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170622-1.htm>

On 30 June 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources announced that they would begin offering a new premium to encourage developers and workplaces to switch to renewable solar panels to produce electricity.³⁰⁰⁶

On 1 July 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs took over as Vice-Chair of the UN Advisory Commission of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near and called to demand commitments from UN Member States and the G20 to decry the treatment of civilians within the conflict zone of Israel and Palestine.³⁰⁰⁷

On 10 July 2017, the Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (AFAD), Ministry of Health, Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA), Turkish Grain Board, and Turkish Red Crescent collaborated on a help campaign for people affected by the Yemen conflict.³⁰⁰⁸ A Turkish humanitarian aid ship named #BeTheHope left the port of İskenderun carrying USD8.5 million worth of flour, medicine, relief supplies and mobile hospitals for the conflict-ridden Yemen.³⁰⁰⁹

On 30 July 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources updated its regulations on solar energy production.³⁰¹⁰ In this update, the principles related to the technical evaluation of pre-licensed, licensed, and unlicensed solar energy applications and amendments are detailed.³⁰¹¹

On 14 November 2017, AFAD distributed tents, blankets, and food to 250 families in Iraq's northern province of Sulaymaniyah.³⁰¹²

On 22 November 2017, TİKA announced that they would build 5,000 additional prefabricated homes for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, totalling 25,000 homes serving 125,000 people.³⁰¹³ They also will build two field hospitals and ten medical centers in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazaar in 2017 and 2018.³⁰¹⁴

³⁰⁰⁶ Solar Energy Regulations, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018.

<http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170630-10.htm>

³⁰⁰⁷ Members of the advisory commission, UNRWA (Gaza City) 1 July 2017. Access Date: 10 November 2017.

<https://www.unrwa.org/who-we-are/advisory-commission/members-advisory-commission>

³⁰⁰⁸ Turkish Humanitarian Aid Ship Sets Sail For Yemen, AFAD (Ankara) 10 July 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2017.

<https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/19719/Turkish-Humanitarian-Aid-Ship-Sets-Sail-For-Yemen>

³⁰⁰⁹ Turkish Humanitarian Aid Ship Sets Sail For Yemen, AFAD (Ankara) 10 July 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2017.

<https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/19719/Turkish-Humanitarian-Aid-Ship-Sets-Sail-For-Yemen>

³⁰¹⁰ Regulation on the Technical Evaluation of Solar Energy-Based Electricity Production Application, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018.

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³⁰¹¹ Regulation on the Technical Evaluation of Solar Energy-Based Electricity Production Application, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018.

<http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/06/20170630-10.htm>

³⁰¹² AFAD Distributes Aid to 250 Quake-Hit Families in Iraq, AFAD (Ankara) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22759/AFAD-distributes-aid-to-250-quake-hit-families-in-iraq>

³⁰¹³ Bangladesh's Disaster and Relief Minister: "Turkey is there wherever people are having trouble", AFAD (Ankara) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22788/Bangladeshs-Disaster-and-Relief-Minister-Turkey-is-there-wherever-people-are-having-trouble>

³⁰¹⁴ Bangladesh's Disaster and Relief Minister: "Turkey is there wherever people are having trouble", AFAD (Ankara) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/en/22788/Bangladeshs-Disaster-and-Relief-Minister-Turkey-is-there-wherever-people-are-having-trouble>

On 28 November 2017, TİKA distributed bicycles to 200 girls who walk for kilometres to get to school in Kenya, aiming to increase girls' access to education and decrease dropout rates.³⁰¹⁵

On 18 December 2017, TİKA donated soil milling and spraying machines for crops to 200 farmers in East Macedonia as a part of its development projects in regions in need of aid.³⁰¹⁶

On 19 December 2017, TİKA and the Turkish Red Crescent opened the Turkish Field Hospital in Aden, Yemen to provide health aid to those who have been impacted by the crises in the country.³⁰¹⁷

On 22 December 2017, First Secretary Responsible for Economic Development Mehmet Şimşek announced that the Turkish government has taken steps to mobilize a motion to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the non-repayment policy and increased credit for women working in cattle-breeding and farming to encourage more women to join the workforce and be able to sustain themselves.³⁰¹⁸

On 22 December 2017, the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock equipped local governments with materials and information for the training of women farmers on sustainable farming and furthering their individual capabilities as farmers, teaching them about beekeeping, vegetable farming, and industrial tools.³⁰¹⁹

On 30 December 2017, the Ministry of Economy announced additional restrictions and controls on chemical imports, imposing tighter rules on chemicals deemed harmful by the Montreal Protocol.³⁰²⁰

On 18 January 2018, TİKA and the Vietnam Sustainable Development Agency provided clean water access to school children by equipping schools in Vietnam's Ninh Thuan, Dak Nong, and Nghe An provinces with water filtration systems.³⁰²¹

On 31 January 2018, TİKA completed the construction of the Kyrgyz Turk Friendship Hospital in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.³⁰²² The hospital will provide advanced medical services to the people of Bishkek and the surrounding area.³⁰²³

³⁰¹⁵ TİKA Supports Girls Education through "Wheels of Empowerment" Project in Kenya, TİKA (Ankara) 30 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_supports_girls_education_through_wheels_of_empowerment_project_in_kenya-39700

³⁰¹⁶ Support for Increasing Agricultural Efficiency in East Macedonia, Milliyet (Ankara) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/dogu-makedonya-da-tarim-verimliginin-ankara-yerelhaber-2475360/>

³⁰¹⁷ Yemeni minister explained: We thank Erdogan and Turkish people, Milliyet (Ankara) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/yemenli-bakan-acikladi-erdogan-ve-dunya-2575868/>

³⁰¹⁸ Başbakan Yardımcısı açıkladı! Yeni kredi destekleri geliyor, Milliyet (Ankara) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/basbakan-yardimcisi-acikladi-yeni-ekonomi-25775128>

³⁰¹⁹ Women in Agricultural Fields, Ministry of Food Agriculture, and Livestock (Ankara) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 February 2018. www.tarim.gov.tr/Konular/Egitim-Ve-Yayim/Kirsal-Alanda-Kadin

³⁰²⁰ Communication on Auditing of Controlled Chemicals for Environmental Protection, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 30 December 2017. Access Date: 3 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2017/12/20171230M2-6.htm>

³⁰²¹ TİKA provides 12 kindergartens in Vietnam with water filtration systems, TİKA (Ankara) 18 January 2018. Access Date: 3 February 2018. http://www.tika.gov.tr/en/news/tika_provides_12_kindergartens_in_vietnam_with_water_filtration_systems-41036

³⁰²² Khryghz-Turkish Friendship Hospital Completed, Milliyet (Ankara) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kirgiz-turk-dostluk-hastanesi-nin-insasi-ankara-yerelhaber-2565801/>

³⁰²³ Khryghz-Turkish Friendship Hospital Completed, Milliyet (Ankara) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kirgiz-turk-dostluk-hastanesi-nin-insasi-ankara-yerelhaber-2565801/>

On 1 February 2018, the Women Men Equal Opportunity Commission of the Grand National Assembly (TBMM) announced that female candidates to the Assembly will be given political theory education and then an internship within TBMM in order to equalize their opportunities and career advancement with their male colleagues.³⁰²⁴

On 2 February 2018, the Ministry of Economy announced a new special tax exemption of up to TL10,000 on new cars for drivers who scrap their older and more heavily polluting cars.³⁰²⁵

On 3 February 2018, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim published a notice emphasising Turkey's commitment to ending child labour and working with social aid services pertaining to family wellness to ensure that alternatives are presented to families in need.³⁰²⁶

Through transformative efforts to ensure aid to developing countries, equalize the positions of men and women within the workforce, take steps toward encouraging sustainable economic development and aid to citizens escaping conflict, Turkey has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of +1.

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United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 8 July 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May announced a new package of measures to create wealth in Africa and reduce the continent's reliance on aid.³⁰²⁷ The new package focuses on supporting African aspirations for trade, investment and growth; creating millions of jobs and partnering with others to stimulate investment of pounds and dollars into Africa.³⁰²⁸ The package includes the establishment of a new London Centre for Global Disaster Protection that will use expertise and innovation from the UK to aid developing countries improve disaster planning and use insurance to provide cost-effective and reliable finance in emergencies like the severe drought in East Africa.³⁰²⁹ The package will also provide GBP60 million to help Africa integrate into global financial markets by creating a robust and transparent financial sector that attracts more investment and financial innovation, assist the banking sector to become self-sufficient and direct finance where it is most

³⁰²⁴ Kadınlar "siyaset stajını" Meclis'te yapacak, Milliyet (Ankara) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/kadinlar-siyaset-stajini--siyaset-2601896/>

³⁰²⁵ Aracını hurdaya ayırana ÖTV indirimi yapılacak, Milliyet (Ankara) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 4 February 2018. <http://www.milliyet.com.tr/aracini-hurdaya-ayirana-otv-otomobil-2602628/>

³⁰²⁶ Notice, Resmî Gazete (Ankara) 3 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2018/02/20180220-3.pdf>

³⁰²⁷ PM announces new measures to help Africa boost its prosperity and stability, Department for International Development (London) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-measures-to-help-africa-boost-its-prosperity-and-stability>

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needed.³⁰³⁰ This funding will also create more opportunities for London to act a finance hub for Africa.³⁰³¹ GBP61 million will also be used to boost trade infrastructure in Tanzania, including working with the World Bank to nearly double the capacity of the Dar es Salaam port.³⁰³² The package will dedicate GBP30 million to help Somalia's state and economy recover from conflict by building a functioning civil service for economic management and for helping up to a million people benefit from better roads and water supply.³⁰³³ The package will also contribute GBP35 million to Ethiopia and GBP11.8 million to Rwanda to help attract private investment and decrease dependence on aid.³⁰³⁴

On 11 July 2017, International Development Secretary Priti Patel announced that the UK government would extend its contribution until 2022 to provide modern family planning to women in impoverished countries in Asia and Africa.³⁰³⁵ With the new increased support package, the government will contribute an average of GBP225 million per year until 2022 for family planning.³⁰³⁶ The support package will be dedicated to preventing maternal deaths of over 6,000 women, supporting approximately 20 million women to receive voluntary contraceptives, preventing 6 million unintended pregnancies, and averting the trauma of 75,000 stillbirths and nearly 44,000 new-born deaths.³⁰³⁷

On 1 August 2017, the Department for Work and Pensions announced that GBP28 million would be directed towards funding employment initiatives supporting disadvantaged persons and long-term job seekers.³⁰³⁸ The funding will establish a Health and Care Sector Progression Academy to train

³⁰³⁰ PM announces new measures to help Africa boost its prosperity and stability, Department for International Development (London) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-measures-to-help-africa-boost-its-prosperity-and-stability>

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³⁰³⁵ UK to save a woman's life every 90 minutes by increasing family planning support, Department for International Development (London) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-save-a-womans-life-every-90-minutes-by-increasing-family-planning-support>

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³⁰³⁸ £35 million of innovative employment schemes to benefit thousands of disadvantaged people, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 1 August 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/35-million-of-innovative-employment-schemes-to-benefit-thousands-of-disadvantaged-people>

social care workers, an early intervention initiative to prevent people from long-term unemployment, and a business-led training hub for modern work skills.³⁰³⁹

On 4 August 2017, Secretary Patel announced an additional GBP100 million to end polio.³⁰⁴⁰ The funding will be dedicated to immunizing 45 million children against the disease each year until 2020.³⁰⁴¹ The World Health Organization will be using the UK government's funding to implement the programmes of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, a public-private partnership led by national governments, WHO, Rotary International, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, UN Children's Fund, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.³⁰⁴²

On 8 September 2017, Secretary Patel announced GBP5 million to provide humanitarian assistance for the Rohingya refugees who have fled into Bangladesh from military violence in Burma.³⁰⁴³ The funding will focus on providing food, shelter, water, and sanitation for the refugees.³⁰⁴⁴

On 14 September 2017, Secretary Patel announced an additional GBP25 million to meet the needs of the Rohingya.³⁰⁴⁵ The funding will be directed towards providing food, shelter, water and sanitation for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.³⁰⁴⁶ The funding will also provide life-saving assistance for the Rohingya affected in the Rakhine State of Burma.³⁰⁴⁷

On 28 October 2017, Prime Minister May announced a new initiative to improve workplace equality by calling on companies to report their gender pay gap and take action to close it.³⁰⁴⁸ As part of the initiative, the UK government has introduced a legal requirement for employers with more than 250

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³⁰⁴⁸ Prime Minister announces new drive to end the gender pay gap, Prime Minister's Office (London) 28 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-drive-to-end-the-gender-pay-gap>

employees to publish their gender pay and bonuses by April 2018.³⁰⁴⁹ Prime Minister May called on companies to ensure female representation in senior roles and to make flexible working available for employees by advertising all jobs as flexible unless there are legitimate reasons for the jobs to be inflexible, and also called on companies with fewer than 250 employees to publish their gender pay gap data voluntarily.³⁰⁵⁰

On 8 November 2017, Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry Claire Perry announced GBP84 million for funding of artificial intelligence and robotics research, and smart energy systems innovation.³⁰⁵¹ GBP68 million of the funding will be dedicated to developing robots and artificial intelligence to complete jobs in the North Sea, facing extreme environments in the process of nuclear energy production, the hostile vacuum of space, and the heat of deep mining.³⁰⁵² GBP16 million of the funding will be focused on smart energy systems innovation.³⁰⁵³

On 14 November 2017, the UK government ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, which commits countries to reducing hydrofluorocarbon greenhouse gases by 85 per cent between 2019 and 2036.³⁰⁵⁴ Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Michael Grove commented that the UK's commitment to the Kigali Amendment would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of approximately 70 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2050.³⁰⁵⁵

On 16 November 2017, Minister Perry launched the Powering Past Coal Alliance at the 23rd session of the Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Climate Change alongside Canada.³⁰⁵⁶ The alliance of countries aims to move away from using unabated coal power to using cleaner power sources by taking actions, such as setting coal phase out targets and committing to no increased

³⁰⁴⁹ Prime Minister announces new drive to end the gender pay gap, Prime Minister's Office (London) 28 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-announces-new-drive-to-end-the-gender-pay-gap>

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³⁰⁵⁴ UK ratifies new agreement to tackle global warming, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (London) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-ratifies-new-agreement-to-tackle-global-warming>

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³⁰⁵⁶ Climate Change Minister Claire Perry launches Powering Past Coal Alliance at COP23, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/climate-change-minister-claire-perry-launches-powering-past-coal-alliance-at-cop23>

investments in coal-fired electricity within their jurisdictions or elsewhere.³⁰⁵⁷ The UK government has committed to ending unabated coal power generation by 2025.³⁰⁵⁸

On 25 November 2017, International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt announced GBP12 million in funding for initiatives to protect women and girls facing violence in impoverished countries.³⁰⁵⁹ The funding will be allocated to the UN Trust Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence against Women.³⁰⁶⁰ The funding will support local, national, regional, and cross-border efforts to prevent and respond to violence against women and girls, including female genital mutilation, child marriage, and domestic and sexual violence.³⁰⁶¹

On 29 November 2017, Prime Minister May announced a long-term commitment to collaborating with Jordan in transforming the country's economy to a more inclusive and resilient one, providing opportunities to all Jordanians.³⁰⁶² The government will initially contribute GBP94.5 million to create new jobs, provide apprenticeships and vocational skills training, and improve the quality of education for Jordanian children.³⁰⁶³

On 30 November 2017, the UK government announced plans to seek one million more disabled people in the workforce by 2027 through its "Improving lives: the future of work, health and disability" strategy.³⁰⁶⁴ The UK government aims to work with employers, charities, healthcare providers, and local authorities to eliminate employment barriers for disabled people through in-work programmes, personalized financial and employment support, and specialist healthcare services.³⁰⁶⁵

³⁰⁵⁷ Climate Change Minister Claire Perry launches Powering Past Coal Alliance at COP23, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (London) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/climate-change-minister-claire-perry-launches-powering-past-coal-alliance-at-cop23>

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³⁰⁵⁹ The UK steps up to lead global drive to tackle violence against girls and women, Department for International Development (London) 25 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-uk-steps-up-to-lead-global-drive-to-tackle-violence-against-girls-and-women>

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³⁰⁶² UK set to agree new long-term partnership to bolster Jordan's economic resilience, Prime Minister's Office (London) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-set-to-agree-new-long-term-partnership-to-bolster-jordans-economic-resilience>

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³⁰⁶⁴ Strategy seeks one million more disabled people in work by 2027, Department for Work and Pensions (London) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/strategy-seeks-one-million-more-disabled-people-in-work-by-2027>

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On 11 December 2017, International Trade Secretary Liam Fox announced that the government would provide GBP18 million to support 51 impoverished countries in lifting their citizens out of poverty through trade.³⁰⁶⁶ The funding will assist these countries in producing products suitable for export, making trade more easily across borders, and allowing access new markets that can create new jobs.³⁰⁶⁷

On 12 December 2017, Prime Minister May announced that the government would contribute GBP140 million to assist impoverished communities that have been affected by climate change, through deforestation or vulnerability to natural disasters.³⁰⁶⁸ The funding will assist vulnerable populations to better cope with climate shocks and build resilience to extreme weather conditions, in order to reduce the need for emergency humanitarian aid when natural disasters occur.³⁰⁶⁹ The funding will also fund reconstruction of damaged infrastructure as a result of extreme weather conditions associated with climate change.³⁰⁷⁰ The funding will also be used to fund improved crisis and response operations.³⁰⁷¹

On 10 January 2018, Prime Minister May launched a twenty-five year environment plan to eliminate the use of avoidable plastic waste by 2042.³⁰⁷² Prime Minister May plans for the government to encourage supermarkets to introduce plastic-free aisles and to examine how the tax system could further reduce the amount of waste created.³⁰⁷³

On 22 January 2018, Secretary Mordaunt pledged GBP21 million for humanitarian aid in Somalia.³⁰⁷⁴ The funding will be dedicated to the screening and treatment of children at risk of acute malnutrition

³⁰⁶⁶ UK announces £18 million to help world's poorest through trade, Department for International Trade (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-announces-18-million-to-help-worlds-poorest-through-trade>

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³⁰⁶⁸ PM announces new measures to tackle effects and causes of climate change, Prime Minister's Office (London) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-announces-new-measures-to-tackle-effects-and-causes-of-climate-change>

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³⁰⁷⁴ International Development Secretary in Somalia: "The UK averted famine last year, but the job is not yet done", Department for International Development (London) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-development-secretary-in-somalia-the-uk-averted-famine-last-year-but-the-job-is-not-yet-done>

and maintaining access to water and improved sanitation.³⁰⁷⁵ The aid will also provide nutrition support, vaccinations, food security and livelihoods.³⁰⁷⁶

On 24 January 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced that the UK government and Humanity and Inclusion were collaborating to prototype a mobile phone application to benefit disabled workers.³⁰⁷⁷ The application will assist employers in developing countries to share information on how to adapt tools and working environments so that workplaces are accessible for employees and entrepreneurs with disabilities.³⁰⁷⁸

On 2 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt pledged GBP225 million for the Global Partnership for Education.³⁰⁷⁹ For the next three years, the funding will be dedicated to supporting education in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia to train teachers, build classrooms, distribute textbooks, and keep children in school each year.³⁰⁸⁰

On 8 February 2018, Minister of the Environment Therese Coffey stated that the UK government would award approximately GBP40 million to local authorities to retrofit more than 2,700 buses.³⁰⁸¹ Through the Clean Bus Technology Fund, the funding will aim to reduce tailpipe emissions of nitrogen dioxide in order to ensure that buses can contribute to improving air quality and meet minimum emission standards.³⁰⁸²

On 12 February 2018, the Department for Transport announced a GBP30 million investment in vehicle-to-grid technologies that could allow electric cars and other vehicles to deliver electricity back

³⁰⁷⁵ International Development Secretary in Somalia: “The UK averted famine last year, but the job is not yet done”, Department for International Development (London) 22 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-development-secretary-in-somalia-the-uk-averted-famine-last-year-but-the-job-is-not-yet-done>

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³⁰⁷⁷ UK aid supports world’s first mobile app to help the poorest people with disabilities into work, Department for International Development (London) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-aid-supports-worlds-first-mobile-app-to-help-the-poorest-people-with-disabilities-into-work>

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³⁰⁷⁹ Penny Mordaunt: The UK is tackling the ‘global learning crisis’ to empower the next generation, Department for International Development (London) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/penny-mordaunt-the-uk-is-tackling-the-global-learning-crisis-to-empower-the-next-generation>

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³⁰⁸¹ Government funding boost for bus industry in drive to improve air quality, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (London) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-funding-boost-for-bus-industry-in-drive-to-improve-air-quality>

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to the smart grid to light homes and power businesses.³⁰⁸³ Through its Industrial Strategy, the UK government will award funding to 21 V2G projects to pay for research, design, and development.³⁰⁸⁴

On 19 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced GBP5.5 million for the Humanitarian Grand Challenge.³⁰⁸⁵ The Humanitarian Grand Challenge aims to support projects that focus on new ways to deliver water, sanitation, energy, health assistance and life-saving information in conflict zones.³⁰⁸⁶ The funding will award grants of up to GBP150,000 for innovative technology projects to get started and a further GBP600,000 for successful projects to expand.³⁰⁸⁷ The US Agency for International Development will also contribute GBP5.5 million to the Humanitarian Grand Challenge, which will be administered by Grand Challenges Canada.³⁰⁸⁸

On 27 February 2018, Secretary Mordaunt announced that the Department for International Development would contribute GBP4 million to Bond, a network of more than 400 international development organizations, in order to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.³⁰⁸⁹ As part of the UK Aid Connect programme, the funding will provide grants until 2021 to address development challenges in areas such as disability, child labour and security.³⁰⁹⁰

Through extensive reforms to labour regulations at the domestic level, cooperation with other countries and international organizations, as well as aid provided to developing countries, the UK has committed to the implementation of the SDGs both domestically and internationally.

Thus, the UK receives a score of +1.

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³⁰⁸³ £30 million investment in revolutionary V2G technologies, Prime Minister's Office (London) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-investment-in-revolutionary-v2g-technologies>

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³⁰⁸⁵ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

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The United States has partially complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 8 July 2017, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) committed USD639 million in new humanitarian assistance for people affected by food insecurity and violence in South Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen.³⁰⁹¹

On 13 July 2017, USAID committed USD119 million in funding for humanitarian assistance to assist Iraq in improving sanitation, safe drinking water, food security, and medical assistance.³⁰⁹²

On 17 July 2017, the House of Representatives Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs approved a bill appropriating USD47.4 billion for foreign development, a reduction of USD10 billion from the previous fiscal year.³⁰⁹³

On 4 August 2017, the State Department notified the UN of its intent to withdraw from the Paris Agreement.³⁰⁹⁴

On 31 August 2017, Administrator of USAID Mark Green announced USD91 million in new development aid to assist Ethiopia in coping with drought.³⁰⁹⁵

On 31 August 2017, USAID committed to assisting 12 developing countries reduce poverty, improve sustainable development, and reduce hunger through an expansion of the Feed the Future program.³⁰⁹⁶

On 7 September 2017, the US Senate Appropriations Committee approved a bill authorizing USD51 billion in funding for foreign development and diplomacy.³⁰⁹⁷ The bill included USD6 billion for

³⁰⁹¹ UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO FAMINE RISK, VIOLENCE, AND FORCED DISPLACEMENT, USAID (Washington D.C.) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 6 August 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/july-08-2017-united-states-announces-addl-humanitarian-assistance-famine>.

³⁰⁹² UNITED STATES ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR IRAQI PEOPLE, USAID (Washington D.C.) 13 July 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jul-13-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-iraqi-people>.

³⁰⁹³ US aid budget moves forward, but Democrats plan to fight cuts, Devex (Washington D.C.) 14 July 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. https://www.devex.com/news/us-aid-budget-moves-forward-but-democrats-plan-to-fight-cuts-90673?utm_source=website&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=linking_strategy.

³⁰⁹⁴ U.S submits formal notice of withdrawal from Paris climate pact, Reuters (London) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-un-climate-usa-paris/u-s-submits-formal-notice-of-withdrawal-from-paris-climate-pact-idUSKBN1AK2FM>.

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³⁰⁹⁶ ADMINSTRATOR GREEN ANNOUNCES NEXT PHASE OF FEED THE FUTURE ON FIRST INTERNATIONAL TRIP, USAID (Washington D.C.) 31 August 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/aug-31-2017-administrator-green-announces-next-phase-feed-the-future>.

³⁰⁹⁷ Senate Panel Rejects Trump Plan for Cutting Foreign Assistance, Foreign Policy (Washington D.C.) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/09/07/congress-rejects-trump-plan-for-cutting-foreign-assistance-state-department-redesign-diplomacy-senate-appropriations/>.

humanitarian assistance, and USD10 million for the UN to fight climate change.³⁰⁹⁸ The bill provided funding for the United Nations Population Fund and eliminated a restriction on funding international organizations which provide abortion services.³⁰⁹⁹

On 14 September 2017, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD56 million towards community development and homelessness alleviation in Native American communities.³¹⁰⁰

On 18 September 2017, Director of the National Economic Council Gary Cohn reiterated the commitment made by President Donald Trump to withdraw from the Paris Agreement unless its terms are made more favorable for the United States.³¹⁰¹

On 21 September 2017, USAID announced an expansion of the National Malaria Control Programs to cover 90 million people in Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, Sierra Leone, and Burkina Faso.³¹⁰²

On 21 September 2017, USAID committed approximately USD575 million in funding to assist people affected by food insecurity and violence in Yemen, South Sudan, Nigeria, and Somalia.³¹⁰³

On 28 September 2017, USAID committed USD5 million in funding for research and innovation in development in developing countries.^{3104,3105}

On 28 September 2017, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD2.1 million to assist public housing residents find education and job training opportunities.³¹⁰⁶

³⁰⁹⁸ Senate Panel Rejects Trump Plan for Cutting Foreign Assistance, Foreign Policy (Washington D.C.) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/09/07/congress-rejects-trump-plan-for-cutting-foreign-assistance-state-department-redesign-diplomacy-senate-appropriations/>.

³⁰⁹⁹ Senate Committee Votes Against Administration on Anti-Abortion Global Gag Rule, Foreign Policy (Washington D.C.) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://foreignpolicy.com/2017/09/07/senate-votes-against-administration-on-anti-abortion-global-gag-rule/>.

³¹⁰⁰ HUD Awards \$56 Million for Housing and Community Development Projects in 80 Native American Communities, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-074.

³¹⁰¹ Cohn: Trump still planning to withdraw from Paris climate accord, CNN (Atlanta) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/18/politics/gary-cohn-climate-paris-trump/index.html>.

³¹⁰² Address by Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development Mark Green at the United Nations Headquarters, USAID (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-21-2017-usaid-administrator-mark-green-delivers-remarks-at-roll-back-malaria-event>.

³¹⁰³ United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Countries Facing Famine and Ongoing Violence, USAID (Washington D.C.) 21 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-21-2017-united-states-announces-additional-humanitarian-assistance-countries>.

³¹⁰⁴ USAID Announces \$5 Million in New Global Research Collaboration, USAID (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2017. Access Date 6 November 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/sep-28-2017-usaid-announces-5-million-new-global-research-collaboration>.

³¹⁰⁵ Funded Projects | PEER Cycle 6 Grant Recipients, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/PEER/PGA_181417.

³¹⁰⁶ HUD Awards \$2.1 Million to Promote Jobs, Self-Sufficiency for Public Housing Residents, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-085.

On 1 October 2017, the US government halted federal funding to the Children's Health Insurance Program.³¹⁰⁷ The Children's Health Insurance Program provides subsidized medical assistance for more than 8 million low-income children in the US.³¹⁰⁸

On 10 October 2017, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the imminent repeal of the Clean Power Plan.³¹⁰⁹ The Clean Power Plan was expected to reduce carbon dioxide emissions to 32 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030 but had not been implemented due to legal challenges before the Supreme Court.³¹¹⁰

On 25 October 2017, USAID committed USD6.3 million in assistance for off-grid energy generation in developing countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.³¹¹¹

On 29 November 2017, USAID committed USD2 million in assistance for female entrepreneurs in Africa.³¹¹²

On 4 December 2017, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Saudi Arabian Minister of Energy Khalid Al-Falih, pledging to "establish a framework for mutually beneficial cooperation in the area of clean fossil fuels and carbon management."³¹¹³ The two countries will maintain open communication and exchange "experts, engineers, and scientists."³¹¹⁴ Minister Al-Falih remarked that the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding would help to ensure that Saudi Arabia meets the Sustainable Development Goals outlined by Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030.³¹¹⁵

³¹⁰⁷ House to Vote on Child Health Care, but Funding Will Remain in Limbo, The New York Times (New York City) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/02/us/politics/chip-childrens-health-insurance-program-congress.html>.

³¹⁰⁸ House to Vote on Child Health Care, but Funding Will Remain in Limbo, The New York Times (New York City) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/02/us/politics/chip-childrens-health-insurance-program-congress.html>.

³¹⁰⁹ Pruitt announces withdrawal of Clean Power Plan, CNN (Atlanta) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/09/politics/environmental-protection-agency-scott-pruitt-clean-power-plan/index.html>.

³¹¹⁰ Trump to Argue Obama's Clean Power Plan Violates US Law, Bloomberg News (New York City) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-10-05/trump-is-said-to-argue-obama-s-clean-power-plan-violates-law>.

³¹¹¹ USAID Announces \$6.3 Million in Awards to Bolster Sub-Saharan Africa's Off-Grid Energy Sector, USAID (Washington D.C.) 25 October 2017. Access Date: 12 December 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/oct-25-2017-usaid-announces-63-million-awards-bolster-sub-saharan-africas-grid>.

³¹¹² USAID Administrator Green Announces New Efforts to Empower Women Entrepreneurs, USAID (Washington D.C.) 29 November 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/nov-29-2017-usaid-administrator-green-announces-new-efforts-to-empower-women-entrepreneurs>.

³¹¹³ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossil-fuels-and>

³¹¹⁴ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossil-fuels-and>

³¹¹⁵ The US and Saudi Arabia Committed to Advancing Research and Collaboration in Clean Fossil Fuels and Carbon Management, United States Department of Energy (Washington) 4 December 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/us-and-saudi-arabia-committed-advancing-research-and-collaboration-clean-fossil-fuels-and>

On 12 December 2017, USAID committed USD130 million in emergency food assistance to Yemen.³¹¹⁶

On 21 December 2017, Congress passed a bill committing USD3 billion for the Children's Health Insurance Program.³¹¹⁷ The money is expected to fund the program until March 2018.³¹¹⁸

On 22 December 2017, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD37 million towards housing for low-income Americans with HIV/AIDS.³¹¹⁹

On 22 December, President Donald Trump signed into law the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017.³¹²⁰ The act reduces corporate tax rates, expands the child tax credit, reduces tax rates on most income brackets, and eliminates the healthcare insurance mandate.³¹²¹

On 11 January 2018, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Ben Carson committed USD2 billion to homeless assistance programs across the United States.³¹²²

On 25 January 2018, EPA announced the repeal of a regulation requiring major producers of hazardous air emissions to reduce their emissions levels.³¹²³

On 19 February 2018, USAID announced that it will contribute GBP5.5 million to the Humanitarian Grand Challenge, which will be administered by Grand Challenges Canada.³¹²⁴ The Humanitarian Grand Challenge aims to support projects that focus on new ways to deliver water, sanitation, energy, health assistance and life-saving information in conflict zones.³¹²⁵ The funding will award grants of up to GBP150,000 for innovative technology projects to get started and a further GBP600,000 for successful projects to expand.³¹²⁶ The International Development Secretary of the United Kingdom

³¹¹⁶ Fact Sheet: Additional US Assistance for Yemen, USAID (Washington D.C.) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/dec-12-2017-fact-sheet-additional-us-assistance-yemen>.

³¹¹⁷ Congress provides short-term funding for children's health insurance, CNN (Atlanta) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://money.cnn.com/2017/12/21/news/economy/chip-funding/index.html>.

³¹¹⁸ Congress provides short-term funding for children's health insurance, CNN (Atlanta) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://money.cnn.com/2017/12/21/news/economy/chip-funding/index.html>.

³¹¹⁹ HUD Awards \$37 Million to Renew Support to 32 Local HIV-AIDS Housing Programs, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2017/HUDNo_17-118.

³¹²⁰ Actions Overview H.R.1 — 115th Congress (2017-2018), US Congress (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2017. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1/actions>.

³¹²¹ What's in the GOP's final tax plan, CNN (Atlanta) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://money.cnn.com/2017/12/15/news/economy/gop-tax-plan-details/index.html>.

³¹²² HUD Awards \$2 Billion to Thousand of Local Homeless Assistance Programs Across US, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_001.

³¹²³ EPA reverses air pollution rule, Chemical & Engineering News (Washington D.C.) 1 February 2018. Access Date: 2 February 2018. <https://cen.acs.org/articles/96/i6/EPA-reverses-air-pollution-rule.html>.

³¹²⁴ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

³¹²⁵ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

³¹²⁶ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

Penny Mordaunt also announced the UK's contribution of GBP5.5 million for the Humanitarian Grand Challenge.³¹²⁷

On 20 February 2018, Secretary Carson committed USD35 million to assist low-income residents achieve economic and housing independence.³¹²⁸

The United States has taken action to align its actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at a domestic and international level, while including specific provisions for developing countries. The United States has also taken action directly contrary to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at a domestic and international level.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

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European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to take action at the domestic and international levels including supporting developing countries to further align its actions with the 2030 Agenda.

On 20 September 2017, the EU began the Spotlight Initiative with the United Nations, a partnership that aims to eradicate violence targeting women and girls with an initial EUR500 million financial package.³¹²⁹ The initiative addresses many issues including but not limited to domestic violence, sexual violence, gender-based violence, and human trafficking.³¹³⁰ The EU and UN have outlined various stakeholders, blueprints for developing policies and laws accordingly, and providing special services to those affected by gender-based violence.³¹³¹

On 28 September 2017, the European Commission began its External Investment Plan to invest in partner countries, with a particular focus on Africa.³¹³² According to Vice President Federica Mogherini, the purpose of the plan is to “become an engine of more inclusive and sustainable growth,

³¹²⁷ UK and US launch innovation fund for ideas to save millions of lives in conflict zones, Department for International Development (London) 19 February 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-us-launch-innovation-fund-for-ideas-to-save-millions-of-lives-in-conflict-zones>

³¹²⁸ HUD Awards \$25 Million to Promote Jobs, Self-Sufficiency for Public Housing Residents, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Washington D.C.) 20 February 2018. Access Date: 25 February 2018. https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_18_015.

³¹²⁹ Questions and Answers: EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, European Commission (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-17-3222_en.htm

³¹³⁰ Questions and Answers: EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, European Commission (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-17-3222_en.htm

³¹³¹ Questions and Answers: EU-UN Spotlight Initiative to Eliminate Violence Against Women and Girls, European Commission (New York) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-17-3222_en.htm

³¹³² EU Kick-Starts its New EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3483_en.htm

to create green energy,” among other goals.³¹³³ The EU is contributing EUR4.1 billion in order to leverage up to EUR44 billion more in private investments for the initiative.³¹³⁴

On 6 October 2017, the EU and India made a joint statement regarding “clean energy and climate change” in New Delhi.³¹³⁵ The main objective of the statement was to announce the implementation of the Paris Agreement in ways including but not limited to mitigation, finance, and capacity building.³¹³⁶ The goal of this statement is also to encourage others to implement the Paris Agreement, specifically to lower “greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to achieve climate-resilient and sustainable development.”³¹³⁷

On 6 October 2017, the EU hosted the 2017 Our Ocean Conference in Malta.³¹³⁸ The conference focused on the protection of oceans.³¹³⁹ At the conference, the EU made 26 commitments, and committed EUR550 million to initiatives such as “the creation of a new [Marine Protected Area (MPA)] that is over half the size of the entire EU.”³¹⁴⁰ One key outcome of the conference was to collaborate with African, Caribbean, and Pacific countries to take “actions to strengthen ocean governance worldwide, reduce pressure on the oceans, improve ocean research and data; and to reinforce actions for sustainable inclusive growth of the blue economy.”³¹⁴¹

On 15 February 2018, the EU announced its plans to donate EUR38.5 million to the Western Balkans Investment Framework in an effort to assist in the modernizing of Kosovo’s railway line.³¹⁴² This follows a previous loan of EUR39.9 million by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.³¹⁴³

³¹³³ EU Kick-Starts its New EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3483_en.htm

³¹³⁴ EU Kick-Starts its New EU External Investment Plan, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3483_en.htm

³¹³⁵ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

³¹³⁶ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

³¹³⁷ EU, India Partner on Paris Agreement Implementation, Clean Energy, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/eu-india-partner-on-paris-agreement-implementation-clean-energy/>

³¹³⁸ Fourth Our Ocean Conference generates over €7 Billion in Pledges, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/fourth-our-ocean-conference-generates-over-e7-billion-in-pledges/>

³¹³⁹ Fourth Our Ocean Conference generates over €7 Billion in Pledges, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/fourth-our-ocean-conference-generates-over-e7-billion-in-pledges/>

³¹⁴⁰ Fourth Our Ocean Conference generates over €7 Billion in Pledges, International Institute of Sustainable Development (Winnipeg) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://sdg.iisd.org/news/fourth-our-ocean-conference-generates-over-e7-billion-in-pledges/>

³¹⁴¹ EU and Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific Partners Reaffirm Commitment for Sustainable Ocean Governance (Malta) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_STATEMENT-17-3732_en.htm

³¹⁴² Upgrading Kosovo’s only international rail link, EBRD (London) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ebrd.com/news/2018/upgrading-kosovos-only-international-rail-link.html>

³¹⁴³ Upgrading Kosovo’s only international rail link, EBRD (London) 15 February 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ebrd.com/news/2018/upgrading-kosovos-only-international-rail-link.html>

On 19 December 2017, a new political agreement was reached by the EU to continue an initiative that aims to improve the energy efficiency of buildings.³¹⁴⁴ The program is the proposed solution to EU Member States' current need to improve the energy efficiency and performance of buildings.³¹⁴⁵ The goal is to progress “towards a low and zero emission building stock in the EU by 2050 underpinned by national roadmaps to decarbonise buildings.”³¹⁴⁶

Through its contribution across issue areas such as climate change, violence against women, and oceanic protection, the EU has committed to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals both domestically and internationally.

Thus, the EU receives a score of +1.

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³¹⁴⁴ Commission Welcomes Agreement on Energy Performance of Buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018.

<https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/commission-welcomes-agreement-energy-performance-buildings>

³¹⁴⁵ Commission Welcomes Agreement on Energy Performance of Buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/commission-welcomes-agreement-energy-performance-buildings>

³¹⁴⁶ Commission Welcomes Agreement on Energy Performance of Buildings, European Commission (Brussels) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/news/commission-welcomes-agreement-energy-performance-buildings>

9. Tax Administration: Fair and Modern System

“We will continue our work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Turkey		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.90		

Background

At the 2013 G20 St. Petersburg Summit, the G20 recognized for the first time that base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) had a significant impact on global financial and economic health. BEPS refers to tax avoidance strategies that take advantage of mismatches in the international tax system to artificially shift profits to no-tax or low-tax jurisdictions.³¹⁴⁷ Since BEPS relies on discrepancies in the tax laws of different countries, there is no singular source that can be held responsible for these strategies. Perpetrated mainly by multinational enterprises (MNEs), BEPS is estimated to result in the loss of global tax revenue in the range of USD100–240 billion.³¹⁴⁸ Thus, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and G20 members sought to conduct the most substantial overhaul of international tax laws in a century.³¹⁴⁹

In 2013, G20 members commissioned the OECD to produce a report on BEPS. The initial report, “Addressing Base Erosion and Profit Shifting,” revealed that a lack of coordination between

³¹⁴⁷ Background Brief: Inclusive Framework on BEPS, OECD (Paris) January 2017. Access Date: October 28 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/background-brief-inclusive-framework-for-beps-implementation.pdf>.

³¹⁴⁸ Background Brief: Inclusive Framework on BEPS, OECD (Paris) January 2017. Access Date: October 28 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/background-brief-inclusive-framework-for-beps-implementation.pdf>.

³¹⁴⁹ OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Projects: 2015 Final Reports, OECD (Paris) 5 October 2015. Access Date: October 29 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps-reports-2015-information-brief.pdf>.

different tax jurisdictions and lack of transparency were the two main drivers of BEPS.³¹⁵⁰ As a result of these findings, the OECD created the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.³¹⁵¹ The Action Plan was later developed into a more comprehensive set of reports called the BEPS package.

At the 2015 G20 Antalya Summit, the G20 endorsed the OECD's BEPS package.³¹⁵² The BEPS package consisted of 15 action items and three fundamental pillars: the introduction of coherence in domestic rules affecting cross-border activities, reinforcing substance requirements in international standards and improving transparency, and tax certainty for businesses.³¹⁵³ Additionally, the BEPS package set out four minimum standards, revised existing standards, and provided more guidance on best practices. Most notably, the BEPS package included the Common Reporting Standard (CRS), laying down the foundation for automatic exchange of financial information (AEOI) between countries.

On 30 June–1 July 2016, the OECD Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA), the OECD's decision-making body for tax issues, held the first meeting on the Inclusive Framework on BEPS.³¹⁵⁴ The Inclusive Framework developed new standards to address any remaining BEPS issues, discussed a monitoring system to review implementation efforts, and provided toolkits to aid developing countries as they sought to implement the BEPS package.³¹⁵⁵

At the 2016 G20 Hangzhou Summit, G20 members praised the progress made on BEPS and encouraged remaining relevant and interested parties to join the framework on equal footing.³¹⁵⁶ In particular, G20 members called for countries to begin implementing the standard for AEOI and to sign and ratify the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters.³¹⁵⁷ Notably, G20 members also asked the OECD to review the progress made by jurisdictions on tax transparency. This report was delivered at the 2017 G20 finance ministers meeting in Baden-Baden, Germany.³¹⁵⁸

At the 2017 G20 Hamburg Summit, G20 members continued to focus on the implementation of BEPS measures, with the first AEOI scheduled for September 2017. At the time of the Summit, over 100 countries and jurisdictions had become a member of the Inclusive Framework.³¹⁵⁹ The G20 members recognize that meeting AEOI targets is paramount in ensuring the overall success of the

³¹⁵⁰ OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Projects: 2015 Final Reports, OECD (Paris) 5 October 2015. Access Date: October 29 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps-reports-2015-information-brief.pdf>.

³¹⁵¹ OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Projects: 2015 Final Reports, OECD (Paris) 5 October 2015. Access Date: October 29 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps-reports-2015-information-brief.pdf>.

³¹⁵² OECD and the G20, OECD (Paris) November 2015. Access Date: October 30 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/g20/summits/antalya/>.

³¹⁵³ OECD/G20 Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Projects: 2015 Final Reports, OECD (Paris) 5 October 2015. Access Date: October 29 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps-reports-2015-information-brief.pdf>.

³¹⁵⁴ Background Brief : Inclusive Framework on BEPS, OECD (Paris) January 2017. Access Date: October 28 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/background-brief-inclusive-framework-for-beps-implementation.pdf>.

³¹⁵⁵ Background Brief : Inclusive Framework on BEPS, OECD (Paris) January 2017. Access Date: October 28 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/ctp/background-brief-inclusive-framework-for-beps-implementation.pdf>.

³¹⁵⁶ G20 Leader's Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 (Hangzhou) 5 September 2016. Access Date: October 31 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqu.html>.

³¹⁵⁷ G20 Leader's Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 (Hangzhou) 5 September 2016. Access Date: October 31 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communiqu.html>.

³¹⁵⁸ OECD Secretary-General Report to G20 Finance Ministers, OECD (Baden-Baden) March 2017. Access Date: October 31 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/oecd-secretary-general-tax-report-g20-finance-ministers-march-2017.pdf>.

³¹⁵⁹ OECD Secretary-General Report to G20 Leaders, OECD (Hamburg) July 2017. Access Date: October 30 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/oecd-secretary-general-tax-report-g20-leaders-july-2017.pdf>.

implementation of the BEPS package and working towards a globally fair and modern international tax system.

Commitment Features

The G20 members committed to “continue our work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.” “To continue our work” is understood to mean that compliance with this commitment does not require new initiatives, but to continue to improve, expand, and implement existing projects and action items. Examples of continuing work includes expanding financial information exchange relationships, maintaining support for developing countries in their tax capacity building efforts, continuation of voluntary compliance mechanisms, and continued participation in the multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters.

“Globally fair and modern” is understood as international efforts to improve transparency between tax jurisdictions, close down loopholes, and stop MNEs from not paying taxes through tax treaty shopping and other treaty abuses. These efforts will mainly materialize through the implementation of the BEPS package and other related work. The four minimum standards of the BEPS package prioritize areas that will create negative spillovers if left unaddressed. The minimum standards are made up of four priority action items in the BEPS plan:

- Action 5: countering harmful tax practices with a priority placed on increasing tax transparency through AEOI;
- Action 6: prevention of treaty shopping and other treaty abuses;
- Action 13: development of new rules regarding transfer pricing to enhance transparency for tax administrations;
- Action 14: creating more effective dispute mechanisms.

Other examples of countries’ contributing to a globally fair and modern tax system include: implementation of the BEPS package with a focus on the four minimum standards, implementation of the CRS through AEOI, and the development of defensive measures towards non-compliant tax jurisdictions.

“International tax system” is understood as the relationship between different tax jurisdictions around the world. Due to the possibility of negative spillover from national actions and the globalized nature of this commitment, cooperation between countries is key. Thus, compliance with this commitment necessitates strong relationships between G20 members and the rest of the world. The G20 member must act as an international actor through bilateral agreements, as members of international organizations, or as signatories of multilateral treaties.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must continue their work for existing efforts towards a globally fair and modern international tax system on a national level and international level.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	Member does not continue their work for a globally fair and modern international tax system through national initiatives OR as an international actor.
0	Member continues their work for a globally fair and modern international tax system EITHER through national initiatives OR as an international actor.
+1	Member continues their work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives AND as an international actor.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 21 July 2017, Argentina and Brazil signed a protocol amending the convention to avoid double taxation and prevent tax evasion on income taxes.³¹⁶⁰ This established previously non-existent limits on the level of taxation at source in specific categories of income, modified the method to avoid double taxation on the Argentine side and included specific articles to deal with capital taxes.³¹⁶¹ The protocol is in line with the commitments for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project under the G20. It also included a specific article to combat tax evasion and abuse of the agreement.³¹⁶²

On 8 August 2017, Argentina signed a tax agreement with Brazil to amend its existing tax and trade agreements to be more synchronized with the international standards required by the Inclusive Framework.³¹⁶³ Some of the treaty amendments included changes to address treaty abuse, Permanent Establishment status and dispute resolution.³¹⁶⁴

On 14 October 2017, Argentina attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³¹⁶⁵

On 20 September 2017, Argentina published General Resolution 4130-E in the Official Gazette, which addresses Action 13 of the BEPS project, implementing country-by-country (CbC) reporting on transfer and pricing documentation.³¹⁶⁶

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, Argentina participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³¹⁶⁷ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the BEPS project outcomes, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax

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certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³¹⁶⁸

On 15 November 2017, Argentina issued its draft tax reform bill, which includes a number of BEPS measures such as in Action 4, limiting base erosion involving interest deductions and other payments.³¹⁶⁹ Argentina imposes limits on the application of Action 4 recommendations may have on certain types of entities in the event that the respective creditor has effectively taxed the income in Argentina.³¹⁷⁰

On 15 November 2017, Argentina issued its draft tax reform bill, addressing Action 7 of the BEPS project by including provisions expanding the definition of a permanent establishment and aligning it with the current international standards within the international framework of the project.³¹⁷¹

On 1 December 2017, Argentina released its statement for assuming the presidency of the next G20 summit held in Buenos Aires, where it stated its commitment to continuing to work towards a strong sustainable financial system and improve the fairness of the global tax system.³¹⁷²

On 29 December 2017, Argentina published law 27430 in the official bulletin, with measures that are to be taken under the BEPS package.³¹⁷³ Article 217 allows taxpayers to request the conclusion of a “Joint Determination of Prices of International Operations” with the Federal Administration of Public Revenues, which can be used to determine the prices, amounts of consideration or profit margins or international transactions.³¹⁷⁴

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³¹⁷² Overview of Argentina’s G20 Presidency 2018: Building Consensus for Fair and Sustainable development, G20 (Buenos Aires) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <https://www.g20.org/en/overview-argentinas-g20-presidency-2018>.

³¹⁷³ Argentina Enacts Law Clarifying BEPS Measures, Thomson Reuters: Tax and Accounting (Carrollton) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 4 January 2018. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/argentina-enacts-law-clarifying-beps-measures/>.

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On 29 December 2017, Argentina published law 27430 in the official bulletin.³¹⁷⁶ Article 192 imposes adjustable fines between USD4 200 to USD10 500 on Multinational Enterprises (MNE) that fail to report the authorities the identity of the ultimate parent group of the MNE. Fines will also be subject to a MNE's failure to report the entity that will file the CbC report, indicating if it acts as the ultimate parent entity, surrogate entity or other group entity.³¹⁷⁷

On 29 December 2017, Argentina published law 27430 in the official bulletin to implement a dispute resolution mechanism in line with the BEPS minimum standards.³¹⁷⁸ Article 207 requests to initiate a mutual agreement procedure that must be filed within three years from the day of the first notification causes or is likely to cause an imposition of tax not in accordance with a double tax agreement concluded by Argentina.³¹⁷⁹

On 1 January 2018, a tax income treaty signed by Argentina and Mexico came into effect after being signed a year earlier. The double taxation treaty will further connect and harmonize the tax schemes within both countries as in accordance of Action 2 of the BEPS of project.³¹⁸⁰

Argentina has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nasser Haidar

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 14 October 2017, Australia attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³¹⁸¹

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implementation of the BEPS project outcomes, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³¹⁸³

On 24 November 2017, the Australian government released draft legislation for the implementation of the OECD's hybrid mismatch rules.³¹⁸⁴ "The rules are aimed at eliminating double non-taxation benefits from hybrid mismatch arrangements which exploit differences in the tax treatment of an entity or instrument under the laws of two or more tax jurisdictions."³¹⁸⁵ The hybrid mismatch rules "will apply to payments made on or after the day six months following the date of Royal Assent, [therefore] the earliest likely start date will be in the second half of 2018."³¹⁸⁶

On 23 January 2018, the Australian government participated in the OECD's pilot project, the International Compliance Assurance Program, along with seven other countries.³¹⁸⁷ The program is designed to use country-by-country reports to facilitate open engagement between participating countries.³¹⁸⁸ It aims to facilitate open dialogue between multinational enterprises and tax administrations with the view of improving tax certainty.³¹⁸⁹

On 8 February 2018, Australia released a draft law for public comment that would use the Multilateral Instrument (MLI) to amend approximately 30 of Australia's treaties.³¹⁹⁰ The MLI would amend Australia's existing tax treaties to address BEPS as laid out in the OECD's BEPS project.³¹⁹¹

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³¹⁸⁴ Global Tax Update December 2017, PwC Australia (London) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 3 January 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=76f0a69a-0bcf-4222-886e-c8b5157bb306>.

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³¹⁸⁷ Eight FTA members kick off multilateral tax risk assurance programme to provide early certainty for tax administrations and MNEs, 23 January 2018, OECD (Washington, D.C.) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/eight-fta-members-kick-off-multilateral-tax-risk-assurance-programme-to-provide-early-certainty-for-tax-administrations-and-mnes.htm>.

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Analyst: Nadia Larocca

Brazil: +1

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On 31 July 2017, Brazil passed Executive Decree 9.115, the Convention to Avoid Double Taxation between Brazil and Russia.³¹⁹⁵ It is designed to avoid double taxation and prevent tax evasion with respect to income tax. This agreement makes the thirty-third agreement Brazil has to avoid double taxation and prevent tax evasion.³¹⁹⁶

On 8 August 2017, Brazil signed a tax agreement with Argentina to amend its existing tax and trade agreements to be more synchronized with the international standards required by the Inclusive Framework.³¹⁹⁷ Some of the treaty amendments include changes to address treaty abuse, permanent establishment status and dispute resolution.³¹⁹⁸

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From 15-17 November 2017, Brazil participated in the 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purpose in Yaoundé, Cameroon.³²⁰⁰ Brazil was among six developed countries committed to helping six developing countries implement Automatic Exchange of Information. Australia is currently partnered with the Philippines to assist with its participation in automatic exchange of information (AEOI).³²⁰¹

On 5 December 2017, Brazil published Federal Decree No. 9219, the Convention to Avoid Double Taxation and Prevent Fiscal Evasion in Taxes Income between Brazil and India.³²⁰²

On 28 February 2018, the Brazilian government partnered with the OECD to begin a 15-month work programme that addresses gaps in Brazil's current cross border tax practices and the OECD's standards. In particular, the work programme will examine the legal and administrative structure around Brazil's transfer pricing system.³²⁰³ The OECD Secretary-General Angel Gurría stated that "effective transfer pricing rules are critical for avoiding double taxation and ensuring that taxable profits are not artificially shifted away."³²⁰⁴

Brazil has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sonja Dobson

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Canada participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³²⁰⁵ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the for the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project under the G20, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals,

³²⁰⁰ 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, OECD (Yaoundé) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/10th-meeting-of-the-global-forum-on-transparency-and-exchange-of-information-for-tax-purposes-15-17-november-2017-in-yaounde-cameroon.htm>.

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³²⁰² Convenção entre Brasil e Índia - Decreto Federal nº 9.219/2017, PwC Brasil (Brasília) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.pwc.com.br/pt/sinopse-legislativa/tributarias/convencao-entre-brasil-india-decreto-federal-9219-2017.html>.

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continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³²⁰⁶

On 14 October 2017, Canada attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³²⁰⁷

On 16 October 2017, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced plans to reform the tax system.³²⁰⁸ The proposal reduces taxes on small businesses from 10.5 per cent to nine per cent over a two-year period.³²⁰⁹ The reforms will also seek to close loopholes that allow wealthy Canadians to evade tax by incorporating themselves as businesses.³²¹⁰

On 3 November 2017, the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) announced in response to the Paradise Papers, the continuation of prosecutions from the Panama Papers and renewed efforts to collaborate and share tax information to prevent this form of tax evasion.³²¹¹ The CRA press release stated, “this work has delivered significant results and has laid the foundation for future collaborative work, including addressing other data leaks.”³²¹²

On 13 December 2017, the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance recommended that the proposed changes to the tax code be withdrawn and instead the government should conduct a thorough review of the tax system “with the goal of reducing complexity, ensuring economic competitiveness, and enhancing overall fairness.”³²¹³ The committee felt that the government had not adequately analyzed the potential economic and social impact of the proposed reforms, stating that “The government should take greater care in its approach to tax reform, in order to maintain, if not restore, trust in our tax system.”³²¹⁴

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³²¹³ Fair, Simple, and Competitive Taxation: the Way Forward for Canada, The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.sencanada.ca/content/sen/committee/421/NFFN/Reports/NFFN_Tax_Planning_24th_Report_e.pdf.

³²¹⁴ Fair, Simple, and Competitive Taxation: The Way Forward for Canada, The Standing Senate Committee on National Finance (Ottawa) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. https://www.sencanada.ca/content/sen/committee/421/NFFN/Reports/NFFN_Tax_Planning_24th_Report_e.pdf.

On 14 December 2017, changes were made to the proposed tax reforms regarding the practice of “income sprinkling,” or distributing wealth to reduce tax burdens.³²¹⁵ The changed proposal affected 5,000 fewer corporations under anti-income sprinkling efforts and the finance department stated, “the proposals provide greater certainty that the revised rules will not apply to individuals who make a meaningful contribution to a business.”³²¹⁶

On 23 January 2018, the Canadian government participated in the OECD’s pilot project, the International Compliance Assurance Program (ICAP), along with seven other countries.³²¹⁷ The ICAP is designed to use country-by-country reports to facilitate open engagement between participating countries.³²¹⁸ It aims to facilitate open dialogue between Multinational Enterprises and tax administrations with the view of improving tax certainty.³²¹⁹

On 31 January 2018, the Canadian government began the ratification process to ratify the OECD’s Multilateral Instrument (MLI).³²²⁰ The MLI will amend up to 75 of Canada’s existing bilateral tax treaties to align with the OECD’s standards on BEPS.³²²¹

On 27 February 2018, the Canadian government released its federal budget along with a more detailed plan for tax reforms targeting passive investments inside private corporations.³²²² Companies that make between CAD50,000 and 150,000 from passive investments per year will face a higher tax rate than small businesses on a portion of their income.³²²³ Companies that make over CAD150,000

³²¹⁵ Canada Tweaks Business Tax Reform Amid Backlash, Reuters (Ottawa) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-canada-politics-finmin/canada-tweaks-business-tax-reform-amid-backlash-idUSKBN1E72K2>.

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³²¹⁷ Eight FTA members kick off multilateral tax risk assurance programme to provide early certainty for tax administrations and MNEs, OECD (Washington, D.C.) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/eight-FTA-members-kick-off-multilateral-tax-risk-assurance-programme-to-provide-early-certainty-for-tax-administrations-and-mnes.htm>.

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in passive investments will not be eligible for the small business tax rate.³²²⁴ Canadian Finance Minister Bill Morneau stated that “We are changing the rules for 3 per cent of private corporations, because the wealthiest Canadians should not be able to use private corporations to pay less tax than the middle class.”³²²⁵

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Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kelly Chohwat

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 27 July 2017, China signed the BRICS Taxation Cooperation Memorandum at “the meeting of BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities 2017 hosted in China.”³²²⁶ The meeting’s achievements include: building the institutional mechanism for taxation cooperation among BRICS members; meeting challenges together and enhancing awareness of implementing the international taxation results; reaching the consensus on the cooperation of taxation information exchange; making a commitment to elevate the efficiency of consultation procedure; designing the cooperation plan for building the tax administration capability; planning the path to tax policies and coordinated tax administration; making an appeal to increase taxation certainty; and construction of boosting tax experience sharing mechanism.³²²⁷ The meeting’s achievements work towards deepening the taxation cooperation among BRICS members, improve the economic governance of BRICS members, eliminate double taxation and prevent international tax evasion, and tax avoidance.³²²⁸

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On 26 September 2017, China and Kazakhstan signed a Tax Education and Training Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding and discussed issues of building the multilateral cooperative

³²²⁴ Federal budget highlights: Twelve things you need to know, The Globe and Mail (Toronto) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/2018-federal-budget-highlights/article38116231/>.

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³²²⁶ The Fifth Meeting of BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities Successfully Concluded with Fruitful Results, State Administration of Taxation (Beijing). 30 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367726/c2749556/content.html>.

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³²²⁹ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

mechanism for tax matters under the Belt and Road Initiative. Additionally, China and Kazakhstan discussed establishing the Tax Sub-Committee of the China-Kazakhstan Cooperation Committee to enhance tax capabilities.³²³⁰ This is in compliance with China's BEPS commitment by continuing work towards revising the taxation on business profits, expanding the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introducing measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention, arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforcing the exchange of information concerning tax matters.³²³¹ It is expected that this Convention will work towards eliminating double taxation and preventing international tax evasion and tax avoidance.³²³²

On 27 September 2017, China and Kenya signed the Double Tax Agreement.³²³³ This is in compliance with China's BEPS commitment by revising the taxation on business profits, expanding the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introducing measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention, arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforcing the exchange of information concerning tax matters.³²³⁴ It is expected that this Convention would work towards eliminating double taxation and preventing international tax evasion and tax avoidance.³²³⁵

On 27-29 September 2017, the head of the Chinese delegation as part of the 11th meeting of the Forum on Tax Administration in Norway delivered a speech on "Adopting a Linked and Integrated Approach to Tax Administration Modernization" at the plenary meeting.³²³⁶ The Chinese delegation stated its commitment towards continued integration of global cooperation on tax matters. This is not accompanied by formal action and is a restatement of China's intentions.³²³⁷

On 14 February 2018, China took part in the first meeting of the Global Conference of the Platform for Collaboration on Tax co-organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the United Nations and the World Bank, aimed at strengthening global collaboration on tax and supporting developing countries in building their tax capacity.³²³⁸

³²³⁰ Wang Jun Visits the Committee of State Revenues of the Republic of Kazakhstan. State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367726/c2843632/content.html>.

³²³¹ Wang Jun Visits the Committee of State Revenues of the Republic of Kazakhstan. State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 30 September 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367726/c2843632/content.html>.

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³²³³ China, Kenya will eliminate double taxation, State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367751/c2847400/content.html>.

³²³⁴ China, Kenya will eliminate double taxation, State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367751/c2847400/content.html>.

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³²³⁶ Adopting a Linked and Integrated Approach to Tax Administration, State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367726/c2856340/content.html>.

³²³⁷ Adopting a Linked and Integrated Approach to Tax Administration, State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367726/c2856340/content.html>.

³²³⁸ Implement the New Development Philosophy to Boost Sustainable Development, State Administration of Taxation (Beijing) 13 October 2017. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://www.chinatax.gov.cn/eng/n2367726/c3320479/content.html>.

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On 6 September 2017, as a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), France released two sets of guidance to give greater certainty to tax administrations and multinational enterprises (MNEs) on the implementing the OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project, in particular operating the Country-to-Country (CbC) Reporting included in the Inclusive Framework on BEPS Action 13.³²⁴⁰ The updated guidance on the implementation of CbC Reporting now addresses the definition of revenues, the treatment of MNE groups with a short accounting period, proper usage of the information in CbC reports, and the treatment of the amount of income tax accrued and income tax paid. It includes guidance on the meaning of "appropriate use," the consequences of non-compliance with the appropriate use condition and approaches that may be used by tax administrations to ensure the appropriate use of CbC information.³²⁴¹

On 20 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, France released the updated and new IT-tools and guidance to support the technical implementation of the exchange of tax information under the Common Reporting Standard on CbC Reporting and in relation to tax rulings.³²⁴²

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, France participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³²⁴³ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the BEPS project outcomes, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax

³²³⁹ France and Germany Plan Tax Crackdown on US Tech Giants, Bloomberg: Politics (Paris) 7 August 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-07/france-and-germany-plan-crackdown-on-tax-loopholes-used-by-apple>.

³²⁴⁰ OECD releases further guidance on Country-by-Country reporting (BEPS Action 13), OECD (Paris) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/oecd-releases-further-guidance-on-country-by-country-reporting-beps-action-13.html>.

³²⁴¹ OECD releases further guidance on Country-by-Country reporting (BEPS Action 13), OECD (Paris) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/oecd-releases-further-guidance-on-country-by-country-reporting-beps-action-13.html>.

³²⁴² OECD releases IT-tools to support exchange of tax information policies, OECD (Paris) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/oecd-releases-it-tools-to-support-exchange-of-tax-information-policies.html>.

³²⁴³ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³²⁴⁴

On 9 October 2017, the Minister of the Economy and Finance and Secretary of State for Numérique signed three decrees, reinforcing the obligations of transparency and loyalty that digital platforms must respect. They will ensure that consumers will be able to access clearer, more objective and more transparent information.³²⁴⁵ By the end of 2017 the platforms that enhance the content, goods or services offered by third parties must specify the search engine optimization and ranking criteria they use, the sites publishing consumer notice must specify if they were checked and according to what methodology, and the seats of collaborative economy and markets websites will provide essential information that can guide consumer choice.³²⁴⁶ By the end of 2018 the most visited platforms, those with more than five million unique visitors per month, will be required to follow best practices in terms of clarity, transparency and loyalty, which should be available online.³²⁴⁷

On 10 October 2017, the French government commissioned three reports sent to Parliament for the implementation of withholding tax.³²⁴⁸ They are intended to illuminate a transparent and objective reflection of national representation on the reform of levying tax on income and its implementation modalities. The first report concluded on the matter that the reform could not be implemented on 1 January 2018, without “a high risk of failure.”³²⁴⁹ The second showed that the experiments also made it possible to detect difficulties that had not been previously identified and to design solutions. A third report describes what the alternative solutions operating procedures, implementation timeframes and their implications for taxpayers, revenue payers and the state might be.³²⁵⁰

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³²⁴⁵ Transparence des plateformes numériques : trois décrets renforcent la législation, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 9 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/transparence-plateformes-numeriques-decrets-renforcent-legislation>.

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³²⁴⁸ Prélèvement à la source : les rapports d'évaluation ont été remis au Parlement, The Portal of Economy, Finance, Action and Public Accounts (Paris) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/prelevement-a-source-remise-parlement-rapports-evaluation>.

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reports in accordance with the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard. It was another step to further implement CbC Reporting.³²⁵¹

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On 16 October 2017, as a member of the OECD, France dismantled nearly 100 preferential tax regimes as part of the OECD/G20 BEPS standards to improve the international tax framework.³²⁵³ The OECD/G20 BEPS project delivers solutions for governments to close the gaps in existing international rules that allow corporation profits to “disappear” or to be artificially shifted to low or no tax environments, where companies have little or no economic activity.³²⁵⁴

On 16 October 2017, as a member of the OECD, France, published the Action 5 Progress Report on Preferential Tax Regimes, including the review of 164 preferential tax regimes offered by Inclusive Framework members against the Action 5 standard. France, as well as the other 101 members of the BEPS Inclusive Framework have committed to ensuring that any regimes offered meet the criteria that have been agreed as part of BEPS Action 5.³²⁵⁵

From 15-17 November 2017, France participated in the 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purpose in Yaoundé, Cameroon.³²⁵⁶ France was among six developed countries committed to helping six developing countries implement Automatic Exchange of Information. France is currently partnered with Morocco to assist with its participation in automatic exchange of information (AEOI).³²⁵⁷

³²⁵¹ BEPS Action 13: OECD releases CbC reporting implementation status and exchange relationships between tax administrations, OECD (Paris) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/beps-action-13-oecd-releases-cbc-reporting-implementation-status-and-exchange-relationships-between-tax-administrations.html>.

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On 30 November 2017, as a member of the OECD, France released additional guidance to give certainty to tax administrations and MNE Groups on the implementation of CbC Reporting.³²⁵⁸

On 4 December 2017, the French government published additional comments regarding the potential treatment of CbC reporting requirements of French subsidiaries and branches of foreign multinationals, where the country of residence of the foreign multinational has not yet signed the automatic exchange of information agreement with France.³²⁵⁹ The French government did report that if certain conditions are met there will be no CbC penalties.³²⁶⁰

On 18 December 2017, as a member of the OECD, France released the latest edition of the OECD Model Tax Convention which incorporates significant changes developed under the BEPS project.³²⁶¹ This 2017 edition mainly reflects a consolidation of treaty-related measures resulting from the work on the BEPS project under Action 2, Action 6, Action 7 and Action 14.³²⁶²

On 21 December 2017, as a member of the OECD, France activated the automatic exchange relationship under the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the Exchange of CbC reports.³²⁶³

On 17 January 2018, the French government presented a bill to the French senate to ratify the Multilateral Instrument.³²⁶⁴

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On 7 February 2018, Germany's new grand coalition signalled that it is ready to go beyond the BEPS project.³²⁶⁸ Stating that they hope to ensure "fair taxation." The coalition also agreed to further combating "tax evasion, tax avoidance, unfair tax competition and money laundering efficiently and unbureaucratically on a national, European, and international level" with the new agreement.³²⁶⁹

On 5 February 2018, Germany's grand coalition stated it wanted to end misuse of a property tax loophole and strengthen the financial sector after Brexit by making it easier for banks to hire and fire top managers.³²⁷⁰

On 27 February 2018, Chancellor Angela Merkel repeated the incoming governing coalition's pledge to the wide implementation of BEPS commitments, and the implementation of BEPS measures under the European Union Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive.³²⁷¹ This includes "strengthening anti-hybrid rules and introducing new controlled foreign company and interest deduction rules."³²⁷² Additionally, it was stated that Germany would pursue increased economic cooperation with France

³²⁶⁵ France and Germany Plan Tax Crackdown on US Tech Giants, Bloomberg: Politics (Paris) 7 August 2017. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-07/france-and-germany-plan-crackdown-on-tax-loopholes-used-by-apple>.

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³²⁶⁷ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³²⁶⁸ Germany's new government signals paradigm shift in international tax policy, MNE Tax (Berlin) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://mnetax.com/germanys-new-government-signals-paradigm-shift-international-tax-policy-25958>.

³²⁶⁹ Germany's new government signals paradigm shift in international tax policy, MNE Tax (Berlin) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://mnetax.com/germanys-new-government-signals-paradigm-shift-international-tax-policy-25958>.

³²⁷⁰ German would-be coalition partners want to close property tax loophole - paper, Reuters (London) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/germany-politics-property-tax/german-would-be-coalition-partners-want-to-close-property-tax-loophole-paper-idUSB4N1NL01S>.

³²⁷¹ Merkel Reiterates German Tax Pledge, Tax-News (Brussels) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/Merkel_Reiterates_German_Tax_Pledges____76434.html.

³²⁷² Merkel Reiterates German Tax Pledge, Tax-News (Brussels) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/Merkel_Reiterates_German_Tax_Pledges____76434.html.

particularly in regard to corporate taxation, and introducing a common tax base at the EU level coupled with a minimum rate of corporate tax.³²⁷³

Germany has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Girish Sreevatsan

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

Throughout July 2017, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) signed nine unilateral advance pricing agreements with Indian taxpayers.³²⁷⁴ The sectors covered include banking, education, pharmaceutical, oil and gas exploration, and information technology.³²⁷⁵ The agreements signed in July are part of the Income Tax Act implemented in 2012, which is aimed at specifying methods of pricing and setting the prices of international transactions in advance.³²⁷⁶

On 14 October 2017, India attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³²⁷⁷

On 7 November 2017, India notified the third protocol of three joint double taxation avoidance agreements previously signed with New Zealand.³²⁷⁸ The agreements established the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of income tax evasion.³²⁷⁹

On 10 November 2017, the Cabinet passed the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscalization Pact between India and Hong Kong.³²⁸⁰ The pact intends to expand informational exchange, curb double taxation, and limit the flow of investment between the signatories.³²⁸¹

³²⁷³ Merkel Reiterates German Tax Pledge, Tax-News (Brussels) 27 February 2018. Access Date: 13 March 2018.

https://www.tax-news.com/news/Merkel_Reiterates_German_Tax_Pledges____76434.html.

³²⁷⁴ Government Enters into 9 Unilateral APAs with Taxpayers in July, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/government-enters-into-9-unilateral-apas-with-taxpayers-in-july/articleshow/59847093.cms>.

³²⁷⁵ Government Enters into 9 Unilateral APAs with Taxpayers in July, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/government-enters-into-9-unilateral-apas-with-taxpayers-in-july/articleshow/59847093.cms>.

³²⁷⁶ Government Enters into 9 Unilateral APAs with Taxpayers in July, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 31 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/government-enters-into-9-unilateral-apas-with-taxpayers-in-july/articleshow/59847093.cms>.

³²⁷⁷ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³²⁷⁸ Notification of Third Protocol to the Convention Between Government of India and New Zealand, Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press_Releases/Attachments/671/Press-Release-Notification-Third-Protocol-Convention-India-New-Zealand-7-11-2017.pdf.

³²⁷⁹ Notification of Third Protocol to the Convention Between Government of India and New Zealand, Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 7 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press_Releases/Attachments/671/Press-Release-Notification-Third-Protocol-Convention-India-New-Zealand-7-11-2017.pdf.

On 10 November 2017, the Cabinet approved amending its joint double tax avoidance act with the Kyrgyz Republic.³²⁸² The aim of the amendment is to broaden informational exchanges between India and the Kyrgyz Republic such that India can use the information obtained from the Kyrgyz Republic for matters of law enforcement.³²⁸³

On 16 November 2017, India launched the National Anti-Profitteering Authority, which prevents businesses from profiting from the transition to the goods and services tax (GST), which is an indirect tax for the whole country, and to ensure that citizens receive their share of benefits from the GST reductions.³²⁸⁴

On 22 November 2017, the Ministry of Finance announced that India would be pursuing direct tax reform.³²⁸⁵ As a part of the new direct tax program, a new Ministry of Finance task force was created with the mandate to produce a report on their findings regarding the restructuring of the direct tax system.³²⁸⁶ In addition, they must also propose reforms for the current taxation system.³²⁸⁷ The Ministry of Finance stated that the goal is to develop a model of direct taxation that follows International standards and addresses the economic needs of the country.³²⁸⁸

On 27 November 2017, the CBDT announced that it would accept transfer pricing mutual agreement procedure cases and bilateral advance pricing agreements when any tax treaty fails to include a clause similar to article 9(2) of the OECD Model Tax Commentary.³²⁸⁹ The CBDT stated that this provision would apply in such cases whereby an Indian enterprise or entity is resident in a country that shares with India a tax treaty, but to whom the tax treaty does not apply. This provision is intended to prevent double taxation in such cases.³²⁹⁰

³²⁸⁰ Cabinet Okays Double Taxation Avoidance Pact with Hong Kong, The Hindu Business Line (Chennai) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/cabinet-approves-dtaa-with-hong-kong/article9953273.ece>.

³²⁸¹ Cabinet Okays Double Taxation Avoidance Pact with Hong Kong, The Hindu Business Line (Chennai) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/cabinet-approves-dtaa-with-hong-kong/article9953273.ece>.

³²⁸² Cabinet Okays Double Taxation Avoidance Pact with Hong Kong, The Hindu Business Line (Chennai) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/cabinet-approves-dtaa-with-hong-kong/article9953273.ece>.

³²⁸³ Cabinet Okays Double Taxation Avoidance Pact with Hong Kong, The Hindu Business Line (Chennai) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/policy/cabinet-approves-dtaa-with-hong-kong/article9953273.ece>.

³²⁸⁴ Union Cabinet Gives Nod to National Anti-Profitteering Authority Under GST, The Indian Express (Uttar Pradesh) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://indianexpress.com/article/india/union-cabinet-gives-nod-to-national-anti-profitteering-authority-under-gst-4940259/>.

³²⁸⁵ India to Study Direct Tax Law Reform Options, Tax-News (Surrey) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.tax-news.com/news/India_To_Study_Direct_Tax_Law_Reform_Options___75825.html.

³²⁸⁶ India to Study Direct Tax Law Reform Options, Tax-News (Surrey) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.tax-news.com/news/India_To_Study_Direct_Tax_Law_Reform_Options___75825.html.

³²⁸⁷ India to Study Direct Tax Law Reform Options, Tax-News (Surrey) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.tax-news.com/news/India_To_Study_Direct_Tax_Law_Reform_Options___75825.html.

³²⁸⁸ India to Study Direct Tax Law Reform Options, Tax-News (Surrey) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://www.tax-news.com/news/India_To_Study_Direct_Tax_Law_Reform_Options___75825.html.

³²⁸⁹ India to Accept Transfer Pricing APA, MAP Applications Even if Corresponding Adjustment Treaty Provision Absent, MNE Tax (Washington, D.C.) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/india-accept-transfer-pricing-apa-map-applications-even-corresponding-adjustment-treaty-provision-absent-24809>.

³²⁹⁰ India to Accept Transfer Pricing APA, MAP Applications Even if Corresponding Adjustment Treaty Provision Absent, MNE Tax (Washington, D.C.) 27 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <https://mnetax.com/india-accept-transfer-pricing-apa-map-applications-even-corresponding-adjustment-treaty-provision-absent-24809>.

On 1 December 2017, the CBDT stated that it entered into two bilateral advance pricing agreements during the month of November 2017.³²⁹¹ The agreements were entered in conjunction with the Netherlands and pertain to electronics and technology.³²⁹²

On 29 December 2017, the CBDT released a statement indicating that they had entered into three advance pricing agreements during the month of December 2017.³²⁹³ The two unilateral agreements pertain to coal and insurance sectors, while the single bilateral agreement was signed in conjunction with the United Kingdom regarding the electronics sector.³²⁹⁴

On 6 January 2018, the CBDT announced that it would relax certain provisions relating to the levy of minimum alternate tax in the event that companies have filed and have had admitted by the Adjudicating Authority an application for corporate insolvency resolution.³²⁹⁵ This is intended to minimize financial hardship faced by qualifying companies by reducing the amount of total loss through a levy.³²⁹⁶

On 15 January 2018, the CBDT announced that India had signed an inter-governmental agreement with the United States under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FACTA) in 2015.³²⁹⁷ The purpose of the agreement is to enhance transparency and exchange of information between both

³²⁹¹ Indian Advance Pricing Agreement Regime Moves Forward With the Signing of Two APAs by CBDT in November, 2017, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press Releases/Attachments/675/Press-Release-Indian-Advance-Pricing-Agreement-regime-moves-forward-1-12-2017.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/675/Press-Release-Indian-Advance-Pricing-Agreement-regime-moves-forward-1-12-2017.pdf).

³²⁹² Indian Advance Pricing Agreement Regime Moves Forward With the Signing of Two APAs by CBDT in November, 2017, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press Releases/Attachments/675/Press-Release-Indian-Advance-Pricing-Agreement-regime-moves-forward-1-12-2017.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/675/Press-Release-Indian-Advance-Pricing-Agreement-regime-moves-forward-1-12-2017.pdf).

³²⁹³ India Advance Pricing Agreement Regime Moves Forward with the Signing of Three APAs by CBDT in December, 2017, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2017. <http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/680/Press-Release-Indian-Advance-Pricing-Agreement-29-12-2017.pdf>.

³²⁹⁴ India Advance Pricing Agreement Regime Moves Forward with the Signing of Three APAs by CBDT in December, 2017, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2017. <http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/680/Press-Release-Indian-Advance-Pricing-Agreement-29-12-2017.pdf>.

³²⁹⁵ Relaxation in the Provisions Relating to Levy of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) in case of companies against whom an application for corporate insolvency Resolution Process Has been Admitted Under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press Releases/Attachments/681/Press-Release-Relaxation-provisions-relating-levy-MAT-8-1-2018.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/681/Press-Release-Relaxation-provisions-relating-levy-MAT-8-1-2018.pdf).

³²⁹⁶ Relaxation in the Provisions Relating to Levy of Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) in case of companies against whom an application for corporate insolvency Resolution Process Has been Admitted Under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 6 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press Releases/Attachments/681/Press-Release-Relaxation-provisions-relating-levy-MAT-8-1-2018.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/681/Press-Release-Relaxation-provisions-relating-levy-MAT-8-1-2018.pdf).

³²⁹⁷ Reporting of US Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) for Pre-Existing Accounts by Financial Institutions, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press Releases/Attachments/685/Press-Release-Reporting-US-TINs-pre-existing-accounts-Financial-Institutions-15-1-2018.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/685/Press-Release-Reporting-US-TINs-pre-existing-accounts-Financial-Institutions-15-1-2018.pdf).

countries by requiring their reporting financial institutions to obtain the tax identity number of each reportable person in possession of a reportable account as of 30 June 2014.³²⁹⁸

On 1 February 2018, India released its Union Budget of 2018-2019 which included the Finance Bill of 2018.³²⁹⁹ The Finance Bill has two key taxation propositions, one of which seeks to impose taxes upon income gathered from Indian consumers from corporations with a significant economic presence within India, regardless of whether or not the corporation resides within the country.³³⁰⁰ An additional amendment proposed the modification of covered tax agreements to comply with the Multilateral Instrument (MLI) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) under its Base Erosion and Profit Sharing (BEPS) Plan.³³⁰¹ This amendment will affect India's tax treaties stipulated by the MLI where India's treaty cosignatories have also opted for BEPS recommendations in Article 12 of the MLI and have ratified the MLI under its domestic laws.³³⁰²

On 7 February 2018, the Cabinet approved the signing and ratification of a protocol amending a DTAA between India and China.³³⁰³ The protocol updated the existing provisions for exchange of information to comply with current international standards and will incorporate the minimum related standards under the action reports of the BEPS project.³³⁰⁴

On 7 February 2018, the CBDT stated that it entered into five unilateral advance pricing agreements and two bilateral advance pricing agreements during the month of January 2018.³³⁰⁵ The agreements address a variety of economic sectors including information technology, banking, insurance, and

³²⁹⁸ Reporting of US Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) for Pre-Existing Accounts by Financial Institutions, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press Releases/Attachments/685/Press-Release-Reporting-US-TINs-pre-existing-accounts-Financial-Institutions-15-1-2018.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/685/Press-Release-Reporting-US-TINs-pre-existing-accounts-Financial-Institutions-15-1-2018.pdf).

³²⁹⁹ India to Sign Protocol to Amend Income Tax Treaty with China, Includes BEPS Measures, Thomson Reuters (Toronto) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/india-to-sign-protocol-to-amend-income-tax-treaty-with-china-includes-beps-measures/>.

³³⁰⁰ Finance Ministry's Move under BEPS Treaty Will Impact Google, Facebook, Amazon, The Hindu Business Line (Chennai) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/info-tech/digital-firms-with-big-presence-in-india-will-have-to-pay-taxes-here/article22661713.ece>.

³³⁰¹ India to Sign Protocol to Amend Income Tax Treaty with China, Includes BEPS Measures, Thomson Reuters (Toronto) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/india-to-sign-protocol-to-amend-income-tax-treaty-with-china-includes-beps-measures/>.

³³⁰² India to Sign Protocol to Amend Income Tax Treaty with China, Includes BEPS Measures, Thomson Reuters (Toronto) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/india-to-sign-protocol-to-amend-income-tax-treaty-with-china-includes-beps-measures/>.

³³⁰³ Cabinet Approves Signing and Ratification of Protocol Amending the Agreement between India and China for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, Press Information Bureau — Government of India (New Delhi) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/printrelease.aspx?relid=176348>.

³³⁰⁴ Cabinet Approves Signing and Ratification of Protocol Amending the Agreement between India and China for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, Press Information Bureau — Government of India (New Delhi) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/printrelease.aspx?relid=176348>.

³³⁰⁵ Indian Advance Pricing Agreement regime moves forward with signing of five UAPAs and two BAPAs by CBDT in January, 2018, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 07 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/688/PressRelease_Indian_Advance_Pricing_Agreement_regime_moves_forward-2018-7-2-2018.pdf.

engineering and protects international transactions such as information technology enabled services, payment of royalty, sale of goods, and so on.³³⁰⁶

On 17 February 2018, the CBDT disclosed that India and Iran signed a joint double taxation avoidance agreements with the purpose of expanding informational exchange between the signatories, increasing investment between Iran and India, preventing double taxation, and eliminating tax evasion and avoidance.³³⁰⁷ The agreement meets minimum standards under the BEPS project.³³⁰⁸

On 19 February 2018, India revised the double taxation avoidance agreements it had previously signed with Kenya. Several provisions within the agreement were revised and new provisions were also created.³³⁰⁹ The agreement stipulates a reduction in withholding tax rates from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on dividends, from 15 per cent to 10 per cent on interest, from 20 per cent to 10 per cent on royalties and from 17.5 per cent to 10 per cent on fees for management, professional and technical services.³³¹⁰ A new article was added to grant treaty benefits to residents of both countries, prevent treaty abuse by residents of a non-signatory country, and to enforce domestic law in cases of tax avoidance or evasion.³³¹¹ The Article on Exchange of Information was updated to comply with international standards. The Article on Assistance in Collection of Taxes was added to bolster aid between the signatories in the collection of tax revenue claims.³³¹²

India has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, India receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alyssa Atef

³³⁰⁶ Indian Advance Pricing Agreement regime moves forward with signing of five UAPAs and two BAPAs by CBDT in January, 2018, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 7 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/688/PressRelease_Indian_Advance_Pricing_Agreement_regime_moves_forward-2018-7-2-2018.pdf.

³³⁰⁷ Signing of DTAA by India and Iran on 17th February, 2018, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 17 February 2017. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/690/Press-Release-Signing-DTAA-India-Iran-17-February-2018-19-2-2018.pdf>.

³³⁰⁸ Signing of DTAA by India and Iran on 17th February, 2018, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 17 February 2017. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/690/Press-Release-Signing-DTAA-India-Iran-17-February-2018-19-2-2018.pdf>.

³³⁰⁹ Revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) Between India and Kenya Notified, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/691/Press-Release-Revised-Double-Taxation-Avoidance-Agreement-22-2-2018.pdf>.

³³¹⁰ Revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) Between India and Kenya Notified, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/691/Press-Release-Revised-Double-Taxation-Avoidance-Agreement-22-2-2018.pdf>.

³³¹¹ Revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) Between India and Kenya Notified, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/691/Press-Release-Revised-Double-Taxation-Avoidance-Agreement-22-2-2018.pdf>.

³³¹² Revised Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) Between India and Kenya Notified, The Central Board of Direct Taxes (New Delhi) 22 February 2018. Access Date: 2 March 2018. <https://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/Lists/Press%20Releases/Attachments/691/Press-Release-Revised-Double-Taxation-Avoidance-Agreement-22-2-2018.pdf>.

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 26 July 2017, the Indonesian government issued a new controlled foreign company regulation that issues a dividend tax on foreign companies controlled by Indonesians even if the companies are formed in tax heaven countries, forcing many Indonesians to sell their foreign shell companies.³³¹³

On 27 July 2017, Parliament passed a regulation that gives the tax office access to information on accounts held at financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies. The tax office then shares the information with other tax authorities in compliance to Automatic Exchange of Information.³³¹⁴

On 14 October 2017, Indonesia attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³³¹⁵

On 27-29 September 2017, Indonesia attended the 11th Meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Forum on Tax Administration in Oslo, Norway.³³¹⁶ The forum focused on supporting the international tax regime, improving compliance, and the future of international tax administration.³³¹⁷

On 29 December 2017, the Director General of Taxation Regulation No. 29/PJ/2017 (PER-29) came into effect to make Indonesian Country-by-Country reporting requirements more compliant with OECD standards.³³¹⁸

Indonesia has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Collin Xia

³³¹³ New regulation forces Indonesians to sell their foreign shell companies, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/10/02/new-regulation-forces-indonesians-to-sell-their-foreign-shell-companies.html>.

³³¹⁴ Indonesia passes law giving tax office access to financial data, Reuters (London) 27 July 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/indonesia-tax-banks/indonesia-passes-law-giving-tax-office-access-to-financial-data-idUSJ9N1G1017>.

³³¹⁵ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³³¹⁶ Communiqué of the 11th Meeting of the OECD Forum on Tax Administration (FTA), OECD (Oslo) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/forum-on-tax-administration/events/forum-on-tax-administration-communique-2017.pdf>.

³³¹⁷ Communiqué of the 11th Meeting of the OECD Forum on Tax Administration (FTA), OECD (Oslo) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/forum-on-tax-administration/events/forum-on-tax-administration-communique-2017.pdf>.

³³¹⁸ Indonesia releases implementing regulations on Country-by-Country Reporting, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--indonesia-releases-implementing-regulations-on-country-by-country-reporting>.

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 27 September 2017, Italy and the United States signed a bilateral competent authority agreement.³³¹⁹ The agreement provides automatic exchange of country-by-country reports between the Italian and American tax authorities enabling Italian subsidiaries of American multinational groups from publishing separate country-by-country reports.³³²⁰

On 27-29 September 2017, Italian representatives attended the 11th plenary meeting of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Forum on Tax Administration.³³²¹ The plenary focused on supporting the international tax agenda, improving compliance, and looking to the future of tax administration.³³²²

On 14 October 2017, Italy attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³³²³

On 31 October 2017, the new format for the Italian tax return contained a new section to give the Italian revenue agency the basic information to comply with Country-by-Country (CbC) reports.³³²⁴

From 15-17 November 2017, Italy participated in the 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purpose in Yaoundé, Cameroon.³³²⁵ Italy was among six developed countries committed to helping six developing countries implement Automatic Exchange of Information. Italy is currently partnered with Albania to assist with its participation in automatic exchange of information (AEOI).³³²⁶

On 17 November 2017, the OECD's Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information rated Italy as compliant to the international standard on transparency and exchange of information

³³¹⁹ Execution of the Italy-USA CAA on the Automatic Exchange of Country-by-Country Reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://kdocs.kpmg.it/marketing/KSA/0311_Execution_of_the_Italy-USA_CAA_on_the_Automatic_Exchange_of_Country-by-Country_Reports.pdf.

³³²⁰ Execution of the Italy-USA CAA on the Automatic Exchange of Country-by-Country Reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://kdocs.kpmg.it/marketing/KSA/0311_Execution_of_the_Italy-USA_CAA_on_the_Automatic_Exchange_of_Country-by-Country_Reports.pdf.

³³²¹ Communiqué of the 11th Meeting of the OECD Forum on Tax Administration (FTA), OECD (Oslo) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/forum-on-tax-administration/events/forum-on-tax-administration-communique-2017.pdf>.

³³²² Communiqué of the 11th Meeting of the OECD Forum on Tax Administration (FTA), OECD (Oslo) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/forum-on-tax-administration/events/forum-on-tax-administration-communique-2017.pdf>.

³³²³ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³³²⁴ Italy, first round of CbCR implementation takes place, International Tax Review (London) 26 October 2017. Access Date 26 November 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3762399/Italy-Country-Briefing/Italy-First-round-of-CbCR-implementation-takes-place.html>.

³³²⁵ 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, OECD (Yaoundé) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/10th-meeting-of-the-global-forum-on-transparency-and-exchange-of-information-for-tax-purposes-15-17-november-2017-in-yaounde-cameroon.htm>.

³³²⁶ Automatic Exchange of Information Implementation Report 2017, OECD (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/transparency/reporting-on-the-implementation-of-the-AEOI-standard.pdf>.

upon request for tax purposes.³³²⁷ Italy has robust regulatory measures, an “extensive network of exchange of information partners covering 146 jurisdictions,” and is “heavily involved in exchange of information practice.”³³²⁸

On 28 November 2017, the Italian tax agency issued guidance no.275956 that created guidelines for implementing country-by-country reporting of firms in Italy.³³²⁹ The guideline states that “companies and entities of a multinational enterprise group with consolidated turnover of EUR750 million or more per year starting from 1 January 2015” are required to submit a country-by-country report.³³³⁰ The guideline details the information that must be included in the report, and requires entities to file the report in both English and Italian, to be submitted electronically by each entity’s respective deadline.³³³¹

On 28 November 2017, a decree by the Italian government provided amendments to the Italian Patent Box regime.³³³² The purpose of the amendments is to align the Italian Patent box regime with the OECD nexus approach recommended in Action 5 in the Base Erosion and Profit Sharing (BEPS) Plan.³³³³

On 11 December 2017, Fabrizia Lapecorella, Director of the Finance Department, announced that professionals are required to report tax evasion schemes that they built as well as its beneficiaries to the tax authorities.³³³⁴

On 15 December 2017, the second batch of OECD peer review reports on the implementation of the BEPS Minimum Standards under Action 14 were released. The report concluded that Italy met most of the components of Action 14 Minimum Standards.³³³⁵

On 23 December 2017, Parliament approved the 2018 Budget Law with a new “Tax on digital transactions,” which includes a new definition of permanent establishment more in line with OECD BEPS Action 7.³³³⁶

³³²⁷ Details of the second round peer review reports, OECD (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/transparency/second-round-global-forum-peer-review-reports-november-2017.htm>.

³³²⁸ Details of the second round peer review reports, OECD (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/transparency/second-round-global-forum-peer-review-reports-november-2017.htm>.

³³²⁹ Italy: Implementing guidelines for country-by-country reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2017/12/tnf-italy-implementing-guidelines-for-country-by-country-reports.html>.

³³³⁰ Italy: Implementing guidelines for country-by-country reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2017/12/tnf-italy-implementing-guidelines-for-country-by-country-reports.html>.

³³³¹ Italy: Implementing guidelines for country-by-country reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2017/12/tnf-italy-implementing-guidelines-for-country-by-country-reports.html>.

³³³² The Latest on BEPS, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--the-latest-on-beps---2-january-2018>.

³³³³ The Latest on BEPS, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--the-latest-on-beps---2-january-2018>.

³³³⁴ Fisco: professionisti obbligati a denunciare evasion, Milano Finanza (Milan) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <https://www.milanofinanza.it/news/fisco-professionisti-obbligati-a-denunciare-evasioni-italia-oggi-201712130900001470>.

³³³⁵ The Latest on BEPS, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 7 January 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--the-latest-on-beps---2-january-2018>.

On 23 January 2018, Italy participated in the International Compliance Assurance Programme pilot (ICAP) led by the OECD Forum on Tax Administration.³³³⁷ The ICAP is a voluntary program that will use Country-by-Country reports and other tax document to allow multinational enterprises and tax administrations to engage in transparent discussion on tax risks. The ICAP is a step towards multilateral approach to tax administration.³³³⁸

On 21 February 2018, the Ministry of Economy and Finance launched a public consultation on the application of domestic transfer pricing provisions.³³³⁹ Its purpose is to clarify possible “controversial interpretations during a tax audit,” in order to comply with the OECD standards.³³⁴⁰

Italy has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Collin Xia

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 26 July 2017, Japan announced that the “Convention between Japan and the Republic of Slovenia for the Elimination of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance” will enter into force.³³⁴¹ This convention revises the taxation on business profits, expands the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introduces measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention and arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforces the exchange of information concerning tax matters between the two countries.³³⁴²

On 30 August 2017, Japan and Estonia signed the “Convention between Japan and the Republic of Estonia for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention

³³³⁶ Italy enacts Web Tax and new PE definition, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--italy-enacts-web-tax-and-new-pe-definition>.

³³³⁷ OECD launches International Compliance Assurance Programme Pilot, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 26 January 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--oecd-launches-international-compliance-assurance-programme-pilot>.

³³³⁸ OECD launches International Compliance Assurance Programme Pilot, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 26 January 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--oecd-launches-international-compliance-assurance-programme-pilot>.

³³³⁹ Italy launches public consultation regarding implementation measures for transfer pricing provisions, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--italy-launches-public-consultation-regarding-implementation-measures-for-transfer-pricing-provisions>.

³³⁴⁰ Italy launches public consultation regarding implementation measures for transfer pricing provisions, Ernst & Young Global Limited (London) 2 March 2018. Access Date: 7 March 2018. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--italy-launches-public-consultation-regarding-implementation-measures-for-transfer-pricing-provisions>.

³³⁴¹ Tax Convention with Slovenia will Enter into Force, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 26 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170726si.htm.

³³⁴² Tax Convention with Slovenia will Enter into Force, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 26 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170726si.htm.

of Tax Evasion and Avoidance.”³³⁴³ This convention revises the taxation on business profits, expands the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introduces measures for prevention of abuse of this convention and arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforces the exchange of information concerning tax matters between the two countries.³³⁴⁴

On 1 September 2017, Japan released a “Guidance for Taxpayers on the Mutual Agreement Procedure (Q&A)” to provide guidance to taxpayers required by the recommendation of the for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project under the G20.³³⁴⁵

On 7 September 2017, Japan and Russia signed the “Convention between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Russian Federation for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance.”³³⁴⁶ This convention revises the taxation on business profits, expands the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introduces measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention and arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforces the exchange of information concerning tax matters between the two countries.³³⁴⁷

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, Japan participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³³⁴⁸ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the BEPS project outcomes, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³³⁴⁹

On 11 October 2017, Japan and Denmark signed the “Convention between Japan and the Kingdom of Denmark for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance.”³³⁵⁰ This Convention revises the taxation on business profits, expands the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introduces measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention and arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures

³³⁴³ Tax Convention with Estonia was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 30 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170830ee.htm.

³³⁴⁴ Tax Convention with Estonia was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 30 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170830ee.htm.

³³⁴⁵ Guidance for Taxpayers on the Mutual Agreement Procedure (Q&A), National Tax Agency (Tokyo) September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.nta.go.jp/foreign_language/03.pdf.

³³⁴⁶ New Tax Convention with Russia was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 7 September 2017. Access Date 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170907ru.htm.

³³⁴⁷ New Tax Convention with Russia was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 7 September 2017. Access Date 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170907ru.htm.

³³⁴⁸ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁴⁹ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁵⁰ New Tax Convention with Denmark was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170714lt.htm.

and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforces the exchange of information concerning tax matters between the two countries.³³⁵¹

On 14 October 2017, Japan attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³³⁵²

On 21 December 2017, Japan and the Republic of Colombia agreed on principle to a tax convention which would include provisions for the purposes of clarifying the scope of taxation in the two countries, eliminating international double taxation and, preventing tax evasion and avoidance.³³⁵³

On 15 January 2018, Japan and Iceland signed the Convention between Japan and Iceland for the Elimination of Double Taxation with Respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance³³⁵⁴ This convention revises the taxation on business profits, expands the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introduces measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention and arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforces the exchange of information concerning tax matters between the two countries.³³⁵⁵

On 23 January 2018, the Japanese government participated in the OECD's pilot project, the International Compliance Assurance Program (ICAP) along with seven other countries.³³⁵⁶ The ICAP is designed to use country-by-country reports to facilitate open engagement between participating countries. It aims to facilitate open dialogue between multinational enterprises and tax administrations with the view of improving tax certainty.³³⁵⁷

Japan has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Martin Cheng Hao Gui

³³⁵¹ New Tax Convention with Denmark was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170714lt.htm.

³³⁵² G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³³⁵³ Agreement in Principle on Tax Convention between Japan and the Republic of Colombia, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20171221co.htm.

³³⁵⁴ Signing of the Tax Convention between Japan and Iceland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001867.html.

³³⁵⁵ Signing of the Tax Convention between Japan and Iceland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 16 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001867.html.

³³⁵⁶ Eight FTA members kick off multilateral tax risk assurance programme to provide early certainty for tax administrations and MNEs, 23 January 2018, OECD (Washington, D.C.) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/eight-fta-members-kick-off-multilateral-tax-risk-assurance-programme-to-provide-early-certainty-for-tax-administrations-and-mnes.htm>.

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Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 2 August 2017, the Finance Ministry announced a series of tax rate increases aimed at increasing the rate of taxation for the country's top earners.³³⁵⁸ Under this proposition, the corporate tax rate will rise from 22 per cent to 25 per cent for corporations who earn 200 billion won or more and the income tax rate will rise from 38 per cent to 40 per cent for taxpayers who earn between KRW300 million (approximately USD276,000) to KRW500 million (approx. USD460,000) and from 40 per cent to 42 per cent for taxpayers who earn 500 million won or more.³³⁵⁹ Additional tax revenues are estimated to generate 5.5 trillion won (approx. USD4.9 billion) per year and will be allocated for job creation and financial support for small businesses.³³⁶⁰

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Korea participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³³⁶¹ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the outcomes of the OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Plan, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³³⁶²

On 14 October 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Kim Dong-yeon attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³³⁶³ The Deputy Prime Minister urged that the G20 should be the leading example of strengthening the global financial safety net.³³⁶⁴

On 2 November 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Kim led an Extended Ministerial Meeting on the economy, during which the ministers discussed the government's plan to bolster investment by

³³⁵⁸ Tax Revision bill, 2017, 2017 Revision Focuses on Job Creation and Distribution, Ministry of Finance and Strategy (Seoul) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4347>.

³³⁵⁹ Tax Revision bill, 2017, 2017 Revision Focuses on Job Creation and Distribution, Ministry of Finance and Strategy (Seoul) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4347>.

³³⁶⁰ Tax Revision bill, 2017, 2017 Revision Focuses on Job Creation and Distribution, Ministry of Finance and Strategy (Seoul) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

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³³⁶¹ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁶² Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁶³ Deputy Prime Minister Kim Attends G20 Finance Ministers Meeting and IMF/WB Annual Meetings, International Finance Bureau - Multilateral Financial Cooperation Division (Seoul) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4380>.

³³⁶⁴ Deputy Prime Minister Kim Attends G20 Finance Ministers Meeting and IMF/WB Annual Meetings, International Finance Bureau - Multilateral Financial Cooperation Division (Seoul) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4380>.

diversifying tax incentives for start-ups, reintroduce tax exemptions for gains earned through stock options, increase tax exemptions for employee stock ownership, and grant tax incentives for start-up investments.³³⁶⁵

On 11 December 2017, Deputy Prime Minister Kim led an extended ministerial meeting on the economy, during which the government reaffirmed its commitment to grow the economy through the implementation of innovative policies that includes policies regarding taxation revision.³³⁶⁶

On 29 December 2017, the Economic Policy Bureau released the framework for its 2018 economic policies, which include taxation policies such as introducing tax breaks for small and medium enterprises that increase their rate of hiring, imposing taxes on rental income, revising property taxes, and granting tax incentives for private pension plans.³³⁶⁷ These policies are intended to promote job creation and create an overall fairer system of national taxation.³³⁶⁸

On 8 January 2017, the Tax and Customs Office released a set of revised tax decrees.³³⁶⁹ The revisions included broadening the angel investment tax incentives from 30 per cent to 100 per cent for income tax deduction, enlarging capital gains tax imposed on large shareholders, expanding tax credit for insurance costs, broadening capital gains taxes on non-resident shareholders, reintroducing the value-added tax return for tourist accommodation expenses, and so on.³³⁷⁰

On 7 February 2018, Deputy Prime Minister Kim held a “Growth Through Innovation” meeting, during which he announced that the government will expand research and development (R&D) tax incentives from its current application of 19 services to almost all services. This measure is a part of the Korean government’s plan to grow regulatory innovation and increase their long-term investment in R&D.³³⁷¹

On 8 March 2018, Seng-hee Han, Commissioner of the National Tax Services, promised to exclude start-ups and small companies from tax audits on the condition that they create new jobs and improve the existing tax payment system by implementing a new administrative system based on big data and mobile electronic payment.³³⁷²

³³⁶⁵ Extended Ministerial Meeting on the Economy, Policy Coordination Bureau - General Policy Coordination Division (Seoul) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4386>.

³³⁶⁶ 2nd Extended Ministerial Meeting on the Economy, Policy Coordination Bureau — General Policy Coordination Division (Seoul) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4409>.

³³⁶⁷ 2018 Economic Policies, Economic Policy Bureau — Economic Policy Division (Seoul) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4418>.

³³⁶⁸ 2018 Economic Policies, Economic Policy Bureau — Economic Policy Division (Seoul) 29 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4418>.

³³⁶⁹ Revision to 2017 Tax Enforcement Decree, Tax and Customs Office — Tax Policy Division (Seoul) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4420>.

³³⁷⁰ Revision to 2017 Tax Enforcement Decree, Tax and Customs Office — Tax Policy Division (Seoul) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4420>.

³³⁷¹ Government to Work on Regulatory Innovation, Policy Coordination Bureau — General Policy Coordination (Seoul) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 22 February 2018.

<http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4436>.

³³⁷² (LEA)D S. Korea to Minimize Tax Probe on Smaller Firms, Yonhap News Agency (Seoul) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 9 March 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/business/2018/03/08/0502000000AEN20180308003951320.html>.

On 9 March 2018, Deputy Prime Minister Kim led the fourth Ministerial Meeting on the Economy of the year.³³⁷³ During the meeting, they discussed providing tax incentives and considering future tax revisions as a part of a comprehensive plan to create jobs for young adults and respond to shrinking job markets.³³⁷⁴

Korea has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alyssa Atef

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitments to work towards a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Mexico participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³³⁷⁵ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the outcomes of the OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Plan, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³³⁷⁶

On 29 September 2017, the Mexican government announced the creation of a series of Special Economic Zones in Puerto Chiapas, Coatzacoalcos, and Lazaro Cardenas — La Union.³³⁷⁷ In these areas, income tax and value-added tax will be drastically reduced.³³⁷⁸ Additionally, there will be temporary changes to the customs regime (for up to 60 months) that will not require duties to be paid in many circumstances.³³⁷⁹

³³⁷³ 4th Ministerial Meeting on the Economy, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 9 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4448>

³³⁷⁴ 4th Ministerial Meeting on the Economy, Ministry of Strategy and Finance (Seoul) 9 March 2018. Access Date: 12 March 2018. <http://english.mosf.go.kr/pc/selectTbPressCenterDtl.do?boardCd=N0001&seq=4448>

³³⁷⁵ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁷⁶ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁷⁷ Declaration of Special Economic Zones ("SEZs"), Lexology (London) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=c11cc824-0695-42b9-b692-845a58867bd3>.

³³⁷⁸ Declaration of Special Economic Zones ("SEZs"), Lexology (London) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=c11cc824-0695-42b9-b692-845a58867bd3>.

³³⁷⁹ Declaration of Special Economic Zones ("SEZs"), Lexology (London) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=c11cc824-0695-42b9-b692-845a58867bd3>.

On 14 October 2017, Mexico attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³³⁸⁰

On 6 November 2017, in response to the release of the Paradise Papers on 5 November 2017, the Servicio de Administración Tributaria announced that it would investigate the possible use of companies established with the purpose of allowing people to evade tax.³³⁸¹

On 22 December 2017, the Mexican government announced that it would evaluate the possibility of proposing a series of tax reforms in response to the tax reforms passed in the United States in early December.³³⁸²

On 1 January 2018, a tax income treaty signed by Mexico and Argentina came into effect.³³⁸³ The double taxation treaty will further connect and harmonize the tax schemes within both countries as in accordance of action 2 of the BEPS of project.³³⁸⁴

Mexico has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kelly Chohwat

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to continue its work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 7 June 2017, Russia signed the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).³³⁸⁵ The purpose of this convention is to efficiently re-

³³⁸⁰ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin), 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³³⁸¹ Procederá SAT Conforme a Disposiciones Fiscales con Relación a Contribuyentes Señalados en Investigación Paradise Papers, Servicio de Administración Tributaria (Mexico City) 6 November 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. <https://www.gob.mx/sat/prensa/procedera-sat-conforme-a-disposiciones-fiscales-con-relacion-a-contribuyentes-senalados-en-investigacion-paradise-papers?idiom=es>.

³³⁸² Mexico to review need for tax changes after US reform-document, Reuters (Mexico City) 23 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-tax-mexico/mexico-to-review-need-for-tax-changes-after-u-s-reform-document-idUSKBN1EG2AN>.

³³⁸³ Mexico to enhance investment opportunities from Argentina and Spain through DTAs, International Tax Review (London) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3732846/Mexico-to-enhance-investment-opportunities-from-Argentina-and-Spain-through-DTAs.html>.

³³⁸⁴ Mexico to enhance investment opportunities from Argentina and Spain through DTAs, International Tax Review (London) 11 July 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3732846/Mexico-to-enhance-investment-opportunities-from-Argentina-and-Spain-through-DTAs.html>.

³³⁸⁵ OECD BEPS: Russia signed the multilateral instrument, Baker McKenzie (Chicago) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.bakermckenzie.com/en/insight/publications/2017/06/oecd-beps-russia-multilateral-instrument/>.

negotiate and amend double tax treaties to meet the minimum standards agreed upon in the BEPS project, particularly on preventing tax avoidance.³³⁸⁶

On 7 September 2017, Russia and Japan signed the “Convention between the Government of Japan and the Government of the Russian Federation for the Elimination of Double Taxation with respect to Taxes on Income and the Prevention of Tax Evasion and Avoidance.”³³⁸⁷ This Convention revises the taxation on business profits, expands the extent of reduction of taxation on investment income, introduces measures for prevention of abuse of this Convention and arbitration proceedings in mutual agreement procedures and assistance in the collection of tax claims, and reinforces the exchange of information concerning tax matters between the two countries.³³⁸⁸

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, Russia participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³³⁸⁹ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the BEPS outcomes, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³³⁹⁰

On 14 October 2017, Russia attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³³⁹¹

On 28 November 2017, Russia published Federal Law No. 340-FZ, which implements the recommendation of BEPS Action 13 pertaining to documentation requirements, such as Country-by-Country (CbC) reporting.³³⁹² The measures will be included in Article 105.16 of the Russian Tax Code and will assist in Action 13’s purpose of providing transparency on transfer pricing

³³⁸⁶ OECD BEPS: Russia signed the multilateral instrument, Baker McKenzie (Chicago) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.bakermckenzie.com/en/insight/publications/2017/06/oecd-beps-russia-multilateral-instrument/>.

³³⁸⁷ New Tax Convention with Russia was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170907ru.htm.

³³⁸⁸ New Tax Convention with Russia was Signed, Ministry of Finance (Tokyo) 7 September 2017. Access Date 25 November 2017. http://www.mof.go.jp/english/tax_policy/tax_conventions/press_release/20170907ru.htm.

³³⁸⁹ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁹⁰ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³³⁹¹ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³³⁹² Russia Implements BEPS action 13 recommendations, Thomson Reuters: tax & accounting (Carrollton) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/russia-implements-beps-action-13-recommendations/>.

documentation. Failure to comply with a specified deadline for reporting will be punishable by a USD1,750 fine.³³⁹³

Russia has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nasser Haidar

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to continue to work for a globally fair and modern international tax.

On 19 July 2017, the General Authority of Zakat and Tax (GAZT), a government agency linked to Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Finance, published a draft of implementing regulations for the new value-added tax (VAT) law on its website.³³⁹⁴ GAZT intended this publication to be used for public consultation purposes in order to improve communication with taxpayers and create public awareness.³³⁹⁵ GAZT encouraged taxpayers to respond with feedback by filling online forms and sending comments.³³⁹⁶

On 25 July 2017, the Saudi Arabian government issued a new Royal Decree amending various articles of the Saudi income tax law.³³⁹⁷ Amendments included provisions that made GAZT responsible for imposing penalties for violations and which reformed objection and appeal procedures.³³⁹⁸

On 28 July 2017, the Saudi Gazette published the new VAT law and announced it would enter into effect in 2018.³³⁹⁹ This new law states that all imports and the supply of goods and services will be subject to VAT.³⁴⁰⁰ The standard rate of VAT prescribed by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is

³³⁹³ Russia Implements BEPS action 13 recommendations, Thomson Reuters: tax & accounting (Carrollton) 14 December 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/russia-implements-beps-action-13-recommendations/>.

³³⁹⁴ KSA: GAZT has published the Draft Value Added Tax (VAT) Implementing Regulations on its website for the purpose of public consultation, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/ksa-gazt-published-vat-for-purpose-of-public-consultation.html>.

³³⁹⁵ KSA: GAZT has published the Draft Value Added Tax (VAT) Implementing Regulations on its website for the purpose of public consultation, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/ksa-gazt-published-vat-for-purpose-of-public-consultation.html>.

³³⁹⁶ KSA: GAZT has published the Draft Value Added Tax (VAT) Implementing Regulations on its website for the purpose of public consultation, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 19 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/ksa-gazt-published-vat-for-purpose-of-public-consultation.html>.

³³⁹⁷ KSA: New tax administration measures and double taxation treaty developments, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 14 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/new-tax-administration-measures-double-taxation-treaty-developments.html>.

³³⁹⁸ KSA: New tax administration measures and double taxation treaty developments, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 14 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/new-tax-administration-measures-double-taxation-treaty-developments.html>.

³³⁹⁹ Saudi Arabia publishes new VAT Law, Ernst & Young (London) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://taxinsights.ey.com/archive/archive-news/saudi-arabia-publishes-new-vat-law.aspx>.

³⁴⁰⁰ Saudi Arabia publishes new VAT Law, Ernst & Young (London) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://taxinsights.ey.com/archive/archive-news/saudi-arabia-publishes-new-vat-law.aspx>.

5 per cent.³⁴⁰¹ Every person required to register for VAT is required to register with the GAZT.³⁴⁰² Various penalties exist in relation to lack of compliance with this new VAT law.³⁴⁰³

On 16 August 2017, the GAZT published and created an electronic portal for the new VAT law.³⁴⁰⁴ This portal offers taxpayers official and easily accessible information on the regulations, deadlines and implementation guidelines of the VAT. The portal announced that VAT registrations would begin in September 2017.³⁴⁰⁵

On 6 September 2017, Saudi Arabia's agreement with Egypt on avoidance of double taxation came into effect.³⁴⁰⁶

On 20 September 2017, the Saudi Arabian government issued a Royal Decree that introduces amendments to the Saudi Arabian Income Tax law to ensure better alignment with international practices. Amendments include different provisions between resident and non-resident companies and intra-group transfers of assets.³⁴⁰⁷

On 14 October 2017, Saudi Arabia attended the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors annual meeting in Washington, DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³⁴⁰⁸

On 17 December 2017, the Ministry of Finance announced that it would introduce a monthly expat tax ranging between SAR300 and SAR400.³⁴⁰⁹

On 2 January 2018, the tax agency GAZT launched an application that allows taxpayers to determine whether the businesses they are dealing with are registered for VAT.³⁴¹⁰ This is presented as an effort

³⁴⁰¹ Saudi Arabia publishes new VAT Law, Ernst & Young (London) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://taxinsights.ey.com/archive/archive-news/saudi-arabia-publishes-new-vat-law.aspx>.

³⁴⁰² Saudi Arabia publishes new VAT Law, Ernst & Young (London) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://taxinsights.ey.com/archive/archive-news/saudi-arabia-publishes-new-vat-law.aspx>.

³⁴⁰³ Saudi Arabia publishes new VAT Law, Ernst & Young (London) 28 July 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://taxinsights.ey.com/archive/archive-news/saudi-arabia-publishes-new-vat-law.aspx>.

³⁴⁰⁴ KSA VAT: New dedicated GAZT website and details concerning registration, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/vat-registration-in-ksa-will-start-in-september-2017.html>.

³⁴⁰⁵ KSA VAT: New dedicated GAZT website and details concerning registration, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 22 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/vat-registration-in-ksa-will-start-in-september-2017.html>.

³⁴⁰⁶ Egyptian-Saudi double taxation agreement comes into effect, Enterprise (Cairo) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 28 November 2017. <https://enterprise.press/stories/2017/09/07/egyptian-saudi-double-taxation-agreement-comes-into-effect/>

³⁴⁰⁷ KSA: Capital gains, dividend income and other income tax amendments, PwC Middle East (Dubai) 12 October 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.pwc.com/m1/en/services/tax/me-tax-legal-news/2017/ksa-capital-gains-dividend-income-tax-amendments.html>.

³⁴⁰⁸ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³⁴⁰⁹ Saudi Arabia to impose expat levy as of 2018, Al Arabiya English (Dubai) 17 December 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <http://english.alarabiya.net/en/business/economy/2017/12/17/Saudi-Arabia-to-impose-expat-levy-as-of-2018.html>.

³⁴¹⁰ Having Implemented VAT, Saudi Arabia Moves To Challenge Fraud, Tax-News (Cyprus) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/Having_Implemented_VAT_Saudi_Arabia_Moves_To_Challenge_Fraud____76114.html.

to support and prevent individuals and business from being defrauded by business claiming to have registered for VAT.³⁴¹¹

On 3 January 2018, the Ministry of Finance announced that Cyprus has signed a double tax agreement with Saudi Arabia with respect to taxes on income and tax evasion.³⁴¹²

Saudi Arabia has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nour Abdelaal

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitments to work towards a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), South Africa participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³⁴¹³ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the outcomes of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³⁴¹⁴

On 13 October 2017, the Tax Committee published its final report on BEPS.³⁴¹⁵ The purpose of the report is to provide recommendations to the Minister of Finance on how South Africa can incorporate the OECD's minimum standards, best practice guidelines, and international standards on

³⁴¹¹ Having Implemented VAT, Saudi Arabia Moves To Challenge Fraud, Tax-News (Cyprus) 2 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/Having_Implemented_VAT_Saudi_Arabia_Moves_To_Challenge_Fraud____76114.html.

³⁴¹² Cyprus, Saudi Arabia Negotiate Double Tax Agreement, Tax-News (London) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 16 January 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/Cyprus_Saudi_Arabia_Negotiate_Double_Tax_Agreement____76137.html.

³⁴¹³ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³⁴¹⁴ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³⁴¹⁵ South Africa's Davis Tax Committee recommends way forward on BEPS, MNE Tax (Washington, D.C.) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <https://mnetax.com/south-africa-davis-tax-committee-report-recommends-way-forward-beps-24637>.

BEPS into its international tax framework.³⁴¹⁶ The paper addresses each of the 15 BEPS Action Plan items and provides concrete next steps accounting for South African international tax policy.³⁴¹⁷

On 14 October 2017, South Africa attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³⁴¹⁸

On 21 February 2018, Finance Minister Malusi Gigaba announced plans to raise the value-added tax, for the first time in 25 years, from 14 per cent to 15 per cent.³⁴¹⁹ The change will take effect on 1 April 2018.³⁴²⁰

On 21 February 2018, Minister Gigaba included measures in his budget to curb illicit financial flows through initiatives such as Country-by-Country Reporting and a focus on transfer pricing.³⁴²¹

South Africa has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives but not as an international actor.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Girish Sreevatsan

Turkey: 0

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to continue to work for a globally fair and modern international tax.

On 25 July 2017, the Government of Turkey published a general framework of guidance which explains how to conduct the “Call for Justification” audit mechanism of the 2016 Turkish Tax Procedure Code.³⁴²²

On 27 September 2017, the Turkish government unveiled its Medium-Term Economic Program for the 2018-2020 period.³⁴²³ In this program, the Turkish government outlined new tax provisions

³⁴¹⁶ South Africa’s Davis Tax Committee recommends way forward on BEPS, MNE Tax (Washington, D.C.) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <https://mnetax.com/south-africa-davis-tax-committee-report-recommends-way-forward-beps-24637>.

³⁴¹⁷ South Africa’s Davis Tax Committee recommends way forward on BEPS, MNE Tax (Washington, D.C.) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <https://mnetax.com/south-africa-davis-tax-committee-report-recommends-way-forward-beps-24637>.

³⁴¹⁸ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³⁴¹⁹ South Africa’s ANC Seeks to Shield Poor from Sales Tax Increase, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 25 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-25/south-africa-s-anc-seeks-to-shield-poor-from-sales-tax-increase>.

³⁴²⁰ South Africa’s ANC Seeks to Shield Poor from Sales Tax Increase, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 25 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-25/south-africa-s-anc-seeks-to-shield-poor-from-sales-tax-increase>.

³⁴²¹ Change, the new certainty. South African Budget February 2018, EY (London) February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. [http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/ey-south-african-budget-2018/\\$FILE/ey-south-african-budget-2018.pdf](http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/ey-south-african-budget-2018/$FILE/ey-south-african-budget-2018.pdf).

³⁴²² Turkey: A New Audit Mechanism: Call For Justification, The International Tax Review (Istanbul) 23 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3744663/Turkey-A-new-audit-mechanism-Call-for-justification.html>.

which include increases in corporate tax on companies operating in the field of financial services, increases in income tax in the third bracket of their progressive tax schedule, increases in motor vehicles tax, an introduction of a special consumption tax, improved tax audits for corporate income tax payers and a new value-added tax (VAT) mechanism for electronic services provided to individual buyers in Turkey by non-resident taxpayers.³⁴²⁴

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, Turkey participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³⁴²⁵ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the BEPS project outcomes, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³⁴²⁶

On 14 October 2017, Turkey attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³⁴²⁷

On 23 November 2017, Finance Minister Naci Agbal stated that Turkey will complete secondary tax regulations to avoid being on the European Union's new blacklist of tax havens.³⁴²⁸ Agbal also added that Turkey was fully in line with and supporting all international tax agreements.³⁴²⁹ In addition, he announced that Turkey would complete all necessary work on information sharing by 2019.³⁴³⁰

³⁴²³ Turks Brace for Tax Hikes as Ankara Scrambles to Bridge Budget Gaps, Al-Monitor (Washington, D.C.) 3 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/originals/2017/10/turkey-government-plans-to-increase-taxes.html>.

³⁴²⁴ Turkey: New Taxes on the Table, The International Tax Review (Istanbul) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3762415/Turkey-Archive/Turkey-New-taxes-on-the-table.html>.

³⁴²⁵ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³⁴²⁶ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

³⁴²⁷ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³⁴²⁸ EU Mulls Including Turkey on Blacklist of Tax Havens, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-17/as-may-beats-a-path-for-eu-exit-eu-opens-door-for-u-k-s-return>.

³⁴²⁹ Turkey will complete tax regulations, inclusion in EU blacklist out of question: finance minister, Reuters (London) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-europe-tax/turkey-will-complete-tax-regulations-inclusion-in-eu-blacklist-out-of-question-finance-minister-idUSKBN1DN1P1?il=0>.

³⁴³⁰ EU Mulls Including Turkey on Blacklist of Tax Havens, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-17/as-may-beats-a-path-for-eu-exit-eu-opens-door-for-u-k-s-return>.

On 28 November 2017, Parliament approved Article 91 of Law no. 7061 which increases the corporate income tax rate to 22 per cent for at least three years.³⁴³¹

On 5 December 2017, the new corporate tax law, Law No.7061, came into effect.³⁴³² The new law stipulates amending past tax laws with the objective of increasing tax revenues, promoting procedural rules, and eliminating some tax/fee applications.³⁴³³

On 31 December 2017, Turkey reached its effective date and deadline for the submission of Turkey's Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development BEPS Action 13 Country-by-Country Reporting for its first reporting period.³⁴³⁴

Turkey has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives but not as an international actor.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Nour Abdelaal

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to continue to work for a globally fair and modern international tax.

On 15 August 2017, the Revenue and Customs (HMRC) released new guidance confirming “the format and method of filing country-by-country (CbC) reports that are due in the UK.”³⁴³⁵ CbC reports must adhere to the XML schema format provided by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and they must be filed using the HMRC reporting service.³⁴³⁶ Additionally, the guidance also states which groups must complete a report, how to notify the HMRC regarding CbC filing, and exceptions to the filing obligation.³⁴³⁷

On 26 September 2017, “the OECD released the UK's peer review report relating to the implementation of the BEPS minimum standards on Action 14 on improving tax dispute resolution

³⁴³¹ Turkey Hikes Corporate Tax Rate, Tax-News (Cyprus) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018.

https://www.tax-news.com/news/Turkey_Hikes_Corporate_Tax_Rate____75935.html.

³⁴³² Turkey enacts new Law to increase tax revenues, EY (London) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018.

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³⁴³⁴ Country-Specific Information on Country-by-Country Reporting Implementation, OECD (Paris) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 16 January 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/country-specific-information-on-country-by-country-reporting-implementation.htm>.

³⁴³⁵ UK: Updated HMRC guidance for filing country-by-country report, KPMG (London) 15 August 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2017/08/tnf-uk-updated-hmrc-guidance-for-filing-country-by-country-reports.html>.

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mechanisms.”³⁴³⁸ As requested by the UK, the OECD has provided feedback on their adoption of Action 14. The report states that “the UK meets most of the elements of the Action 14 minimum standard and best practice”³⁴³⁹

On 27-29 September 2017, as a member of the OECD, the UK participated in the Forum on Tax Administration meeting in Oslo.³⁴⁴⁰ The key themes discussed were the priorities for the incoming G20 presidency, in particular effective implementation of the outcomes of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Plan, the Common Reporting Standard for exchange of information on offshore accounts and actions to enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³⁴⁴¹

On 14 October 2017, the UK attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³⁴⁴²

From 15-17 November 2017, the UK participated in the 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purpose in Yaoundé, Cameroon.³⁴⁴³ The UK was among six developed countries committed to helping six developing countries implement Automatic Exchange of Information. The UK is currently partnered with Ghana and Pakistan to assist with its participation in automatic exchange of information.³⁴⁴⁴

On 22 November 2017, the UK published its “Autumn Budget 2017.”³⁴⁴⁵ The United Kingdom ratified the Multilateral Instrument in the budget.³⁴⁴⁶ The Multilateral Instrument implements aspects of the OECD’s BEPS project which aims to prevent hybrid mismatches, treaty abuse, and avoidance

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³⁴⁴² G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³⁴⁴³ 10th Meeting of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, OECD (Yaoundé) 9 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/10th-meeting-of-the-global-forum-on-transparency-and-exchange-of-information-for-tax-purposes-15-17-november-2017-in-yaounde-cameroon.htm>.

³⁴⁴⁴ Automatic Exchange of Information Implementation Report 2017, OECD (Paris) 17 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/transparency/reporting-on-the-implementation-of-the-AEOI-standard.pdf>.

³⁴⁴⁵ Autumn Budget 2017, Government of United Kingdom (London) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/autumn-budget-2017-overview-of-tax-legislation-and-rates-ootlar/autumn-budget-2017-overview-of-tax-legislation-and-rates-ootlar>.

³⁴⁴⁶ UK ratifies the Multilateral Instrument on BEPS, Lexology (London) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 10 March 2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=ce99b2dc-6c78-4fdb-b9f2-1701087ea824>.

of permanent establishment.³⁴⁴⁷ The United Kingdom government will apply these provisions to various bilateral double taxation treaties.³⁴⁴⁸

On 23 January 2018, the UK participated in the OECD's pilot project, the International Compliance Assurance Program (ICAP) along with seven other countries.³⁴⁴⁹ The ICAP is designed to use country-by-country reports to facilitate open engagement between participating countries. It aims to facilitate open dialogue between Multinational Enterprises and tax administrations with the view of improving tax certainty.³⁴⁵⁰

The United Kingdom has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, the UK receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nadia Larocca

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitments to work towards a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 27 September 2017, the US and Italy signed a bilateral competent authority agreement.³⁴⁵¹ The agreement provides automatic exchange of country-by-country reports between the American and Italian tax authorities enabling Italian subsidiaries of American multinational groups from publishing separate country by country reports.³⁴⁵²

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³⁴⁴⁹ Eight FTA members kick off multilateral tax risk assurance programme to provide early certainty for tax administrations and MNEs, 23 January 2018, OECD (Washington, D.C.) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/eight-fta-members-kick-off-multilateral-tax-risk-assurance-programme-to-provide-early-certainty-for-tax-administrations-and-mnes.htm>.

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³⁴⁵¹ Execution of the Italy-USA CAA on the Automatic Exchange of Country-by-Country Reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://kdocs.kpmg.it/marketing/KSA/0311_Execution_of_the_Italy-USA_CAA_on_the_Automatic_Exchange_of_Country-by-Country_Reports.pdf.

³⁴⁵² Execution of the Italy-USA CAA on the Automatic Exchange of Country-by-Country Reports, KPMG (Amstelveen) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 26 November 2017. http://kdocs.kpmg.it/marketing/KSA/0311_Execution_of_the_Italy-USA_CAA_on_the_Automatic_Exchange_of_Country-by-Country_Reports.pdf.

³⁴⁵³ Leading tax administrations focused on effective delivery of the OECD/G20 BEPS outcomes, automatic exchange of information and tax certainty and collaborate on taxing users of the sharing economy, OECD (Paris) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/leading-tax-administrations-focused-on-effective-delivery-of-beps-outcomes-aeoi-tax-certainty-and-collaborate-on-taxing-users-of-the-sharing-economy.html>.

enhance tax certainty, including a new pilot on joint risk assessment of multinationals, continuing efforts to improve tax compliance, and the digital transformation of tax authorities through the use of new technologies, analytical tools and enhanced data sources.³⁴⁵⁴

On 14 October 2017, the US attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³⁴⁵⁵

On 20 December 2017, Congress passed a major tax reform bill to simplify and modernize the tax system while making the US more attractive to business.³⁴⁵⁶ The reforms included some efforts to limit tax avoidance, including expanding the ability of the government to move against tax evasion: “The Secretary shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to prevent avoidance of the tax ... including regulations to prevent avoidance of such tax through the performance of services other than as an employee or by providing compensation through a pass-through or other entity to avoid such tax.”³⁴⁵⁷ The tax reform also shifted towards a territorial system so companies are not taxed on a portion of income made overseas.³⁴⁵⁸ This potentially allows for companies to evade tax by moving portions of their operations overseas.³⁴⁵⁹

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³⁴⁵⁵ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin) 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³⁴⁵⁶ Unified Framework for Fixing our Broken Tax Code, US Department of the Treasury (Washington, D.C.) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Documents/Tax-Framework.pdf>.

³⁴⁵⁷ An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, Congress (Washington, D.C.) 2 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/1/titles>.

³⁴⁵⁸ Patti Domm Tax bill includes an incentive for US companies to invest in foreign manufacturing, CNBC (New Jersey) 19 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/12/19/tax-bill-includes-an-incentive-for-u-s-companies-to-invest-in-foreign-manufacturing.html>.

³⁴⁵⁹ Patti Domm Tax bill includes an incentive for US companies to invest in foreign manufacturing, CNBC 19 (New Jersey) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 12 January 2018. <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/12/19/tax-bill-includes-an-incentive-for-u-s-companies-to-invest-in-foreign-manufacturing.html>.

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to facilitate open dialogue between multinational enterprises and tax administrations with the view of improving tax certainty.³⁴⁶²

On 1 March 2018, the Internal Revenue Service announced a move to close loopholes on carried interest tax for S corporations. They will be subject to a three-year holding period for partnerships interests.³⁴⁶³ This reform makes it more difficult for these firms to evade tax.³⁴⁶⁴

The United States has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, the United States receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Kelly Cholvat

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to continue to work for a globally fair and modern international tax system.

On 10 October 2017, the European Commission welcomed EU members' go ahead for new rules to better resolve tax disputes at the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) Council meeting in Luxembourg.³⁴⁶⁵ The decision will ensure that businesses and citizens can resolve disputes related to the interpretation of tax treaties more swiftly and effectively. It will also cover issues related to double taxation.³⁴⁶⁶

On 14 October 2017, the EU attended the G20 finance ministers and central bank governors annual meeting in Washington DC, during which they discussed international tax cooperation.³⁴⁶⁷

On 26 October 2017, the European Commission launched a public consultation on how the EU can ensure that the digital economy is taxed in a fair and growth-friendly way.³⁴⁶⁸

On 30 November 2017, the European Commission unveiled new tools to make the Value Added Tax (VAT) system more fraud-proof and close loopholes which can lead to large-scale VAT

³⁴⁶² Eight FTA members kick off multilateral tax risk assurance programme to provide early certainty for tax administrations and MNEs, 23 January 2018, OECD (Washington, D.C.) 23 January 2018. Access Date: 17 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/eight-fta-members-kick-off-multilateral-tax-risk-assurance-programme-to-provide-early-certainty-for-tax-administrations-and-mnes.htm>.

³⁴⁶³ IRS Will Close Carried Interests Tax Loophole, Tax-News (Washington, D.C.) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/IRS_Will_Close_Carried_Interests_Tax_Loophole___76505.html.

³⁴⁶⁴ IRS Will Close Carried Interests Tax Loophole, Tax-News (Washington, D.C.) 7 March 2018. Access Date: 11 March 2018. https://www.tax-news.com/news/IRS_Will_Close_Carried_Interests_Tax_Loophole___76505.html.

³⁴⁶⁵ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission (Brussels) 10 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

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³⁴⁶⁷ G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meeting, Washington, D.C., 12/13 October 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance (Berlin), 18 October 2017. Access Date: 30 January 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/EN/Bilderstrecken/Media_Centre/Pictures/2017-10-18-Washington.html?notFirst=true&docId=154558#photogallery.

³⁴⁶⁸ Commission gathers views on how to tax the digital economy fairly and effectively, European Commission (Brussels) 26 October 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4204_en.htm.

fraud.³⁴⁶⁹ The new rules are aimed at building trust between member in order for them to exchange more information.³⁴⁷⁰ The rules also encourage cooperation between national tax authorities and law enforcement authorities.³⁴⁷¹

On 5 December 2017, the EU published the first list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions.³⁴⁷² EU finance ministers listed 17 countries who have failed to meet international tax governance standards.³⁴⁷³ The purpose of the exercise was to raise the level of tax good governance globally and to help prevent large-scale tax abuse.³⁴⁷⁴ As part of this process, the EU sent a letter to all jurisdictions on the list to explain the decision and outline what measures need to be put in place in order to be removed from the list.³⁴⁷⁵ The Commission and member states will monitor all jurisdictions to ensure commitments are fulfilled and investigate whether any other countries should be listed in the future.³⁴⁷⁶

On 18 December 2017, the European Commission published a series of recommendations on how Member States can continue working together for more efficient tax collection and to better fight tax fraud and avoidance.³⁴⁷⁷

On 21 March 2018, the European Commission released its plans for a digital tax on profits earned by Internet giants.³⁴⁷⁸ The proposed terms implement a levy starting at three per cent.³⁴⁷⁹ This measure is a part of the European Commission's larger goal of overhauling the international tax system in partnership with the OECD.³⁴⁸⁰

The European Union has continued its work for a globally fair and modern international system through national initiatives and as an international actor.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Sonja Dobson

³⁴⁶⁹ Fair Taxation: Commission proposes new tools to combat VAT fraud, European Commission (Brussels) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-4946_en.htm.

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³⁴⁷² Fair Taxation: EU publishes list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-5121_en.htm.

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³⁴⁷⁷ Tax and VAT collection in the EU, European Commission (Brussels) 18 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/news/tax-and-vat-collection-eu-2017-dec-18_en.

³⁴⁷⁸ The EU's 'digital tax': how US tech groups would be hit, Financial Times (Brussels) 21 March 2018. Access Date: 21 March 2018. <https://www.ft.com/content/1cbff630-2d09-11e8-9b4b-bc4b9f08f381>.

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10. Trade: Trade and Investment Frameworks

“We will keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

Country	Lack of Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India		0	
Indonesia			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Turkey		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average Score	+0.70		

Background

Trade is one of the core missions of the G20, as it directly contributes to economic recovery and growth. A key motivation for the establishment of the G20 was the rapid expansion of international trade with the transition from closed and centrally planned economies to open-market economies.³⁴⁸¹ Since its inception, the G20 has continuously committed to lowering trade barriers and emphasized the importance of open markets.

The G20 affirmed its commitment against protectionism in response to the 2008 financial crisis. At the 2008 Washington Summit, the G20 members committed to “rejecting protectionism and not turning inward in times of financial uncertainty.”³⁴⁸²

³⁴⁸¹ The Group of Twenty: A History, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2008. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/docs/g20history.pdf>.

³⁴⁸² Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 02 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2008/2008declaration1115.html>.

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, the G20 committed to “global standards consistently in a way that ensures a level playing field and avoids fragmentation of markets, protectionism, and regulatory arbitrage.”³⁴⁸³

At the 2010 Toronto Summit, the G20 committed “to renew for a further three years, until the end of 2013, our commitment to refrain from raising barriers or imposing new barriers to investment or trade in goods and services, imposing new export restrictions or implementing World Trade Organization (WTO)-inconsistent measures to stimulate exports, and commit to rectify such measures as they arise.”³⁴⁸⁴

At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, the G20 committed to “reaffirm our standstill commitment until the end of 2014 with regard to measures affecting trade and investment.”³⁴⁸⁵ At the 2013 St. Petersburg Summit, the G20 agreed to “reaffirm [its] commitment to roll back new protectionist measures.”³⁴⁸⁶ This was renewed in 2014. At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 recommitted to “resist all forms of protectionism.”³⁴⁸⁷

At the 2016 G20 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 members committed to “build an open world economy, reject protectionism, promote global trade and investment, including through further strengthening the multilateral trading system, and ensure broad-based opportunities through and public support for expanded growth in a globalized economy.”³⁴⁸⁸ At the 2016 G20 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 adopted the G20 Strategy for Global Trade Growth “as an integral part of G20’s efforts to achieve our ambition of 2 per cent additional growth by 2018 set by G20 leaders in Brisbane in 2014, and as part of its broader efforts to strengthen global growth and to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).”³⁴⁸⁹ This strategy aims to lower trade costs, harness trade and investment policy coherence, boost trade in services, enhance trade finance and promote e-commerce development.³⁴⁹⁰ The G20 Strategy for Global Trade Growth includes the G20 Guiding Principles for Global Investment Policymaking.³⁴⁹¹ These non-binding principles aim to foster an open, transparent and conducive global policy environment for investment, promote coherence in national and international investment policymaking, and promote inclusive economic growth and sustainable development.³⁴⁹²

³⁴⁸³ G20 Leaders’ Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 24 — 25 September 2009. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>.

³⁴⁸⁴ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 27 June 2010. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>.

³⁴⁸⁵ G20 Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 19 June 2012. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2012/2012-0619-loscabos.html>.

³⁴⁸⁶ G20 Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 6 September 2013. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>.

³⁴⁸⁷ G20 Leaders’ Communique, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 16 November 2015. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>.

³⁴⁸⁸ G20 Leaders’ Communique: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 5 September 2016. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>.

³⁴⁸⁹ Annex II: G20 Strategy for Global Trade Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 2016. Access Date: October 29, 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160710-trade-annex2.html>.

³⁴⁹⁰ Annex II: G20 Strategy for Global Trade Growth, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160710-trade-annex2.html>.

³⁴⁹¹ Annex III: G20 Guiding Principles for Global Investment Policymaking, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160710-trade-annex3.html>.

³⁴⁹² Annex III: G20 Guiding Principles for Global Investment Policymaking, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 10 July 2016. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160710-trade-annex3.html>.

On 30 June 2017, the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the UN Committee on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) published the Report on G20 Trade and Investment Measures.³⁴⁹³ The report found that between October 2016 and May 2017, G20 members approved 42 new trade-restrictive measures. The reports also found that 42 new measures aimed at facilitating trade were applied. This continues a “declining trend in the application of trade facilitating measures observed in 2016.”³⁴⁹⁴ The report furthermore asserts that the trade coverage of import-facilitating measures exceeded that of import-restrictive measures.³⁴⁹⁵ The report concludes that the G20 must “show leadership in reiterating their commitment to open and mutually beneficial trade as a key driver of economic growth and a major engine for prosperity.”³⁴⁹⁶

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the G20 committed to “keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.”³⁴⁹⁷

Commitment Features

This commitment is divided into two parts: keeping markets open and fighting protectionism.

Part One: Keeping Markets Open

Keeping markets open includes two components: reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination.

“Reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks” refers to establishing proper contexts to allow for the foundation of trade, meaning all parties involved in a trade benefit from the exchange.³⁴⁹⁸ The G20 is following a core concept of the WTO, which was manifested in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which is the WTO’s principal rulebook on trade.³⁴⁹⁹ A G20 member, thus, must ensure that it continues to participate in international trade, whether it is bilateral or multilateral. This means that they need to consider and actively work on new or renewed trade partnerships.

³⁴⁹³ Reports on G20 Trade and Investment Measures, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/investment-policy/17th-Report-on-G20-Trade-and-Investment-Measures.pdf>.

³⁴⁹⁴ Reports on G20 Trade and Investment Measures, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/investment-policy/17th-Report-on-G20-Trade-and-Investment-Measures.pdf>.

³⁴⁹⁵ Reports on G20 Trade and Investment Measures, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/investment-policy/17th-Report-on-G20-Trade-and-Investment-Measures.pdf>.

³⁴⁹⁶ Reports on G20 Trade and Investment Measures, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (Paris) 30 June 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/daf/inv/investment-policy/17th-Report-on-G20-Trade-and-Investment-Measures.pdf>.

³⁴⁹⁷ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

³⁴⁹⁸ Understanding the WTO, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 2014. Access Date: 1 November 2017 https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/doload_e/inbr_e.pdf.

³⁴⁹⁹ Understanding the WTO, World Trade Organization (Geneva) 2014. Access Date: 1 November 2017 https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/doload_e/inbr_e.pdf.

“The Principle of Non-Discrimination” aims to guarantee equal and fair prospects regarding trade.³⁵⁰⁰ This means that countries in similar situations should receive similar treatment. Thus, countries may not nominally differentiate between trading partners. The WTO rules state that, with exceptions, granting one country a special favour means that the favour ought to apply to all countries.³⁵⁰¹ Thus, a G20 member may not exclude against any trading partner, regardless of the size of its economy. While there are exceptions to this, the WTO must approve those.

Part Two: Fighting Protectionism

“Protectionism” refers to government policies that restrict international trade.³⁵⁰² As electorates within G20 members seem to have voiced their grievances with global trade, this commitment is a steadfast reassurance that the G20 stands for free trade and condones actions that restrict it. However, the G20 acknowledge exceptions, in which “trade defence instruments” are legitimate.³⁵⁰³ At the 2013 Bali Ministerial Conference, the WTO allows for three trade defence instruments: duties for anti-dumping, countervailing or safeguarding.³⁵⁰⁴ Still, G20 members need to actively oppose protectionism, for instance through lowering tariffs, rejecting quotas and other political obstacles to free trade.

“Unfair Trade Practices” refers to various fraudulent and unethical methods for exchange.³⁵⁰⁵ The G20 hereby commit themselves to continue to foster multilateral trading systems and to oblige by the rules set out through the WTO. Therefore, G20 members must actively promote fair competition. G20 Members should “implement and enforce legislation that is respecting human rights and labour protection standards.”³⁵⁰⁶

To achieve full compliance, a G20 member must have taken actions to ensure that their markets remained open, while opposing protectionism. For partial compliance, a G20 member must either have taken actions to ensure that their markets remained open but did not oppose protectionism or the G20 member must have opposed protectionism but not kept their markets open. For no compliance, the G20 member must have taken actions to close its markets and did not oppose protectionism.

³⁵⁰⁰ Principles of the trading system, World Trade Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 1 November 2017
https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/fact2_e.html.

³⁵⁰¹ Principles of the trading system, World Trade Organization (Geneva). Access Date: 1 November 2017
https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/whatis_e/tif_e/fact2_e.html.

³⁵⁰² The Hidden Pressures, The Economist 12 October 2013. Access Date: 2 November 2017.
<http://www.economist.com/news/special-report/21587381-protectionism-can-take-many-forms-not-all-them-obvious-hidden-persuaders>.

³⁵⁰³ G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 8 July 2017. Access Date: 29 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>.

³⁵⁰⁴ Briefing note: Anti-dumping, subsidies and safeguards, World Trade Organization (Bali) November 2013. Access Date: 2 November 2017. https://www.wto.org/english/thewto_e/minist_e/mc9_e/brief_adp_e.html.

³⁵⁰⁵ Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, European Parliament (Brussels) 11 May 2005. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2005:149:0022:0039:EN:PDF>.

³⁵⁰⁶ Open, Dynamic and Inclusive Labor Markets, B20 Task Force (Hamburg) 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017.
https://www.b20germany.org/fileadmin/user_upload/documents/B20/b20-policy-paper-employment-education.pdf.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	The G20 member did not keep its markets open AND implemented protectionist measures.
0	The G20 member did not take actions to keep its market open but did not implement new protectionist measures OR the G20 member took actions to keep its market open but implemented protectionist measures.
+1	The G20 member kept its market open and opposed protectionism.

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Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 22 July 2017, the Argentine and Colombian governments announced that Mercosur made a trade agreement with Colombia to permit “limited quantities of tariff-free trade in products including automobiles, textiles and agrochemicals.”³⁵⁰⁷

On 10 August 2017, the Argentine government disclosed that import taxes on rigs and oil drilling equipment will be cut so that “importers will pay seven per cent import duties on the used equipment, with some equipment allowed to come in at zero per cent and others at 14 per cent.”³⁵⁰⁸

On 8 November 2017, officials from Argentina met with the United States Commerce Department in Washington to discuss the US’ claims that a 70 per cent duty would be implemented on biodiesel imports from Argentina in the US. President Mauricio Macri announced that Argentina would be willing to enforce a 15 per cent export tax on the product.³⁵⁰⁹

On 13 November 2017, Argentina continued negotiations between the European Union and Mercosur to create a free trade accord. Mercosur and the EU are working toward quickly completing talks and announcing the deal at the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Buenos Aires in December 2018.³⁵¹⁰

On 16 November 2017, Secretary of Commerce Miguel Braun expressed interest in expanding Argentina’s international trade to encourage growth during the Federal Council of Foreign Trade.³⁵¹¹

³⁵⁰⁷ Mercosur and Colombia agree to a limited list of tariff-free products, MercoPress (Montevideo) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <http://en.mercopress.com/2017/07/24/mercosur-and-colombia-agree-to-a-limited-list-of-tariff-free-products>.

³⁵⁰⁸ Argentina eases used rig imports to spur drilling, boost output, S&P Global Platts (Buenos Aires) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.platts.com/latest-news/oil/buenosaires/argentina-eases-used-rig-imports-to-spur-drilling-21604341>.

³⁵⁰⁹ Argentina at Mercy of Debt Markets to Fund Reforms, Macri Says, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-08/argentina-at-mercy-of-debt-markets-to-fund-reforms-macri-says>.

³⁵¹⁰ EU and Mercosur “very close” to reaching an accord, says top European official, MercoPress (Montevideo) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://en.mercopress.com/2017/11/13/eu-and-mercosur-very-close-to-reaching-an-accord-says-top-european-official>.

³⁵¹¹ Argentina es uno de los países menos integrados al comercio, Department of Foreign Trade (Buenos Aires) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 24 December 2017. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-es-uno-de-los-paises-menos-integrados-al-comercio>.

On 24 November 2017, the Argentine government outlined a plan to implement the Single Window for Foreign Trade system to digitalize trade processes in Argentina. The system will aim to increase trade efficiency and expand international trading operations.³⁵¹²

On 13 December 2017, Argentina signed a joint statement at the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference supporting “open, transparent, non-discriminatory and predictable regulatory environments” in electronic commerce.³⁵¹³

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Argentina receives a score of +1.

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Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 26 July 2017, Steve Ciobo, Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment, reaffirmed Australia’s commitment to negotiate and sign the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) by the end of 2017.³⁵¹⁴ Ciobo asserts that this new partnership will stimulate economic growth and prosperity for Australia by exporting additional products to Indonesia and increasing domestic employment opportunity.³⁵¹⁵

Between 1 August 2017 and 5 August 2017, Australia commenced the second round of negotiations with Hong Kong to sign a Free Trade Agreement between the two countries.³⁵¹⁶

On 20 September 2017, Australia and Indonesia reduced tariffs on the importation of raw sugar from Australia and herbicides and pesticides from Indonesia.³⁵¹⁷

On 20 September 2017, the Indonesian and Australian trade ministers announced that they set a November 2018 deadline to complete a bilateral trade deal.³⁵¹⁸

³⁵¹² Avances de Argentina en materia de Ventanilla Única de Comercio Exterior, Department of Foreign Trade (Buenos Aires) 24 November 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/noticias/avances-de-argentina-en-materia-de-ventanilla-unica-de-comercio-exterior>.

³⁵¹³ New initiatives on electronic commerce, investment facilitation and MSMEs. World Trade Organization (Geneva) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 13 January 2018. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/minis_13dec17_e.html.

³⁵¹⁴ Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership (IA-CEPA), Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 26 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017.

http://trademinister.gov.au/transcripts/Pages/2017/sc_tr_170726.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵¹⁵ Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership (IA-CEPA), Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 26 July 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017.

http://trademinister.gov.au/transcripts/Pages/2017/sc_tr_170726.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵¹⁶ Australia-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement (A-HKFTA)- overview of second negotiating round, Hong Kong, 1-5 August, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Canberra) 6 August 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017.

<http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/a-hkfta/Pages/news.aspx>.

³⁵¹⁷ Indonesia and Australia reduce tariffs on key commodities, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_170920b.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

On 22 September 2017, Australia, alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁵¹⁹ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁵²⁰

On 19 October 2017, the Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA) was updated to provide new opportunities for Australian businesses.³⁵²¹ The amendments improved business between the two nations resulting in a stronger trade and economic relationship.³⁵²²

On 10 November 2017, Australia finalized a trade agreement with Peru.³⁵²³ The Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement (PAFTA) is a bilateral arrangement designed to support Australian exporters interested in establishing a market for their products in Peru, one of the world's fastest growing economies.³⁵²⁴

On 11 November 2017, Australia alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁵²⁵ The declaration emphasizes APEC's commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁵²⁶

³⁵¹⁸ Trade Ministers set November deadline for Indonesia-Australia trade-deal, ABC News Australia (Jakarta) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017 <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-20/steve-ciobo-announces-november-deadline-for-indonesia-trade-deal/8965262>.

³⁵¹⁹ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵²⁰ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵²¹ Singapore Australia Free Trade Agreement, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171019.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵²² Singapore Australia Free Trade Agreement, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 19 October 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171019.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵²³ Peru-Australia FTA to deliver jobs and growth, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171110.aspx.

³⁵²⁴ Peru-Australia FTA to deliver jobs and growth, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017. http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171110.aspx.

³⁵²⁵ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁵²⁶ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

On 20 November 2017, Australian exports reached a record high in 2016-2017 with a total of AUD373 billion.³⁵²⁷

On 1 December 2017, the SAFTA amendment entered into force.³⁵²⁸ The amendment will create new opportunities for Australian businesses and continue to grow trade and investment between the two countries.³⁵²⁹

On 12 February 2018, Australia and Peru signed the Peru-Australia Free Trade Agreement.³⁵³⁰ This will help create new Australian jobs, drive economic growth and eliminate tariff on 99 per cent of Australian goods within five years of the Agreement's entry into force.³⁵³¹

On 23 February 2018, the United States and Australia agreed to intensify their support of digital trade and ensure an open, free and secure Internet and advocate for free and accessible global digital trade.³⁵³²

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Abigail Lessard

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 13 November 2017, Ambassador and Deputy Foreign Minister Marcos Galvão and German State Secretary Machnig held a bilateral meeting during which they called for a EU-Mercosur free trade agreement.³⁵³³

³⁵²⁷ Another strong trade outcome for Australia, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171130a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵²⁸ Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171201a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵²⁹ Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 1 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_171201a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵³⁰ Australia and Peru sign free trade agreement, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/sc_mr_180212.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵³¹ Australia and Peru sign free trade agreement, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 12 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2018/sc_mr_180212.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁵³² United States and Australia Intensify Cooperation on Digital Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2018/february/united-states-and-australia>.

On 8 December 2017, Brazil began exporting eggs to South Africa.³⁵³⁴ Secretary of International Relations Odilson Luiz Ribeiro e Silva said that this particular export signals “the quality and sanity of the Brazilian product and contributes to the strengthening of the agricultural sector, expanding and diversifying exports.”³⁵³⁵

On 22 December 2017, Brazil and Columbia’s automotive trade agreement went into effect.³⁵³⁶ In addition to the automotive industry, the agreement “provides better access to the Colombian market for textiles and steel products.”³⁵³⁷

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Brazil receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jessica Afonso

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Between 16 August 2017 and 20 August 2017, Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland held talks with Robert Lighthizer, US Trade Representative, and Mexican Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo to renegotiate and modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).³⁵³⁸

On 18 September 2017, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and United Kingdom Prime Minister Theresa May discussed potential new bilateral arrangements for “seamless transition” after Brexit and to spread benefits of freer trade.³⁵³⁹

³⁵³³ Press: State Secretary Machnig opens German-Brazilian Business Days, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin). 14 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171114-staatssekretaer-machnig-eroeffnet-deutsch-brasilianische-wirtschaftstage.html>.

³⁵³⁴ Brazil starts exporting eggs to South Africa, Government of Brazil (Panácio do Planalto) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/economia-e-emprego/2017/12/brasil-comeca-a-exportar-ovos-para-a-africa-do-sul>.

³⁵³⁵ Brazil starts exporting eggs to South Africa, Government of Brazil (Panácio do Planalto) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/economia-e-emprego/2017/12/brasil-comeca-a-exportar-ovos-para-a-africa-do-sul>.

³⁵³⁶ Automotive agreement between Brazil and Colombia goes into effect, Government of Brazil (Panácio do Planalto) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/economia-e-emprego/2017/12/acordo-automotivo-entre-brasil-e-colombia-entra-em-vigor>.

³⁵³⁷ Automotive agreement between Brazil and Colombia goes into effect, Government of Brazil (Panácio do Planalto) 26 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/economia-e-emprego/2017/12/acordo-automotivo-entre-brasil-e-colombia-entra-em-vigor>.

³⁵³⁸ Trilateral Statement on the Conclusion of NAFTA Round One, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2017/august/trilateral-statement-conclusion>.

³⁵³⁹ Prime Minister of Canada announces closer collaboration with the United Kingdom, Office of the Prime Minister (Ottawa) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017 <https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2017/09/18/prime-minister-canada-announces-closer-collaboration-united-kingdom>.

On 20 September 2017, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the European Union and Canada entered into force.³⁵⁴⁰ CETA is a progressive free trade agreement which covers virtually all sectors and aspects of Canada-EU trade in order to eliminate or reduce barriers.³⁵⁴¹ With CETA, 98 per cent of EU tariff lines are now duty-free for Canadian goods.³⁵⁴² Once CETA is fully implemented, the EU will have eliminated tariffs on 99 percent of its tariff lines.³⁵⁴³

On 10 November 2017, Canada reaffirmed its commitment to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) as the continuation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement along with 11 other countries.³⁵⁴⁴ Canada reaffirmed its commitment to open markets, combating protectionism and advancing regional economic integration.³⁵⁴⁵

On 11 November 2017, Canada alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁵⁴⁶ The declaration emphasizes APEC's commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁵⁴⁷

On 28 November 2017, Canada formally requested to the World Trade Organization (WTO) consultations against recently imposed anti-dumping and countervailing duty determinations on softwood lumber products from Canada by the United States.³⁵⁴⁸

³⁵⁴⁰ EU-Canada trade agreement enters into force, European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1723&title=EU-Canada-trade-agreement-enters-into-force>.

³⁵⁴¹ EU-Canada trade agreement enters into force, European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1723&title=EU-Canada-trade-agreement-enters-into-force>.

³⁵⁴² EU-Canada trade agreement enters into force, European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1723&title=EU-Canada-trade-agreement-enters-into-force>.

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³⁵⁴⁴ Trans-Pacific Partnership Ministerial Statement, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/tpp-ptp/statement-declaration.aspx?lang=eng>.

³⁵⁴⁵ Trans-Pacific Partnership Ministerial Statement, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.international.gc.ca/trade-commerce/trade-agreements-accords-commerciaux/agr-acc/tpp-ptp/statement-declaration.aspx?lang=eng>.

³⁵⁴⁶ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁵⁴⁷ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁵⁴⁸ Canada requests WTO consultations on US duties on Canadian Softwood lumber, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa), 28 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/11/canada_requests_wtoconsultationsonusdutiesagainstcanadiansoftwoo.html.

On 11 December 2017, at the WTO 11th Ministerial Conference in Buenos Aires, Minister of International Trade François-Philippe Champagne reaffirmed Canada's commitment to the "centrality" of the rules based multilateral trading system and the value of the WTO's framework of rules to International Trade.³⁵⁴⁹ Canada also reaffirmed its commitment to reduce and eliminate "unjustified non-tariff measures" in the agricultural sector and reaffirmed its commitment towards science-based decision making.³⁵⁵⁰

On 19 January 2018, Canada filed a formal complaint under NAFTA chapter 19 dispute mechanisms, in response to US Department of Commerce final subsidy and dumping determinations of duty rates on Bombardier C Series aircraft and the U.S International Trade Commission's determination of material injury of softwood lumber products.³⁵⁵¹

On 23 January 2018, Minister Champagne, announced the conclusion of trade discussions and consensus on the text of the CPTPP as a new free trade agreement between Canada and 10 other member countries, establishing a mutually advantageous trade and investment framework with member countries.³⁵⁵²

On 1 March 2018, Minister Freeland declared any potential trade restrictions on Canadian steel and aluminum sectors as "unacceptable" regarding potential United States trade restrictions on the steel and aluminum sector.³⁵⁵³

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Canada receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joe Wu

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 5 September 2017, China hosted the Dialogue of Emerging Economies and Developing Countries with Egypt, Guinea, Thailand, Tajikistan, and Mexico. During the Dialogue, all members advocated for free trade.³⁵⁵⁴

³⁵⁴⁹ More than 40 ministers issue joint statement affirming support for the WTO, World Trade Organization (Geneva), 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018.

https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/mc11_11dec17_e.html.

³⁵⁵⁰ Canada supports agricultural trade at WTO, Global Affairs Canada (Ottawa) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_supports_agriculturaltradeatwto.html.

³⁵⁵¹ Trade litigation update from the Government of Canada, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 19 January 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/01/trade_litigationupdatefromthegovernmentofcanada.html.

³⁵⁵² Statement by Minister of International Trade on successful conclusion of Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, Government of Canada (Ottawa) 23 January 2018: Access Date: 4 March 2018. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2018/01/statement_by_ministerofinternationaltradeonsuccessfulconclusiono.html.

³⁵⁵³ Remarks by President Trump in Listening Session with Representatives from the Steel and Aluminum Industry, The White House (Washington, DC) 1 March 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/remarks-president-trump-listening-session-representatives-steel-aluminum-industry/>.

On 5 September 2017, Yi Huiman, Executive Director of the Bank of Industry and Commerce of China met with Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto where both parties “reaffirmed their commitment to building an efficient, including financial system open to competition that provides more products and services in both Mexico and China.”³⁵⁵⁵

On 22 September 2017, China alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁵⁵⁶ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁵⁵⁷

On 1 October 2017, China and Russia as part of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) signed a new agreement on “Trade and Economic Cooperation” in Hangzhou, China.³⁵⁵⁸ The agreement will remove non-tariff trade barriers, improve trade facilitation and “boost in-depth development of trade and partnerships” between China, Russia and all EAEU member countries.³⁵⁵⁹

On 11 November 2017, China alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁵⁶⁰ The declaration emphasizes APEC’s commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁵⁶¹

On 27 November 2017, during the APEC Summit, President Xi Jinping supported globalization as he sees it as an irreversible historical trend, however, he suggested that the philosophy behind free trade needed to be repurposed to be “more open, more balanced, more equitable and more beneficial

³⁵⁵⁴ Dialogue of Emerging Economies and Developing Countries, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/dialogue-of-emerging-economies-and-developing-countries-125239?idiom=en>.

³⁵⁵⁵ President Enrique Peña Nieto meets with Executive Director of the Bank of Industry and Commerce of China. Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/president-enrique-pena-nieto-meets-with-executive-director-of-the-bank-of-industry-and-commerce-of-china?idiom=en>.

³⁵⁵⁶ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁵⁷ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁵⁸ China and the EAEU Declared the Conclusion of negotiations on the Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation, Eurasian Economic Commission (Moscow) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://eec.eaeunion.org/en/nae/news/Pages/2-10-2017-5.aspx>.

³⁵⁵⁹ China Signs Economic and Trade Partnership Deal with Russia-Led EAEU, China Global Television Network (Beijing) 1 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. https://news.cgtn.com/news/3467444f78597a6333566d54/share_p.html.

³⁵⁶⁰ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁵⁶¹ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

to all.”³⁵⁶² He also showed strong support to multilateral trade, stating that its members can benefit more from international trade and investment.³⁵⁶³

On 7 December 2017, International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce Fu Ziyang and Maldivian Minister of Economic Development Mohamed Saeed signed the Free Trade Agreement between the Governments of China and Maldives.³⁵⁶⁴

On 14 December 2017 President Xi and, Korean President Moon Jae-In agreed to increase strategic dialogues between presidents and senior cabinet members to develop bilateral cooperation, including trade.³⁵⁶⁵

On 15 December 2017, Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan and Korea’s Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy agreed to hold the first meeting for Korea-China free trade negotiations by February 2018.³⁵⁶⁶

On 25 December 2017, China announced that it set a goal of building itself into a global powerhouse in international trade by 2035 through further reform and fine-tuning of trade structure.³⁵⁶⁷ To reach its long-term target, the Ministry of Commerce decided to enhance China’s role as a major global trading partner before 2020 and deploy more resources to maintain a steady growth in international trade, make efficient use of foreign investment and ensure Chinese companies to invest overseas in an orderly way in 2018.³⁵⁶⁸

On 9 January 2018, China welcomed French President Emanuel Macron for a three-day diplomatic during which he articulated the need to continue to promote free trade and combat protectionism.³⁵⁶⁹

On 11 January 2018, Premier of the State Council Li Keqiang and Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen in Phnom Penh jointly witnessed the signing of 19 bilateral cooperation

³⁵⁶² APEC Summit: Trump and Xi offer competing visions for trade, BBC News (London) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-41937426>.

³⁵⁶³ APEC Summit: Trump and Xi offer competing visions for trade, BBC News (London) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-41937426>.

³⁵⁶⁴ China and Maldives Sign the Free Trade Agreement, Ministry of Commerce (Beijing) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/article/newsrelease/significantnews/201712/20171202683630.shtml>.

³⁵⁶⁵ Korea, China vow to develop partnership on NK, economic issues, Office of the President (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=1&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=20094&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=36.

³⁵⁶⁶ Minister Paik meets with China’s Commerce Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=657&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=11&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁶⁷ China aims to be global trade power, China Daily USA Edition (New York) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/26/WS5a4175a4a31008cf16da35b1.html>.

³⁵⁶⁸ China aims to be global trade power, China Daily USA Edition (New York) 16 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201712/26/WS5a4175a4a31008cf16da35b1.html>.

³⁵⁶⁹ In China, Macron Offers a Horse, and a Vision to Counter Trump, New York Times (New York) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/09/world/asia/china-france-xi-macron.html>.

documents in areas such as economic and trade, technology, health care, forestry, agriculture and humanity.³⁵⁷⁰

China has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, China receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Crystal Wong

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open, noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, while continuing to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 22 September 2017, France, alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁵⁷¹ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁵⁷²

On 21 November 2017, Minister of the Economy Bruno Le Maire announced his intention to transform France into one of the largest European financial centers.³⁵⁷³ He further announced the government's plan to bring into force new laws aimed at growing France's small and medium enterprises into more powerful, larger companies that can export to markets where there is growth.³⁵⁷⁴

On 9 January 2017, President Emanuel Macron commenced a three-day diplomatic visit to China during which he articulated the need to continue to promote free trade and combat protectionism.³⁵⁷⁵ Macron also called for more oversight of Chinese investments in France and the European Union more broadly, especially in sensitive industries.³⁵⁷⁶

³⁵⁷⁰ China and Cambodia sign Economic and Trade Cooperation Documents on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Two Governments, Ministry of Commerce (Beijing) 12 January 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/article/newsrelease/significantnews/201801/20180102698985.shtml>.

³⁵⁷¹ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁷² Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁷³ "Bruno La Maire, : Paris va devenir l'une des plus grandes places financières européennes," BFMTV (Paris) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://bfmbusiness.bfmtv.com/france/video-bruno-le-maire-paris-va-devenir-l-une-des-plus-grandes-places-financieres-europeennes-1308831.html>.

³⁵⁷⁴ "Bruno Le Maire : Paris va devenir l'une des plus grandes places financières européennes," BFMTV (Paris) 21 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://bfmbusiness.bfmtv.com/france/video-bruno-le-maire-paris-va-devenir-l-une-des-plus-grandes-places-financieres-europeennes-1308831.html>.

³⁵⁷⁵ In China, Macron Offers a Horse, and a Vision to Counter Trump, New York Times (New York) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/09/world/asia/china-france-xi-macron.html>.

³⁵⁷⁶ J In China, Macron Offers a Horse, and a Vision to Counter Trump, New York Times (New York) 8 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/09/world/asia/china-france-xi-macron.html>.

On 23 February 2018, Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced that France would fund information desks for exporter needing expertise on foreign markets along with English certifications for French students over the next three years in an effort to stimulate French exports and improve France's trade deficit.³⁵⁷⁷

On 5 February 2018, Foreign Minister Jean-Baptiste Lemoine, said that his government would refuse to negotiate any trade agreement with countries who had not ratified the Paris Climate Agreement.³⁵⁷⁸ Specifically, he acknowledged that the "US knows what to expect," and that any "trade agreement with the US should implement the Paris Agreement."³⁵⁷⁹ The United States withdrew from the agreement on 1 June 2017.³⁵⁸⁰

France complied with its commitment to keep markets open, noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination. However, France did not comply with its commitment to continuing to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, France receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Dillon Aube

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 20 July 2017, Germany announced that it would extend its cooperation with Ukraine on manager training in order to deepen business ties with Ukraine as well support "the necessary reforms in Ukraine."³⁵⁸¹

On 27 July 2017, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Brigitte Zypries met with the Iranian Minister for Roads and Urban Development, Dr. Abbas Ahmad Akhoundi in order to

³⁵⁷⁷ Pour doper le commerce extérieur, le gouvernement mise sur l'anglais et le guichet unique, l'Usine Nouvelle, Formation (Lille) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <https://www.usinenouvelle.com/article/la-france-mise-sur-l-anglais-et-le-guichet-unique-pour-l-export.N658024>.

³⁵⁷⁸ EU Tells Trump: No Paris Climate Deal, No Free Trade, Forbes (New York) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davekeating/2018/02/08/eu-tells-trump-no-paris-climate-deal-no-free-trade/#16a26f437c7e>.

³⁵⁷⁹ EU Tells Trump: No Paris Climate Deal, No Free Trade, Forbes (New York) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davekeating/2018/02/08/eu-tells-trump-no-paris-climate-deal-no-free-trade/#16a26f437c7e>.

³⁵⁸⁰ EU Tells Trump: No Paris Climate Deal, No Free Trade, Forbes (New York) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/davekeating/2018/02/08/eu-tells-trump-no-paris-climate-deal-no-free-trade/#16a26f437c7e>.

³⁵⁸¹ Press: Cooperation with Ukraine on manager training extended, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin). 20 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20170720-zusammenarbeit-mit-ukraine-verlaengert.html>.

further economic cooperation and trade between the two countries, especially as it relates to the modernisation of Iran's industry and infrastructure.³⁵⁸²

From 17 to 23 September 2017, representatives of the United States Department of State, Department of Treasury and the US trade commissioner welcomed State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy Matthias Machnig, to discuss the importance of the German-American trade and investment relation as well as to question the use of American sanctions.³⁵⁸³

On 22 September 2017, Germany, alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁵⁸⁴ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁵⁸⁵

On 17 October 2017, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy Uwe Beckmeyer gave the opening speech for the 2017 Latin America Day, which was hosted in Germany, in which he called for greater economic cooperation between Germany and Latin America in light of the rise of American protectionism.³⁵⁸⁶

On 10 November 2017, State Secretary Machnig declared that Europe should work together so that the World Trade Organization can "promote open markets" and "eliminate barriers to trade."³⁵⁸⁷

On 13 November 2017, State Secretary Machnig opened the 35th German-Brazilian Business Days to promote trade and cooperation between Brazil and Germany.³⁵⁸⁸

³⁵⁸² Press: Zypries meets with the Iranian Minister for Roads, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 27 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20170727-zypries-trifft-iranischen-verkehrsminister.html>.

³⁵⁸³ Press: State Secretary Machnig travelling to the US from 17 to 23 September to discuss economic policy issues, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin). 15 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20170915-machnig-travels-us-for-economic-discussion.html>.

³⁵⁸⁴ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁸⁵ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁸⁶ Press: State Secretary Beckmeyer: "Closer cooperation with Latin America generates jobs and prosperity", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 17 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171017-beckmeyer-closer-cooperation-with-latin-america-generates-jobs-and-prosperity.html>.

³⁵⁸⁷ Press: State Secretary Machnig: "Europe must strengthen the WTO", Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171110-staatssekretaer-machnig-europa-muss-wto-staerken.html>

³⁵⁸⁸ Press: State Secretary Machnig opens German-Brazilian Business Days, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171114-staatssekretaer-machnig-eroeffnet-deutsch-brasilianische-wirtschaftstage.html>.

On 13 November 2017, State Secretary Machnig and Ambassador and Deputy Foreign Minister of Brazil Marcos Galvão held a bilateral meeting during which they called for a EU-Mercosur free trade agreement.³⁵⁸⁹

Germany has fully complied with its commitment with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Germany receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Adrien Blanchard

India: 0

India has partially complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 21 August 2017, the Finance Ministry imposed an anti-dumping duty on tempered glass imports from China.³⁵⁹⁰

On 1 September 2017, the Indian government introduced tough quality criteria and mandated certification of compliance on toys produced in China by accredited agencies on China.³⁵⁹¹

On 22 September 2017, India alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁵⁹² This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁵⁹³

On 23 September 2017, Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-Chong and Indina Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu agreed to accelerate negotiations to improve the Korea-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, including the bilateral trade pact.³⁵⁹⁴

³⁵⁸⁹ Press: State Secretary Machnig opens German-Brazilian Business Days, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20171114-staatssekretaer-machnig-eroeffnet-deutsch-brasilianische-wirtschaftstage.html>.

³⁵⁹⁰ Anti-dumping duty imposed on tempered glass from China, The Hindu Business Line (New Delhi) 21 August 2017. Access Date: 12 October 2017. <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/antidumping-duty-imposed-on-tempered-glass-from-china/article9824506.ece>

³⁵⁹¹ Tough quality norms hit imports of Chinese toys, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 16 October 2017. Access Date: 15 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/tough-quality-norms-hit-imports-of-chinese-toys/articleshow/61108322.cms>.

³⁵⁹² Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁹³ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

On 26 October 2017, India held its 11th trade-policy forum with the United States in Washington for discussions on issues related to bilateral trade between the two countries, areas of mutual cooperation, market access in agriculture, non-agricultural goods and services and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). India reiterated its commitment to work towards building strong trade and investment ties to realize mutual gains from the partnership with the United States.³⁵⁹⁵

On 3 November 2017, the Indian government-imposed regulations on China over the import of toys, tempered glass, tyres, power, and telecom.³⁵⁹⁶

On 15 November 2017, senior officials from India and the European Union held discussions on a potential free trade agreement.³⁵⁹⁷

On 5 February 2018, the United Kingdom's Minister of State for Trade and Export Promotion, Baroness Rona Fairhead, visited India to launch the very first India-UK Createch Summit in the country's tech capital, Mumbai.³⁵⁹⁸ This is the culmination of several trade missions aiming to intensify the exchange in the technology sector.³⁵⁹⁹

On 20 February 2018, the 12th session of the Saudi-India Joint Committee was held in Riyadh.³⁶⁰⁰ Both countries agreed to make joint efforts to increase the volume of mutual investments, especially in the priority sectors and increase the bilateral trade volume.³⁶⁰¹

On 3 March 2018, India entered into a bilateral trade agreement with Vietnam that will enhance their bilateral trade.³⁶⁰²

On 6 March 2018, India announced a new tariff with a 60 per cent import tax on chickpeas.³⁶⁰³

³⁵⁹⁴ Korea, India sign agreed minutes at 3rd CEPA Joint Committee meeting, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=630&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁵⁹⁵ India and US hold 11th Trade Policy Forum meeting in Washington D.C. On October 26th, Business Standard (New Delhi) 29 October 2017. Access Date: 16 November 2017. http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/india-and-us-hold-11th-trade-policy-forum-meeting-in-washington-117102800440_1.html.

³⁵⁹⁶ Has India kicked off a trade war with China? Here are five signs, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 3 November 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/how-india-has-started-a-covert-trade-war-with-china/articleshow/61479171.cms>.

³⁵⁹⁷ India, EU hold discussions on proposed free trade agreement, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-eu-hold-discussions-on-proposed-free-trade-agreement/articleshow/61662790.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst.

³⁵⁹⁸ UK trade minister visits India to boost creative ties, Department for International Trade India (Mumbai) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-trade-minister-visits-india-to-boost-creative-ties>.

³⁵⁹⁹ UK trade minister visits India to boost creative ties, Department for International Trade India (Mumbai) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-trade-minister-visits-india-to-boost-creative-ties>.

³⁶⁰⁰ Riyadh Hosts The 12th Session Of The Saudi-India Joint Committee. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/06-02-18-01.aspx>.

³⁶⁰¹ Riyadh Hosts The 12th Session Of The Saudi-India Joint Committee. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/06-02-18-01.aspx>.

³⁶⁰² India, Vietnam to strengthen maritime and trade links, Gulf Times (Doha) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 4 March 2018. <http://www.gulf-times.com/story/583683/India-Vietnam-to-strengthen-maritime-and-trade-link>.

India complied with its commitment to keep markets open, noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination. However, India did not comply with continuing to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, India receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Mohammad Faaris Hussain

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 21 July 2017, South Africa and Indonesia agreed to identify sectors to exploit existing investment opportunities in both countries. Currently, there is no investment between the two countries. The two countries agreed to work closely to facilitate the business-to-business contact and also support each other in diversifying exports and improving the structure of trade.³⁶⁰⁴

On 7 September 2017, Trade Minister Enggartiasto Lukita explained that the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement will be completed in 2018.³⁶⁰⁵

On 7 September 2017, Indonesia submitted a complaint to the World Trade Organization (WTO) over a protectionist tariff imposed by Australia on paper imports.³⁶⁰⁶

On 8 September 2017, Indonesia's trade minister along with the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) ministers agreed to accelerate negotiations for further liberalization under the Korean-ASEAN free trade agreement, which has grown bilateral trade by 5.7 per cent on average each year since it entered into force.³⁶⁰⁷

On 13 September 2017, the Economic Minister, along with other ASEAN Economic ministers agreed to increase trade cooperation with Russia, including several Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) countries.³⁶⁰⁸

On 20 September 2017, the Indonesian and Australian trade ministers announced that they set a November 2018 deadline to complete a bilateral trade deal.³⁶⁰⁹

³⁶⁰³ India has raised the stakes in its trade war for chickpeas with a new 60% tariff, Business Insider (Sydney) 6 March 2018. Access Date: 6 March 2018. <http://www.businessinsider.com/india-tariff-on-chickpeas-raised-to-60-2018-3>.

³⁶⁰⁴ SA And Indonesia Agree to Identify Sectors to Exploit Investment Opportunities. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4131>.

³⁶⁰⁵ Government spurs the completion of the IA-CEPA Agreement, Ministry of Trade (Jakarta) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.kemendag.go.id/en/news/2017/09/07/-pemerintah-pacu-penyelesaian-perjanjian-ia-cep>.

³⁶⁰⁶ Indonesia files complaint against Australia in World Trade Organization, The Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.smh.com.au/business/the-economy/indonesia-files-complaint-against-australia-in-world-trade-organisation-20170906-gybym1.html>.

³⁶⁰⁷ Korea, ASEAN discuss further economic cooperation in Manila, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=585&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁰⁸ ASEAN Improves Trade Relations with Russia, Ministry of Trade (Jakarta) 13 September 2017. Access Date: 14 November 2017. <http://www.kemendag.go.id/en/news/2017/09/13/asean-tingkatkan-hubungan-dagang-sengan-rusia>.

On 20 September 2017, Australia and Indonesia reduced tariffs on the importation of raw sugar from Australia and herbicides and pesticides from Indonesia.³⁶¹⁰

On 22 September 2017, Indonesia alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁶¹¹ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁶¹²

On 11 November 2017, Indonesia alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁶¹³ The declaration emphasizes APEC's commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁶¹⁴

On 20 December 2017, Indonesia announced that it will allow tariff-free imports and direct market access to some Palestinian goods in the beginning of the new year.³⁶¹⁵

On 21 December 2017, Australia and Indonesia announced that they would fail to meet the deadline to complete a bilateral free trade deal.³⁶¹⁶

On 21 December 2017, Chile and Indonesia signed the Indonesia-Chile Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.³⁶¹⁷

³⁶⁰⁹ Trade Ministers set November deadline for Indonesia-Australia trade-deal, ABC News Australia (Jakarta) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 20 November 2017 <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-09-20/steve-ciobo-announces-november-deadline-for-indonesia-trade-deal/8965262>.

³⁶¹⁰ Indonesia and Australia reduce tariffs on key commodities, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment (Canberra) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 21 November 2017.

http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_170920b.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

³⁶¹¹ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶¹² Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶¹³ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶¹⁴ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶¹⁵ Indonesia to allow tariff-free import of some Palestinian goods, Reuters (London) 20 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-indonesia-palestinians-trade/indonesia-to-allow-tariff-free-import-of-some-palestinian-goods-idUSKBN1EE12F>.

³⁶¹⁶ Australia and Indonesia fail to meet free-trade deal deadline, SMH (Sydney) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <http://www.smh.com.au/business/world-business/australia-and-indonesia-fail-to-meet-freetrade-deadline-20171221-h08qz0.html>.

³⁶¹⁷ Indonesia, Chile sign CEPA, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 21 December 2017. Access Date: 21 December 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/12/21/indonesia-chile-sign-cepa.html>.

On 4 January 2018, Indonesia announced its intention to initiate negotiations on trade agreements under both bilateral and regional schemes with five partners, Peru, Kenya, Mozambique, South Africa and Morocco, and on a comprehensive economic partnership agreement with the Gulf Cooperation Council.³⁶¹⁸ Additionally, it will also begin negotiating a free trade agreement with Canada, along with ASEAN members.³⁶¹⁹

On 26 February 2018, the European Union completed a fourth round of negotiations with Indonesia towards the finalization of a free trade agreement. Topics of discussion included, “food and plant health, technical barrier to trade, investment and services.”³⁶²⁰

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Indonesia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Mohammed Faaris Hussain

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 20 July 2017, the Italian government ruled that all packages of rice and pasta sold in Italy would require labels of origin to identify the location of production in an effort to protect Italian farmers. The Canadian government is analyzing Italy’s trade obligation under the Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement in respect to this policy.³⁶²¹

On 4 September 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture said that tomato-based products may require labels of origin to promote Italian producers.³⁶²²

On 22 September 2017, Italy alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁶²³ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁶²⁴

³⁶¹⁸ Indonesia to start trade talks to boost exports, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 5 February 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/04/ri-to-start-trade-talks-to-boost-exports.html>.

³⁶¹⁹ Indonesia to start trade talks to boost exports, The Jakarta Post (Jakarta) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 5 February 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/01/04/ri-to-start-trade-talks-to-boost-exports.html>.

³⁶²⁰ EU completes fourth round of trade negotiations with Indonesia, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1800>.

³⁶²¹ Italy demands origin labels for pasta and rice, EURACTIV (London) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 24 November 2017. <http://www.euractiv.com/section/agriculture-food/news/italy-demands-origin-labels-for-pasta-and-rice/>.

³⁶²² Italy to extend country of origin labelling to tomato products, EURACTIV (London) 6 September 2017. Access Date: 19 November 2017. <https://www.euractiv.com/section/agriculture-food/news/italy-to-extend-country-of-origin-labeling-to-tomato-products/>.

³⁶²³ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

On 11 December 2017, the Council of Ministers outlined five legislative decrees in a press release that enforce sanctions for trade embargo in accordance with European Union mandate.³⁶²⁵

On 9 January 2018, Consul General of Italy in Montréal Marco Riccardo Rusconi met with the Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori National President, Dino Scanavino, to discuss advancing trade relations between Italy and Quebec and promoting Italian agri-food companies. The meeting follows the signing of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada.³⁶²⁶

Italy complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination. However, Italy did not comply with its commitment to continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Meghan Henderson

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 22 September 2017, Japan alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁶²⁷ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁶²⁸

On 29 September 2017, the seventh round of the negotiation for a Japan-Turkey Economic Partnership Agreement was held in Tokyo.³⁶²⁹

On 2 October 2017, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Hiroshige Seko met with Arkady Vladimirovich Dvorkovich, Deputy Prime Minister of Russia.³⁶³⁰ Japan and Russia confirmed that

³⁶²⁴ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶²⁵ Press Release of the Council of Ministers n. 61, Presidency of the Council of Ministers (Rome) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <http://www.governo.it/articolo/comunicato-stampa-del-consiglio-dei-ministri-n-61/8641>.

³⁶²⁶ Promozione delle aziende agroalimentari italiane in Québec, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (Rome) 9 January 2018. Access Date: 14 January 2018. http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/retediplomatica/promozione-delle-aziende-agroalimentari.html.

³⁶²⁷ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶²⁸ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶²⁹ Press Release: Summary of the Seventh Round of the Negotiation for a Japan-Turkey Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 7 January 2018. http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_001747.html.

the cooperation between governments and private organizations is expanding between both countries, including expanding exchanges and cooperation among small and medium-sized companies, developing industries and export bases in the Far East, cooperating on advanced technologies and expanding people-to-people exchanges.³⁶³¹

On 2 November 2017, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry announced that it compiled the elements concerning tariff rates of industrial goods under the agreement in principle on the Japan-European Union Economic Partnership Agreement.³⁶³²

On 8 November 2017, Minister Seko, attended the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting. Minister Seko made the proposal and statement concerning the theme “creating new dynamism for regional economic integration” reflected in the Joint Ministerial Statement and the Leaders’ Declaration.³⁶³³ He stressed that ministers should clearly demonstrate their commitment to fighting protectionism and promoting free trade, and that ministers need to establish high-level free and fair trade rules and broaden the level playing field.³⁶³⁴ He pointed out the importance of enhancing the multilateral trading system based on the rules placing the World Trade Organization (WTO) at the core and conducting quality rule-making in the Asia-Pacific region.³⁶³⁵

On 11 November 2017, Japan alongside other APEC members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁶³⁶ The declaration emphasizes APEC’s commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁶³⁷

³⁶³⁰ Mr. Seko, Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry and Minister for Economic Cooperation with Russia, Holds a Meeting with H.E. Mr. Arkady Vladimirovich Dvorkovich, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1002_003.html.

³⁶³¹ Japan’s Economic Cooperation with Russia, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 13 October 2016. Access Date: 27 November 2017. <http://www.meti.go.jp/english/mobile/2016/20160921001en.html>.

³⁶³² Announcement of the Elements Concerning Tariff Rates of Industrial Goods under the Agreement in Principle on the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 27 November 2017. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1102_003.html.

³⁶³³ 2017 APEC Ministerial Meeting Joint Ministerial Statement, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Da Nang) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. https://www.apec.org/Meeting-Papers/Annual-Ministerial-Meetings/2017/2017_amm.

³⁶³⁴ METI Minister Seko Visits the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Republic of the Philippines, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1114_002.html.

³⁶³⁵ METI Minister Seko Visits the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the Republic of the Philippines, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 7 December 2017. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1114_002.html.

³⁶³⁶ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶³⁷ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

On 8 December 2017, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker confirmed the finalisation of negotiations on the Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement, which will reduce trade barriers and advance free trade.³⁶³⁸

On 12 December 2017, Minister Seko met with European Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmstrom, and United States Representative Ambassador Robert Lighthizer in Buenos Aires on the margin of 11th WTO Ministerial Meeting (MC11).³⁶³⁹ The three ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation in fields including severe excess capacity, market distorting subsidies and forced transfer of technologies to eliminate these and other unfair marketing distorting and protectionist practices by third countries.³⁶⁴⁰

On 13 December 2017, Minister Seko, Australia Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Steven Ciobo, Singapore Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang co-chaired a Ministerial meeting on electronic commerce in Buenos Aires on the margin of 11th WTO Ministerial Meeting.³⁶⁴¹ Ministers representing 70 WTO members shared the goal of advancing electronic commerce work and agreed to work together toward future WTO negotiation on trade-related aspects of electronic commerce.³⁶⁴²

On 3 March 2018, Minister Seko attended the fourth Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Intersessional Ministerial Meeting in Singapore.³⁶⁴³ The ministers discussed on the tariff modification and worked together on improving offers across all modes of supply on services. They also negotiated on rules towards facilitating trade and investment in support of the expansion.³⁶⁴⁴

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Japan receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jamie Huiyi Chen

³⁶³⁸ Joint Statement by the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker and the Prime Minister of Japan Shinzo Abe, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tokyo) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.mofa.go.jp/files/000315382.pdf>.

³⁶³⁹ Joint Statement, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2017/12/20171213001/20171213001-1.pdf>.

³⁶⁴⁰ Joint Statement, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2017/12/20171213001/20171213001-1.pdf>.

³⁶⁴¹ Japan, Australia and Singapore co-chair a Ministerial Meeting on Electronic Commerce in the margins of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference and 70 WTO Members issue a Joint Statement, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1213_006.html.

³⁶⁴² Japan, Australia and Singapore co-chair a Ministerial Meeting on Electronic Commerce in the margins of the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference and 70 WTO Members issue a Joint Statement, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1213_006.html.

³⁶⁴³ Joint Statement of The Fourth Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting, ASEAN (Singapore) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://asean.org/storage/2018/03/JMS-4th-RCEP-ISSL-MM-FINAL-0303181.pdf>.

³⁶⁴⁴ Joint Statement of The Fourth Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting, ASEAN (Singapore) 3 March 2018. Access Date: 5 March 2018. <http://asean.org/storage/2018/03/JMS-4th-RCEP-ISSL-MM-FINAL-0303181.pdf>.

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices..

On 23 August 2017, Korean representatives at the Korea-United States (KORUS) Free Trade Agreement Joint Committee meeting proposed a joint study to examine the effects of the agreement before discussing revisions.³⁶⁴⁵

On 24 August 2017, Trade Minister Kim Hyun-Chong presided a meeting with trade industry representatives, stating that the government will actively respond to trade protectionism and boost cooperation with emerging markets.³⁶⁴⁶

On 6 September 2017, President Moon Jae-in and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed to collaborate on a free trade agreement between Korea and the Eurasian Economic Union, and to form a joint working unit between Moscow and Seoul to address this.³⁶⁴⁷ They agreed to expand bilateral trade volume to USD30 billion and the number of people-to-people exchanges to more than 1 million by 2020.³⁶⁴⁸

On 8 September 2017, Minister Kim and Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) ministers agreed to accelerate negotiations for further liberalization under the Korean-ASEAN free trade agreement, which has grown bilateral trade by 5.7 per cent on average each year since it entered into force.³⁶⁴⁹

On 10 September 2017, Minister Kim and other members of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreed to accelerate negotiations for a regional free trade agreement.³⁶⁵⁰ Trade

³⁶⁴⁵ Korea, US hold special session of the KORUS FTA Joint Committee in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 23 August 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=614&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC¤tPage=41&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁴⁶ Trade Minister presides meeting to review exports in major sectors, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 August 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/tradeinvestrment/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=615&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC¤tPage=21&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=2.

³⁶⁴⁷ Korea is best partner for developing Russian Far East, Office of the President (Seoul) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=3&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19719&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=17.

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³⁶⁴⁹ Korea, ASEAN discuss further economic cooperation in Manila, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=585&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁵⁰ Trade Minister attends 5th RCEP Ministerial Meeting in Manila, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 11 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=620&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

Minister Kim Hyun-Chong emphasized the RCEP's importance to countering trade protectionism.³⁶⁵¹

On 20 September 2017, Trade, Industry and Energy Minister Paik Ungyu and Swedish Minister for European Union Affairs and Trade Ann Linde discussed expansion of trade and investment between Sweden and Korea and joint responses to trade protectionism.³⁶⁵²

On 22 September 2017, Minister Paik, alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting ministers, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁶⁵³ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁶⁵⁴

On 23 September 2017, Trade Minister Kim Hyun-Chong and Indian Minister of Commerce and Industry Suresh Prabhu agreed to accelerate negotiations to improve the Korea-India Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, including the bilateral trade pact.³⁶⁵⁵

On 5 October 2017, after the US pressured Korea, Korea agreed to renegotiate the current trading relationship between the two countries by eliminating protectionist practice and establishing a Free Trade Agreement between the two countries.³⁶⁵⁶

On 7 November 2017, President Moon and US President Donald Trump agreed to expedite the KORUS free trade consultation process in order to benefit from free, equitable, and balanced trade together.³⁶⁵⁷

On 9 November 2017, President Moon unveiled his “New Southern Policy,” including goals to promote reciprocal economic cooperation within ASEAN and increase Korea-ASEAN trade volume

³⁶⁵¹ Korea, ASEAN discuss further economic cooperation in Manila, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 20 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=585&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁵² Minister Paik discusses economic cooperation with Swedish Trade Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 22 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=626&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁵³ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁵⁴ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁵⁵ Korea, India sign agreed minutes at 3rd CEPA Joint Committee meeting, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=630&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁵⁶ Trump Scores First Win on 'Horrible' South Korea Trade Agreement, Newsweek (New York). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<http://www.newsweek.com/trump-scores-first-win-horrible-south-korea-trade-agreement-678892>.

³⁶⁵⁷ Korea, US more than longstanding partners: Trump, Office of the President (Seoul) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19939&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=22.

to USD200 billion by 2020.³⁶⁵⁸ President Moon also described plans to expand items of trade between Indonesia and Korea and increase support for small and mid-sized businesses.³⁶⁵⁹

On 11 November 2017, President Moon, alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁶⁶⁰ The declaration emphasizes APEC's commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁶⁶¹

On 13 November 2017, Minister Paik and Philippine's Secretary of Trade and Industry Ramon M. Lopez discussed bilateral trade and economic cooperation.³⁶⁶²

On 13 November 2017, Minister Paik discussed bilateral trade and investment with Vietnam's Industry and Trade Minister Tran Guan Anh.³⁶⁶³

On 14 November 2017, President Moon and Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong discussed how to enhance bilateral cooperation by improving the Korea-Singapore FTA.³⁶⁶⁴

On 14 November 2017, President Moon and Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev agreed to expand cooperation on trade.³⁶⁶⁵

³⁶⁵⁸ President Moon briefs media on 8-day Southeast Asia trip, Office of the President (Seoul) 15 November 2017.

Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19998&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=28.

³⁶⁵⁹ President Moon briefs media on 8-day Southeast Asia trip, Office of the President (Seoul) 15 November 2017.

Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19998&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=28.

³⁶⁶⁰ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶⁶¹ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶⁶² Korea, Philippines hold bilateral ministerial meeting, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 18 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=647&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=11&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁶³ Minister Paik discusses trade, investment with Vietnam's Industry Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 18 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=648&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=11&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁶⁴ President Moon holds summit with Singaporean leader, Office of the President (Seoul) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 18 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19999&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=26.

On 20 November 2017, Minister Paik and Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister Jamshid Anvarovich Kuchkarov discussed a possible FTA between the two countries.³⁶⁶⁶

On 29 November 2017, President Moon and Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena signed an agreement to form a joint committee that enhances investment, trade, and tourism between Korea and Sri Lanka.³⁶⁶⁷ They agreed to strengthen mutually beneficial cooperation.³⁶⁶⁸

On 7 December 2017, Korea held the inaugural meeting for its new Presidential Committee on Northern Economic Cooperation.³⁶⁶⁹ This committee, under President Moon's "New Northern Policy," proposed placing bridges, cross-border railways, shipping routes, and more through Korea and Russia in order to build economic cooperation.³⁶⁷⁰ The state-run Korean Export-Import Bank also unveiled a financial program to support USD2 billion in investments in Russia over the next three years.³⁶⁷¹

On 14 December 2017, President Moon and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to increase strategic dialogues between presidents and senior cabinet members to develop bilateral cooperation, including trade.³⁶⁷²

On 15 December 2017, Minister Paik and Chinese Minister of Commerce Zhong Shan agreed to hold the first meeting for Korea-China free trade negotiations by February 2018.³⁶⁷³

³⁶⁶⁵ President Moon meets Russian PM, Office of the President (Seoul) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 18 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=20000&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=27.

³⁶⁶⁶ Minister Paik meets Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 23 November 2017. Access Date: 18 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=649&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=11&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁶⁷ Sri Lanka to be wonderful partner for New Southern Policy: president, Office of the President (Seoul) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=20041&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=29.

³⁶⁶⁸ Sri Lanka to be wonderful partner for New Southern Policy: president, Office of the President (Seoul) 30 November 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=20041&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=29.

³⁶⁶⁹ S. Korea to step up economic cooperation with Russia, Yonhap News (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2017/12/07/0200000000AEN20171207002751320.html>.

³⁶⁷⁰ S. Korea to step up economic cooperation with Russia, Yonhap News (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2017/12/07/0200000000AEN20171207002751320.html>.

³⁶⁷¹ S. Korea to step up economic cooperation with Russia, Yonhap News (Seoul) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018. <http://english.yonhapnews.co.kr/news/2017/12/07/0200000000AEN20171207002751320.html>.

³⁶⁷² Korea, China vow to develop partnership on NK, economic issues, Office of the President (Seoul) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=1&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=20094&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=36.

On 24 January 2018, in response to new US safeguard tariffs against Korea that Minister Kim described as “excessive,” Minister Kim announced measures that the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy would take, including filing a petition with the WTO.³⁶⁷⁴

On 31 January 2018, Korea held the second round of negotiations on amendments to the KORUS free trade agreement.³⁶⁷⁵ Korean officials detailed to US representatives Korea’s stance on US trade remedies and emphasized the principle of reciprocity.³⁶⁷⁶

On 2 February 2018, Korea and the European Commission agreed to jointly respond to growing trade protectionism and to enhance cooperation in multilateral trade bodies.³⁶⁷⁷

On 20 February 2018, President Moon and Slovenian President Borut Pahor agreed to cooperate on the Koper Port, a shipping and transportation route used by many Korean car and steel companies to enter Central and Eastern Europe, enhancing bilateral cooperation.³⁶⁷⁸

On 21 February 2018, Minister Kim signed free trade agreements with ministers from five Central American countries, El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Panama.³⁶⁷⁹

Korea has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Korea receives a score of +1.

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³⁶⁷³ Minister Paik meets with China’s Commerce Minister, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 19 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=657&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=11&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁷⁴ Trade Minister Kim hosts meeting to discuss measures against US tariffs on washers and solar cells, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 24 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=661&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁷⁵ Korea, US conclude second meeting on amendments to FTA in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=615&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁷⁶ Korea, US conclude second meeting on amendments to FTA in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=615&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁷⁷ Korea-EU FTA committee discusses stronger trade ties in Brussels, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=616&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁷⁸ President Moon holds summit with Slovenian counterpart, Office of the President (Seoul) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=1&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=20256&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=42.

³⁶⁷⁹ Trade Minister signs Korea-Central America FTA in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 21 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=667&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 18 July 2017, President Enrique Peña Nieto met with representatives of the European Union to discuss progress made in the process of updating the bilateral legal framework between Mexico and the EU. Both parties “endorsed their support for the modernization process.”³⁶⁸⁰

Between 16 August 2017 and 20 August 2017, Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo, held talks with Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Robert Lighthizer, United States Trade Representative to renegotiate and modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).³⁶⁸¹

On 5 September 2017, President Nieto visited Xiamen, China, where he participated in the Dialogue of Emerging Economies and Developing Countries with Egypt, Guinea, Thailand, Tajikistan, and host country, China. The president urged “the need to continue deepening international cooperation for development, highlighting the need to defend free trade and strengthening the rules-based multilateral trading system.”³⁶⁸²

On 5 September 2017, President Nieto attended a working meeting with Yi Huiman, Executive Director of the Bank of Industry and Commerce of China, where both parties “reaffirmed their commitment to building an efficient, including financial system open to competition that provides more products and services in both Mexico and China.”³⁶⁸³

On 11 November 2017, President Nieto concluded his participation at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, where he stressed the importance of creating more and better mechanisms “to help the least developed countries cope with the effects of natural disasters and climate change by promoting more resilient economies.”³⁶⁸⁴ Nieto also talked about the “importance of continuing to promote free trade to strengthen the processes of Asia-Pacific integration, and the need to make trade more inclusive, so that it benefits everyone. He said that it is essential to strengthen the capacities of micro,

³⁶⁸⁰ President Enrique Peña Nieto meets with Euro MPs from European People’s Party, Government of Mexico (Government of Mexico) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/president-enrique-pena-nieto-meets-with-euro-mps-from-european-people-s-party?idiom=en>.

³⁶⁸¹ Trilateral Statement on the Conclusion of NAFTA Round One, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2017/august/trilateral-statement-conclusion>.

³⁶⁸² Dialogue of Emerging Economies and Developing Countries, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/dialogue-of-emerging-economies-and-developing-countries-125239?idiom=en>.

³⁶⁸³ President Enrique Peña Nieto meets with Executive Director of the Bank of Industry and Commerce of China. Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 5 September 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/president-enrique-pena-nieto-meets-with-executive-director-of-the-bank-of-industry-and-commerce-of-china?idiom=en>.

³⁶⁸⁴ President Enrique Peña Nieto Concludes Participation in 25th APEC Leaders’ Meeting, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/president-enrique-pena-nieto-concludes-his-participation-in-the-25th-apec-leaders-meeting?idiom=en>.

small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) so that they can successfully participate in global value chains.”³⁶⁸⁵

On 11 November 2017, Mexico alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁶⁸⁶ The declaration emphasizes APEC’s commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁶⁸⁷

On 22 November 2017, the fifth round of discussions for the re-negotiations of the trade bloc of the North American Free Trade Agreement was concluded. Despite plans to reach a new trade agreement amongst the trade bloc by the end of 2017, talks are now scheduled to run through March 2018.³⁶⁸⁸

On 14 November 2017, President Nieto received Uruguayan President Tabaré Vázquez for working meetings, which resulted in the signing of three new instruments “concerning the exchange of information on customs issues; academic-diplomatic collaboration and innovation and entrepreneurship, and welcomed the entry into force of the Air Transport Convention, which will foster tourism and business trips.”³⁶⁸⁹ In addition, the countries recognized the benefits from a bilateral Free Trade Agreement. The two leaders expressed interest in continuing to work to update and modernize the Free Trade Agreement between the two countries, in order to improve reciprocal trade and open up new avenues for trade with South America.³⁶⁹⁰

On 11 January 2018, President Nieto announced: “The Pacific Alliance will continue to be a priority of our foreign policy in the region. In 2018 we will seek to conclude negotiations aimed at granting Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Singapore the status of Associated State through the implementation of new trade agreements.”³⁶⁹¹ He argued that “our priority will be to complete the

³⁶⁸⁵ President Enrique Peña Nieto Concludes Participation in 25th APEC Leaders' Meeting, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/president-enrique-pena-nieto-concludes-his-participation-in-the-25th-apec-leaders-meeting?idiom=en>.

³⁶⁸⁶ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶⁸⁷ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁶⁸⁸ Preparing for the worst: On NAFTA, America, Canada and Mexico are miles apart, *The Economist* (London) 21 October 2017. Access Date: 14 January 2018. <https://www.economist.com/news/finance-and-economics/21730420-american-demands-are-so-extreme-some-suspect-it-not-wanting-deal-all>.

³⁶⁸⁹ Mexico and Uruguay Confirm Strategic Links, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/mexico-and-uruguay-confirm-strategic-links?idiom=en>.

³⁶⁹⁰ Mexico and Uruguay Confirm Strategic Links, Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 14 November 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/mexico-and-uruguay-confirm-strategic-links?idiom=en>.

³⁶⁹¹ The greatness of a country is measured by the well-being of its people and the value of its contributions to the world: Enrique Peña Nieto. Government of Mexico (Mexico City) 11 January 2018. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/the-greatness-of-a-country-is-measured-by-the-well-being-of-its-people-and-the-value-of-its-contributions-to-the-world-enrique-pena-nieto>.

modernization and deepening of the economic agreements with Argentina and Brazil, promote the update of the Free Trade Agreement with Uruguay, and strengthen the rapprochement between Mercosur and the Pacific Alliance,” he said.

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Mexico receives a score of +1.

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Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 2 August 2017, Russia reaffirmed its commitment against protectionist measures and its commitment to actively oppose trade and investment protectionism at the seventh BRICS Trade Ministers conference held in Shanghai.³⁶⁹²

On 6 September 2017, President Vladimir Putin and Korean President Moon Jae-in agreed to collaborate on a free trade agreement between Korea and the Eurasian Economic Union, and to form a joint working unit between Moscow and Seoul to address this.³⁶⁹³ They agreed to expand bilateral trade volume to USD30 billion and the number of people-to-people exchanges to more than 1 million by 2020.³⁶⁹⁴

On 22 September 2017, Russia alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁶⁹⁵ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁶⁹⁶

³⁶⁹² Ministry of Commerce Holds Press Conference on 2017 BRICS Trade Ministers' Meeting, Ministry of Commerce (Beijing) 4 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<http://english.mofcom.gov.cn/article/newsrelease/press/201708/20170802622022.shtml>.

³⁶⁹³ Korea is best partner for developing Russian Far East, Office of the President (Seoul) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=3&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19719&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=17.

³⁶⁹⁴ Korea is best partner for developing Russian Far East, Office of the President (Seoul) 7 September 2017. Access Date: 15 February 2018.

http://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=3&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19719&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=17.

³⁶⁹⁵ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁶⁹⁶ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

On 1 October 2017, China and Russia as part of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in Hangzhou, China signed a new agreement on “Trade and Economic Cooperation.”³⁶⁹⁷ The agreement will remove non-tariff trade barriers, improve trade facilitation and “boost in-depth development of trade and partnerships” between China, Russia and all EAEU member countries.³⁶⁹⁸

On 8 November 2017, Russia at the 2017 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Ministers meeting in Da Nang, Vietnam reaffirmed its commitment to the role of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for fair, transparent and predictable trade and recommitted its fight against protectionism and all unfair trade practices.³⁶⁹⁹

On 11 November 2017, Russia alongside other APEC members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁷⁰⁰ The declaration emphasizes APEC’s commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁷⁰¹

On 14 November 2017, at a ministerial meeting between Minister of Economic Development Maksim Oreshkin and Kazakhstan’s Minister of National Economy Timur Suelimenov reaffirmed the commitment to removing all barriers impeding the development of trade within the Eurasian Economic Community.³⁷⁰²

On 11 December 2017, at the 11th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Russia reaffirmed its commitment the “centrality” of the rules based multilateral trading system and the bulwark against protectionism in the joint ministerial declaration.³⁷⁰³

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

³⁶⁹⁷ China and the EAEU Declared the Conclusion of negotiations on the Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation, Eurasian Economic Commission (Moscow) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017 <http://eec.eaeunion.org/en/nae/news/Pages/2-10-2017-5.aspx>.

³⁶⁹⁸ China Signs Economic and Trade Partnership Deal with Russia-Led EAEU, China Global Television Network (Beijing) 1 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017 https://news.cgtn.com/news/3467444f78597a6333566d54/share_p.html.

³⁶⁹⁹ 2017 APEC Ministerial Meeting Joint Ministerial Statement, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/201712111>.

³⁷⁰⁰ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁷⁰¹ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018. https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁷⁰² Maksim Oreshkin: “It is necessary to remove all the barriers impeding the development of trade within the Eurasian Economic Community”, Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation (Moscow), 15 November 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. <http://economy.gov.ru/en/home/press/news/201715116>.

³⁷⁰³ More than 40 ministers issue joint statement affirming support for the WTO, World Trade Organization (Geneva), 11 December 2017. Access Date: 15 January 2018. https://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news17_e/mc11_11dec17_e.html.

Thus, Russia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Joe Wu

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 14 August 2017, Minister of Commerce and Investment Dr. Al Qasadi issued the cabinet decision to establish the Saudi-Iraqi Coordination Council to enhance communication and cooperation of two countries in fields including economy, trade and investment.³⁷⁰⁴

On 27 September 2017, Minister Al Qassabi met the Malaysian Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mustafa Mohammed in Jeddah to discuss the trade and investment opportunities, in line with the Vision 2030 which is a plan to diversify the economy and build the role as a integral driver of international trade and to connect Africa, Asia and Europe.³⁷⁰⁵

On 2 October 2017, the Saudi Commercial Attache in Rome held a trade exhibition that introduced investment opportunities and environment in Saudi Arabia, as well as the Vision 2030 to 145 leading Italian companies.³⁷⁰⁶

On 11 October 2017, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) signed three agreement including entrepreneurship, agricultural investment and governance on the Saudi-UAE Business Forum, which aimed to enhance the bilateral relations of the two countries in the fields of economic, trade and investment.³⁷⁰⁷

On 22 October 2017, Saudi Arabia and Iraq stressed the need to work together to eliminate the obstacles of trade between the two countries during a meeting between King Al Saud and the Iraqi Prime Minister Dr. Haider Al Abadi.³⁷⁰⁸

On 23 October 2017, the Saudi-Swedish Joint Committee held meetings in Riyadh to discussed the investment opportunities in both countries and the contribution of the government and private sector to the development of bilateral relations in various sectors.³⁷⁰⁹ The Minister of Commerce and

³⁷⁰⁴ MCI, Establishing The Saudi-Iraqi Coordination Council Sets Up A New Era And It Is A Qualitative Leap In The Trade Relations Between The Two Countries, Minister of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 14 August 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/14-08-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷⁰⁵ Introduction, Saudi Vision 2030 (Riyadh). Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://vision2030.gov.sa/en/node/132>

³⁷⁰⁶ The Saudi Commercial Attaché In Rome Stimulates 145 Italian Companies To Invest In The Kingdom, Minister of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/02-10-17-02.aspx>.

³⁷⁰⁷ Holding The Saudi-Uae Business Forum And Signing 3 Partnership Agreements, Related To Entrepreneurship, Agricultural Investment And Governance, Minister of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 11 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/11-10-17-02.aspx>.

³⁷⁰⁸ Saudi-Iraqi Joint Statement Issued Today, Minister of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 22 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/22-10-17-04.aspx>.

³⁷⁰⁹ The Saudi-Swedish Joint Committee Discusses Promoting Trade Relations And Investment Opportunities. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/23-10-17-02.aspx>.

Investment, Dr. Al Qasabi recognized Sweden as a potential partner to cooperate with Saudi Arabia in the Vision 2030.³⁷¹⁰

From 31 October 2017 to 2 November 2017, the Saudi-Russian Joint Committee held the fifth session to discuss the bilateral trade relations.³⁷¹¹ It aims to aim to activate trade and investment partnership in the fields of trade, investment, finance, banking, energy, telecommunications and information technology, and the use of nuclear energy and outer space for peaceful purposes.³⁷¹²

On 8 November 2017, the Saudi-Turkman Joint Committee held its fifth session to discuss the agenda to enhance trade and investment relations and partnership among its private sectors. The Minister of Commerce and Investment, Dr Majid Al Qasabi addressed the great potential of the Kingdom and Turkmenistan on the promoting and development of trade exchange.³⁷¹³

On 14 November 2017, Minister Al Qasabi met with the ambassadors of 21 EU countries.³⁷¹⁴ The attendants discussed strengthening of cooperation and trade, as well as investment opportunities between the Kingdom and European Union countries. The meeting resulted in the establishment of a working group from the Trade and Investment System and EU countries to improve the balance of trade between EU and to encourage the European companies to invest in various fields.³⁷¹⁵

On 22 November 2017, Minister Al Qasabi, the Turkish Economy Minister Nihad Zibekji and businessmen from both countries attended the Saudi-Turkish Business & Investment Forum, which aims to enhance the trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.³⁷¹⁶ Both Al Qasabi and Zibekji expressed the importance of trade relations and economic integration between the two countries.³⁷¹⁷

³⁷¹⁰ The Saudi-Swedish Joint Committee Discusses Promoting Trade Relations And Investment Opportunities. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 23 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://m.mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/23-10-17-02.aspx>.

³⁷¹¹ The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia And Russia Enhance Trade And Investment Partnership. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/02-11-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷¹² The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia And Russia Enhance Trade And Investment Partnership. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 2 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/02-11-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷¹³ The Saudi-Turkmen Joint Committee Discusses Enhancing Trade And Investment Relations. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/08-11-17-02.aspx>.

³⁷¹⁴ H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Meets The Ambassadors Of 21 European Countries To Discuss The Promotion Of Trade Cooperation. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/14-11-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷¹⁵ H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Meets The Ambassadors Of 21 European Countries To Discuss The Promotion Of Trade Cooperation. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/14-11-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷¹⁶ H.E. The Turkish Minister Of Economy Hails The Kingdom's Nuom Project And Its Added Value To The Economy In The Region. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/22-11-17-03.aspx>.

³⁷¹⁷ H.E. The Turkish Minister Of Economy Hails The Kingdom's Nuom Project And Its Added Value To The Economy In The Region. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017.

<https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/22-11-17-03.aspx>.

On 7 December 2017, the Saudi-Portuguese Joint Committee held its fourth ministerial meeting in Lisbon. Both sides agreed to enhance visits of specialized delegations and investors in sectors that have mutual interests and increase bilateral trade and investment flows.³⁷¹⁸

On 11 December 2017, Minister Al Qasabi and Portuguese Economy Minister Cabral discussed trade and investment cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Portugal.³⁷¹⁹

On 13 December 2017, the Saudi Arabian delegation, headed by Minister Al Qasabi, attended the 11th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO).³⁷²⁰ The joint declaration emphasized the importance of the multilateral trading system and stressed that the expansion of world trade is based on openness, transparency and integration within the WTO.³⁷²¹ Al Qasabi pointed out the importance of integrating Arab countries in trade and stressed the need to support the Arab countries seeking to join WTO.³⁷²²

On 20 February 2018, the 12th session of the Saudi-India Joint Committee was held in Riyadh.³⁷²³ Both countries agreed to make joint efforts in increase the volume of mutual investments, especially in the priority sectors and increase the bilateral trade volume.³⁷²⁴

On 9 March 2018, the United Kingdom Digital and Culture Secretary Matt Hancock and his Saudi counterpart Ahmed Al Khateeb signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding arts, leisure and entertainment with the goal of setting up closer trade exchange.³⁷²⁵

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Saudi Arabia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jamie Huiyi Chen

³⁷¹⁸ The Saudi-Portuguese Joint Committee Holds Its Fourth Session Today in Lisbon. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 7 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/07-12-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷¹⁹ H.E. Dr. Al Qasabi Meets The Portuguese Economy Minister & Chairman Of The Portuguese Foreign Trade Commission For Discussing The Enhancement Of Investment Opportunities. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/11-12-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷²⁰ H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Heads The Kingdom's Delegation To The 11th Ministerial Conference Of WTO. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/13-12-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷²¹ H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Heads The Kingdom's Delegation To The 11th Ministerial Conference Of WTO. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/13-12-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷²² H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Heads The Kingdom's Delegation To The 11th Ministerial Conference Of WTO. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 13 December 2017. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/13-12-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷²³ Riyadh Hosts The 12th Session Of The Saudi-India Joint Committee. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/06-02-18-01.aspx>.

³⁷²⁴ Riyadh Hosts The 12th Session Of The Saudi-India Joint Committee. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 6 February 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/06-02-18-01.aspx>.

³⁷²⁵ Britain and Saudi Arabia to strengthen cultural links and boost trade, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 9 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britain-and-saudi-arabia-to-strengthen-cultural-links-and-boost-trade>.

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 7 July 2017, South Africa signed the agreement establishing the Tripartite Free Trade Area (TFTA) in Kampala, Uganda during the meeting of the tripartite Sectoral Ministers Committee. TFTA comprises an integrated market of 26 countries with a combined population of 625 million people and a total GDP of \$1.6 trillion.³⁷²⁶ TFTA is a proposed African free trade agreement between the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), Southern African Development Community (SADC) and East African Community (EAC). The main objective of the COMESA-EAC-SADC Tripartite is strengthening and deepening economic integration of the southern and eastern Africa region.³⁷²⁷

On 21 July 2017, South Africa and Indonesia agreed to identify sectors to exploit existing investment opportunities in both countries. Currently, there is no investment between the two countries. The two countries agreed to work closely to facilitate the business-to-business contact and also support each other in diversifying exports and improving the structure of trade.³⁷²⁸

On 18 September 2017, the Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davis and Deputy Minister Buleani Magwanishe attended the Informal Meeting of African Unions Ministers of Trade on the World Trade Organization (WTO) issues.³⁷²⁹ Minister Davies and Deputy Minister Magwanishe reaffirmed the position of South Africa on the importance of building multilateral trading system that supported the industrial development of African economies.³⁷³⁰

On 5 October 2017, during the third session of South Africa-Turkey Joint Economic Commission, South Africa and Turkey committed to strengthen trade and economic relations between two countries and support mutual investments through the exchange of business delegation visits.³⁷³¹ Minister Davis expressed satisfaction of Turkey's efforts in reaching out into the African continent and also emphasized the priority of regional integration of Africa to expand the market and support diversification within the continent.³⁷³²

On 14 October 2017, South Africa and Chile agreed to enhance cooperation in trade and investment under the Joint Trade and Investment Commission (JTIC) during the 4th South Africa-Chile JTIC

³⁷²⁶ South Africa Signs the Tripartite Free Trade Area Agreement. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 7 July 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4122>.

³⁷²⁷ Tripartite Cooperation. Southern African Development Community (Gaborone) Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.sadc.int/about-sadc/continental-interregional-integration/tripartite-cooperation/>.

³⁷²⁸ SA And Indonesia Agree to Identify Sectors to Exploit Investment Opportunities. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 21 July 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4131>.

³⁷²⁹ Minister Davies and Deputy Minister Magwanishe Conclude Visit to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the African Union Informal Meeting on the WTO. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4212>.

³⁷³⁰ Minister Davies and Deputy Minister Magwanishe Conclude Visit to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia for the African Union Informal Meeting on the WTO. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 19 September 2017. Access Date: 30 December 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4212>.

³⁷³¹ SA and Turkey Commit to Enhancing Trade and Economic Relations. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4235>.

³⁷³² SA and Turkey Commit to Enhancing Trade and Economic Relations. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4235>.

meeting held in Pretoria.³⁷³³ The Chief Director of Bilateral Relations at the Department of Trade and Industry, Victor Mashabela, also agreed to support the formation of a Business Council between South Africa and Chile.³⁷³⁴

On 20 October 2017, South Africa expressed concern on trade protectionism during the 20th African, Caribbean and Pacific Ministerial Committee in Brussels, Belgium.³⁷³⁵ Minister Davis stated that increasingly Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures and standards are barriers to international trade and this affects especially small and medium enterprises.³⁷³⁶

On 21 October 2017, South Africa and Ireland identified high-potential areas for cooperation and agreed to focus on increasing bilateral trade and investment in both directions over the coming years on the 5th session of South Africa-Ireland Partnership Forum.³⁷³⁷

On 10 November 2017, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) agreed to remove hurdles that hinder businesses interactions between business people of the two countries, during the Investment and Trade Initiative seminar organized by the Department of Trade and Industry.³⁷³⁸ Andrew Maswanganye, the South African Consul General in Lubumbashi, DRC, addressed the importance to identify opportunities to facilitate the businesspeople in order to increase trade and investment between the two countries.³⁷³⁹

From 10 December 2017 to 13 December 2017, Minister Davies, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Senzeni Zokwana and Deputy Minister Magwanishe attended the 11th WTO ministerial conference. Minister Davies stated that it is important to define a new form of “inclusive multilateralism” during a time of increasing backlash against multilateralism and trade liberalization.³⁷⁴⁰ Minister Davies addressed that the developing countries need a differentiated set of obligations and rules while WTO rejected the differential treatment, which led to the lack of consensus at the meeting.³⁷⁴¹

³⁷³³ SA and Chile Agree to Enhance Trade and Investment. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4247>.

³⁷³⁴ SA and Chile Agree to Enhance Trade and Investment. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 14 October 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4247>.

³⁷³⁵ South Africa is Concerned that Trade Protectionism is on the Rise. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4254>.

³⁷³⁶ South Africa is Concerned that Trade Protectionism is on the Rise. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 20 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4254>.

³⁷³⁷ Joint Communique on the occasion of the Fifth South Africa-Ireland Partnership Forum, Pretoria, 31 October 2017. The Department of International Relations and Cooperation (Pretoria) 31 October 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://www.dirco.gov.za/docs/2017/irel1101.html>.

³⁷³⁸ South Africa and DRC to Remove Obstacles to Doing Business. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4284>.

³⁷³⁹ South Africa and DRC to Remove Obstacles to Doing Business. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 10 November 2017. Access Date: 18 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4284>.

³⁷⁴⁰ South Africa to Participate at WTO 11th Ministerial Conference, The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 9 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4302>.

³⁷⁴¹ No Multilateral Outcomes at the 11th Ministerial Conference, The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 10 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4305>.

On 15 December 2017, South Africa announced the reduction of tariff in fish, textile and clothing, which will be implemented on January 1, 2018, through the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the SADC members.³⁷⁴²

On 31 January 2018, Deputy Minister Magwanishe and Uganda Minister of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives Kyambadde made joint declarations to facilitate trade and investment flows following the principles in the Trade Agreement signed in 2002 and the Tripartite Free Trade Area (T-FTA) negotiations.³⁷⁴³ The ministers also emphasized collaboration on the harmonization of standards in order to facilitate the smooth flow of trade and promoting private sector engagement.³⁷⁴⁴

South Africa has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, South Africa receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Jamie Huiyi Chen

Turkey: 0

Turkey has partially complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 2 August 2017, Turkey and the United Kingdom agreed on a new export partnership through which they will co-finance projects and contracts to increase trade between the two countries.³⁷⁴⁵

On 10 August 2017, Minister of Customs and Trade Bülent Tüfenkci met with Sudanese Minister of State of Trade.³⁷⁴⁶ Both stated the importance of building an economic and trading partnership between the two countries.³⁷⁴⁷

On 14 August 2017, Minister Tüfenkci met with Sri Lanka's Minister to enhance cooperation on trade.³⁷⁴⁸

³⁷⁴² Explanatory Memorandum, Amendment for Implementation on 1 January 2018, South African Revenue Services (Pretoria) 15 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://www.sars.gov.za/AllDocs/Embargo/Tariffs/LAPD-LSec-CE-TA-2017-065%20-%20Explanatory%20Memorandum.pdf>.

³⁷⁴³ SA and Uganda Commit to Facilitating Trade and Investment Flows, The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4322>.

³⁷⁴⁴ SA and Uganda Commit to Facilitating Trade and Investment Flows, The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 28 January 2018. Access Date: 28 February 2018. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4322>.

³⁷⁴⁵ Press: New export partnership with Turkey to boost UK trade, UK Export Finance (London). 2 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-export-partnership-with-turkey-to-boost-uk-trade>.

³⁷⁴⁶ Press: Visit of Sudan Trade Minister, Ministry of Customs and Trade (Ankara) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://english.gtb.gov.tr/news/visit-of-sudan-trade-minister>.

³⁷⁴⁷ Press: Visit of Sudan Trade Minister, Ministry of Customs and Trade (Ankara) 10 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://english.gtb.gov.tr/news/visit-of-sudan-trade-minister>.

³⁷⁴⁸ Press: State Minister for International Trade of Sri Lanka paid a courtesy visit, Ministry of Customs and Trade (Ankara) 14 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://english.gtb.gov.tr/news/state-minister-for-international-trade-of-sri-lanka-paid-a-courtesy-visit>.

On 5 October 2017, during the third session of South Africa-Turkey Joint Economic Commission (JSE), South Africa and Turkey committed to strengthen trade and economic relations between two countries and support mutual investments through the exchange of business delegation visits.³⁷⁴⁹

On 24 October 2017, Minister Tufenkci met with the United States Chamber of Commerce Vice Chairman, Myran Brilliant, in order to discuss the importance of the trade and investments relations between the two countries.³⁷⁵⁰

Between 14-16 December 2017, Turkey and Sudan concluded the fifth round of negotiations of the Turkey-Sudan Economic Partnership.³⁷⁵¹

Turkey complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination. Turkey did not comply with its commitment to continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, Turkey receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Adrien Blanchard

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 24 July 2017, the UK-United States Trade and Investment Working Group met for the first time to discuss commercial continuity as the UK transitions out of the European Union.³⁷⁵²

On 2 August 2017, the UK and Turkey agreed on a new export partnership through which they will co-finance projects and contracts to enhance trade between the two countries.³⁷⁵³

On 18 September 2017, Prime Minister Theresa May and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau discussed potential new bilateral arrangements for “seamless transition” after Brexit and to spread benefits of freer trade.³⁷⁵⁴

³⁷⁴⁹ SA and Turkey Commit to Enhancing Trade and Economic Relations. The Department of Trade and Industry (Pretoria) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.thedti.gov.za/editmedia.jsp?id=4235>.

³⁷⁵⁰ Press: Visit of US Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of Customs and Trade (Ankara) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://english.gtb.gov.tr/news/visit-of-us-chamber-of-commerce>.

³⁷⁵¹ Press: Turkey and Sudan Complete EPA Negotiations, Ministry of Customs and Trade (Ankara) 16 December 2017. <http://english.gtb.gov.tr/news/turkey-and-sudan-complete-epa-negotiations>.

³⁷⁵² Joint Release by USTR Ambassador Lighthizer and UK International Trade Secretary Dr. Liam Fox, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2017/july/joint-release-ustr-ambassador>.

³⁷⁵³ Press: New export partnership with Turkey to boost UK trade, UK Export Finance (London) 2 August 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-export-partnership-with-turkey-to-boost-uk-trade>.

³⁷⁵⁴ Prime Minister of Canada announces closer collaboration with the United Kingdom, Office of the Prime Minister (Ottawa) 18 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017 <https://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2017/09/18/prime-minister-canada-announces-closer-collaboration-united-kingdom>.

On 22 September 2017, the UK alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁷⁵⁵ This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁷⁵⁶

On 27 September 2017, the UK entered into dialogues with Colombia, Ecuador and Peru to replicate existing EU trade agreement.³⁷⁵⁷

On 9 December 2017, Minister of International Trade Greg Hands met with Qatar's Minister of Economy and Commerce, HE Sheikh Ahmed bin Jassim al Thani, for talks with regards to strengthening trade ties.³⁷⁵⁸

On 11 December 2017, during the World Trade Organization ministerial conference in Argentina, International Trade Secretary Dr. Liam Fox urged for an open and inclusive trading system, prioritizing progress on digital trade, services and support for small and medium enterprises, as well as helping developing countries benefit from trade.³⁷⁵⁹

On 15 December 2017, Minister Hands visited Bulgaria for exploratory talks regarding the possibility to advance the trading relationship between the UK and Bulgaria.³⁷⁶⁰

On 5 February 2018, Minister of State for Trade and Export Promotion Baroness Rona Fairhead visited India to launch the very first India-UK Createch Summit in the country's tech capital, Mumbai.³⁷⁶¹ This is the pinnacle of several trade missions aiming to intensify the exchange in the technology sector.

On 11 February 2018, the Trade Envoy to Egypt, Sir Jeffrey Donaldson visited Alexandria and Cairo for negotiations to deepen trade between the two countries in the sectors of oil and gas, education, infrastructure and health.³⁷⁶²

³⁷⁵⁵ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁷⁵⁶ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁷⁵⁷ UK to start new 'trade dialogue' with Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, Department for International Trade (London) 27 September 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-start-new-trade-dialogue-with-colombia-ecuador-and-peru>.

³⁷⁵⁸ International Trade minister holds UK-Qatar talks to strengthen trade, Department of International Trade (London) 9 December 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-trade-minister-holds-uk-qatar-talks-to-strengthen-trade>.

³⁷⁵⁹ UK to lead call for free trade at WTO's biggest conference, Department for International Trade (London) 11 December 2017. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-lead-call-for-free-trade-at-wtos-biggest-conference>.

³⁷⁶⁰ International Trade Minister visits Bulgaria to strengthen trade, British Embassy Sofia (Sofia) 15 December 2017, Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/international-trade-minister-visits-bulgaria-to-strengthen-trade>.

³⁷⁶¹ UK trade minister visits India to boost creative ties, Department for International Trade India (Mumbai) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-trade-minister-visits-india-to-boost-creative-ties>.

³⁷⁶² British Trade Envoy to Egypt visits Cairo and Alexandria, British Embassy Cairo (Cairo) 11 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/british-trade-envoy-to-egypt-visits-cairo-and-alexandria>.

On 21 February 2018, the Trade Envoy to Pakistan, Rehman Chishti “visited Pakistan with a trade delegation from the financial, professional and legal services sector, to explore infrastructure opportunities in Pakistan.”³⁷⁶³

On 9 March 2018, the Digital and Culture Secretary Matt Hancock and his Saudi counterpart Ahmed Al Khateeb signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding arts, leisure and entertainment with the goal of setting up closer trade exchange.³⁷⁶⁴

The UK has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, the United Kingdom receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Crystal Wong

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 24 July 2017, the US and United Kingdom’s Trade and Investment Working Group met for the first time to discuss commercial continuity as the United Kingdom transitions out of the European Union.³⁷⁶⁵

Between 16 August 2017 and 20 August 2017, Robert Lighthizer, US Trade Representative, held talks with Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland and Mexican Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo to renegotiate and modernize the North American Free Trade Agreement.³⁷⁶⁶

On 5 October 2017, after the US pressured Korea, Korea agreed to renegotiate the current trading relationship between the two countries by eliminating protectionist practice and establishing a Free Trade Agreement between the two countries.³⁷⁶⁷

³⁷⁶³ UK Trade Envoy explores infrastructure opportunities in Pakistan, Department for International Trade Pakistan (Islamabad) 21 February 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/departments-for-international-trade-pakistan>.

³⁷⁶⁴ Britain and Saudi Arabia to strengthen cultural links and boost trade, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (London) 9 March 2018. Access Date: 18 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/britain-and-saudi-arabia-to-strengthen-cultural-links-and-boost-trade>.

³⁷⁶⁵ Joint Release by USTR Ambassador Lighthizer and UK International Trade Secretary Dr. Liam Fox, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 24 July 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2017/july/joint-release-ustr-ambassador>.

³⁷⁶⁶ Trilateral Statement on the Conclusion of NAFTA Round One, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 20 August 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2017/august/trilateral-statement-conclusion>.

³⁷⁶⁷ Trump Scores First Win on ‘Horrible’ South Korea Trade Agreement, Newsweek (New York). 5 October 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.newsweek.com/trump-scores-first-win-horrible-south-korea-trade-agreement-678892>.

On 24 October 2017, Trade Chamber of Commerce Vice Chairman Myran Brilliant met with Turkey's Minister of Customs and in order to discuss the importance of the trade and investments relations between the two countries.³⁷⁶⁸

On 5 November 2017, President Donald Trump expressed his intention to revisit the US-Japan Trade Agreement in order to strike a better-balanced trade arrangement that would equally benefit both countries.³⁷⁶⁹

On 8 November 2017, the Commerce Department met with officials from Argentina in Washington to discuss the US' claims that a 70 per cent duty would be implemented on biodiesel imports from Argentina in the US. Argentinian President Mauricio Macri announced that Argentina would be willing to enforce a 15 per cent export tax on the product.³⁷⁷⁰

On 11 November 2017, the US alongside other Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members, adopted the Da Nang Declaration, reaffirming support for a rules-based, free, open, fair, transparent, and inclusive multilateral trading system.³⁷⁷¹ The declaration emphasizes APEC's commitment to free and open trade and investment by 2020.³⁷⁷²

From 17 to 23 September 2017, representatives of the Department of State, Department of Treasury and the US trade commissioner welcomed German State Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy Matthias Machnig, to discuss the importance of the German-American trade and investment relation as well as to question the use of American sanctions.³⁷⁷³

On 7 November 2017, President Trump and Korean President Moon Jae-in agreed to expedite the free trade agreement consultation process in order to benefit from free, equitable, and balanced trade together.³⁷⁷⁴

³⁷⁶⁸ Press: Visit of US Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of Customs and Trade (Ankara) 24 October 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://english.gtb.gov.tr/news/visit-of-us-chamber-of-commerce>.

³⁷⁶⁹ Trump knocks US-Japanese trade relationship as unfair, CNN US Edition (Atlanta) 5 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://www.cnn.com/2017/11/05/politics/trump-us-japanese-trade/index.html>.

³⁷⁷⁰ Argentina at Mercy of Debt Markets to Fund Reforms, Macri Says, Bloomberg Politics (New York) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-11-08/argentina-at-mercy-of-debt-markets-to-fund-reforms-macri-says>.

³⁷⁷¹ APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁷⁷² APEC adopts Da Nang Declaration for multilateral trade, Office of the President (Seoul) 12 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19954&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=25.

³⁷⁷³ Press: State Secretary Machnig travelling to the US from 17 to 23 September to discuss economic policy issues, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (Berlin). 15 September 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.bmw.de/Redaktion/EN/Pressemitteilungen/2017/20170915-machnig-travels-us-for-economic-discussion.html>.

³⁷⁷⁴ Korea, US more than longstanding partners: Trump, Office of the President (Seoul) 8 November 2017. Access Date: 17 February 2018.

https://english1.president.go.kr/korea/korea.php?srh%5Bboard_no%5D=29&srh%5Bsearch_type%5D=3&srh%5Bsearch_value%5D=trade&srh%5Bpage%5D=2&srh%5Bview_mode%5D=detail&srh%5Bseq%5D=19939&srh%5Bdetail_no%5D=22.

On 22 November 2017, President Trump imposed new sanctions on China to reduce Chinese exports to North Korea.³⁷⁷⁵

On 22 December 2017, the Trump administration enforced trade preference program eligibility making some of Ukraine's benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences Program and restore GSP eligibility to Argentina and The Gambia and Swaziland to the African Growth and Opportunity Act.³⁷⁷⁶

On 31 January 2018, the US attended the second round of negotiations on amendments to the United States–Korea Free Trade Agreement.³⁷⁷⁷

On 23 February 2018, the US and Australia agreed to intensify their support of digital trade and ensure an open, free and secure Internet and advocate for free and accessible global digital trade.³⁷⁷⁸

The United States complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination. However, the United States did not comply with its commitment to continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, the United States receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Abigail Lessard

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

On 18 July 2017, Mexico's President, Enrique Peña Nieto, met with representatives of the EU to discuss progress made in the process of updating the bilateral legal framework between Mexico and the EU. Both parties "endorsed their support for the modernization process."³⁷⁷⁹

On 11 August 2017, the EU imposed anti-dumping duties of 28.5 per cent on corrosion resistant steel products from China.³⁷⁸⁰

³⁷⁷⁵ President Trump Has Imposed New Sanctions on North Korea and Chinese Trading Firms, Time (Washington D.C.) 22 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://time.com/5034634/north-korea-china-sanctions-trade/>.

³⁷⁷⁶ Trump Administration Enforces Trade Preference Program Eligibility, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 22 December 2017. Access Date: 10 January 2018. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2017/december/trump-administration-enforces>.

³⁷⁷⁷ Korea, US conclude second meeting on amendments to FTA in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=615&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁷⁷⁸ United States and Australia Intensify Cooperation on Digital Trade, Office of the United States Trade Representative (Washington D.C.) 23 February 2018. Access Date: 3 March 2018. <https://ustr.gov/about-us/policy-offices/press-office/press-releases/2018/february/united-states-and-australia>.

³⁷⁷⁹ President Enrique Peña Nieto meets with Euro MPs from European People's Party, Government of Mexico (Government of Mexico) 18 July 2017. Access Date: 1 January 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/presidencia/en/prensa/president-enrique-pena-nieto-meets-with-euro-mps-from-european-people-s-party?idiom=en>.

On 20 September 2017, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada entered into force.³⁷⁸¹

On 22 September 2017, the EU alongside other Asia-Europe Meeting members, adopted a joint statement that supports a multilateral trade system.³⁷⁸² This stemmed from discussions on promoting trade and responding to protectionism.³⁷⁸³

On 26 September 2017, the eu launched an online “Helpdesk” platform to facilitate exports into the European market.³⁷⁸⁴

On 1 October 2017, the regulation on autonomous trade measures between the EU and Ukraine went into force allowing for increased market access for certain Ukrainian agriculture products and eliminating duties for certain industrial products.³⁷⁸⁵

On 2 October 2017, the EU concluded a successful fifth round of trade negotiations with Mexico on a free trade agreement.³⁷⁸⁶

On 5 October 2017, the EU revised its anti-dumping and countervailing tariff criteria to reflect more closely the world relative price and combat domestic market price distortion.³⁷⁸⁷

On 6 October 2017, the EU reiterated its commitment to the elimination of farm export subsidies, submitting a revised export schedule to the World Trade Organization (WTO).³⁷⁸⁸

³⁷⁸⁰ The European Commission imposed provisional anti-dumping duties on steel products from China. European Commission, Trade, Policy, Actions Against Imports into the EU (Brussels) 11 August 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1706&title=The-European-Commission-imposes-provisional-anti-dumping-duties-on-steel-products-from-China>.

³⁷⁸¹ EU-Canada trade agreement enters into force. European Commission (Brussels) 20 September 2017. Access: Date 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1723&title=EU-Canada-trade-agreement-enters-into-force>.

³⁷⁸² Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁷⁸³ Ministry hosts 7th ASEM Economic Ministers’ Meeting in Seoul, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 25 September 2017. Access Date: 16 February 2018. http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=628&bbs_cd_n=1&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=31&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁷⁸⁴ New Trade Helpdesk launched for businesses looking to export to the EU, European Commission (Brussels) 26 September 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1728&title=New-Trade-Helpdesk-launched-for-businesses-looking-to-export-to-the-EU>.

³⁷⁸⁵ Trade opening for Ukraine: Joint Statement by Commissioner Malmstrom and Deputy Minister Mykolska, European Commission (Brussels) 29 September 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1730&title=Trade-opening-for-Ukraine-Joint-Statement-by-Commissioner-Malmstr%C3%B6m-and-Deputy-Minister-Mykolska>.

³⁷⁸⁶ EU and Mexico conclude fifth round of trade negotiations with good progress made, European Commission (Brussels) 2 October 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1732&title=EU-and-Mexico-conclude-fifth-round-of-trade-negotiations-with-good-progress-made>.

³⁷⁸⁷ The EU is changing its anti-dumping and anti-subsidy legislation to address state induced market distortions, European Commission (Brussels) 5 October 2017. Access Date: 2 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1736&title=The-EU-is-changing-its-anti-dumping-and-anti-subsidy-legislation-to-address-state-induced-market-distortions>.

On 6 October 2017, anti-dumping duties between EUR17.6 and 96.5 per tonne came into effect on hot rolled flat steel from Brazil, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine. The total number of anti-dumping duties on steel products entering into the European Union is now 48.³⁷⁸⁹

On 9 October 2017, the European Commission decreased the import duty on rye, wheat and other cereal products.³⁷⁹⁰

On 13 November 2017, the European Commission announced that it would begin negotiations with Chile to update the 18-year old Association Agreement to bring its trading provision in line with the EU's modern agreements.³⁷⁹¹

On 13 November 2017, EU and Mercosur continued negotiations to create a free trade agreement.³⁷⁹²

On 14 November 2017, Saudi Arabian Minister of Commerce and Investment Dr. Al Qasabi met with the ambassadors of 21 EU countries.³⁷⁹³ The attendants discussed strengthening of cooperation and trade, as well as investment opportunities between the Kingdom and EU countries. The meeting resulted in the establishment of a working group from the Trade and Investment System and EU countries to improve the balance of trade between European Union and to encourage the European companies to invest in various fields.³⁷⁹⁴

On 15 November 2017, senior officials from India and the EU held discussions on a potential free trade agreement.³⁷⁹⁵

On 5 December 2018, the European Commission, Council, and European Parliament reached a political agreement on revisions to the EU's anti-dumping and anti-subsidy regulations.³⁷⁹⁶ These

³⁷⁸⁸ Press Release: EU leads the way by eliminating export subsidies ahead of WTO conference in Buenos Aires, European Commission (Geneva) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1738&title=EU-leads-the-way-by-eliminating-export-subsidies-ahead-of-WTO-conference-in-Buenos-Aires>.

³⁷⁸⁹ Commission imposes anti-dumping measures on steel producers from four countries, European Commission (Brussels) 6 October 2017. Access Date: 1 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1737&title=Commission-imposes-anti-dumping-measures-on-steel-producers-from-four-countries>.

³⁷⁹⁰ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1835 Fixing the import duties in the cereals sector applicable from 10 October 2017. EUROPA, EU Law and Publications, EUR-LEX (Brussels) 10 October 2017. Access Date : 1 November 2017. http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2017/1835/oj.

³⁷⁹¹ Press Release: EU and Chile to start negotiations for a modernised Association Agreement, European Commission (Brussels) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 13 November 2017. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1755>.

³⁷⁹² EU and Mercosur "very close" to reaching an accord, says top European official, MercoPress (Montevideo) 13 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. <http://en.mercopress.com/2017/11/13/eu-and-mercosur-very-close-to-reaching-an-accord-says-top-european-official>.

³⁷⁹³ H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Meets The Ambassadors Of 21 European Countries To Discuss The Promotion Of Trade Cooperation. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/14-11-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷⁹⁴ H.E. Dr. Al-Qasabi Meets The Ambassadors Of 21 European Countries To Discuss The Promotion Of Trade Cooperation. Ministry of Commerce and Investment (Riyadh) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 25 November 2017. <https://mci.gov.sa/en/MediaCenter/News/Pages/14-11-17-01.aspx>.

³⁷⁹⁵ India, EU hold discussions on proposed free trade agreement, The Economic Times (Mumbai) 15 November 2017. Access Date: 22 November 2017. https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-eu-hold-discussions-on-proposed-free-trade-agreement/articleshow/61662790.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst.

changes will revise the methodologies used to decide whether trade defence measures will be put in place and simplifies the processes for European companies to apply for a review of unfair import competition.³⁷⁹⁷

On 8 December 2018, the EU finalized an Economic Partnership Agreement with Japan, marking the “biggest bilateral trade agreement ever negotiated by the European Union.”³⁷⁹⁸

On 12 December 2017, Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Hiroshige Seko met with Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmstrom, and United States Representative Ambassador Robert Lighthizer in Buenos Aires on the margin of 11th WTO ministerial meeting.³⁷⁹⁹ The three ministers agreed to strengthen cooperation in fields including severe excess capacity, market distorting subsidies and forced transfer of technologies to eliminate these and other unfair marketing distorting and protectionist practices by third countries.³⁸⁰⁰

On 22 December 2017, an advisory group of 28 experts was established to review European Union trade agreements to “increase transparency and inclusiveness.”³⁸⁰¹

On 4 January 2018, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini met with Cuban President Raul Castro to discuss potential opportunities for trade and investment including announcing upcoming agreements between the two countries in energy, agriculture, and services.³⁸⁰²

On 15 January 2018, the Trade Commission announced that they concluded trade talks with Mexico covering most areas including “competition, small and medium companies, transparency, sanitary issues, good regulatory practices and trade and sustainable development.”³⁸⁰³ The parties committed to conclude talks on the remaining issues as early as possible.³⁸⁰⁴

³⁷⁹⁶ Press Release: Commission welcomes Landmark deal modernising the EU’s trade defence, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1765&title=Commission-welcomes-landmark-deal-modernising-the-EUs-trade-defence>.

³⁷⁹⁷ Press Release: Commission welcomes Landmark deal modernising the EU’s trade defence, European Commission (Brussels) 5 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1765&title=Commission-welcomes-landmark-deal-modernising-the-EUs-trade-defence>.

³⁷⁹⁸ EU closes mammoth trade deal with Japan, Politico EU (Brussels) 8 December 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-closes-mammoth-trade-deal-with-japan/>.

³⁷⁹⁹ Joint Statement, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2017/12/20171213001/20171213001-1.pdf>.

³⁸⁰⁰ Joint Statement, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (Tokyo) 12 December 2017. Access Date: 6 January 2018. <http://www.meti.go.jp/press/2017/12/20171213001/20171213001-1.pdf>.

³⁸⁰¹ European Commission. Group Details — Commission Expert Groups, Register of Commission Expert Groups (Brussels) 14 September 2017. Access Date: 2 January 2018. <http://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regexpert/index.cfm?do=groupDetail.groupDetail&groupID=3556&news=1>.

³⁸⁰² Top EU diplomat meets Cuban president at end of visit, Reuters (London) 4 January 2018. Access Date: 10 January 2017. <https://ca.reuters.com/article/topNews/idCAKBN1ET26C-OCATP>.

³⁸⁰³ The EU and Mexico make progress in bridging remaining gaps in latest trade talks, European Commission (Brussels) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1778>.

³⁸⁰⁴ The EU and Mexico make progress in bridging remaining gaps in latest trade talks, European Commission (Brussels) 15 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1778>.

On 2 February 2018, Korea and the European Commission agreed to jointly respond to growing trade protectionism and to enhance cooperation in multilateral trade bodies.³⁸⁰⁵

On 8 February 2018, following a provisional duty imposed in August 2017, the European Commission confirmed countervailing duties would be imposed on Chinese steel for a period of five years. The anti-dumping duties will range from 17.2 — 27.9 per cent. Currently Chinese steel imports make-up approximately 20 per cent of the market for corrosion resistant steel in the EU.³⁸⁰⁶

On 26 February 2018, the EU completed a fourth round of negotiations with Indonesia towards the finalization of a free trade agreement. Topics of discussion included, “food and plant health, technical barrier to trade, investment and services.”³⁸⁰⁷

On 5 February 2018, the EU welcomed the assentation of Mozambique, marking the final stage of implementation for the Economic Partnership Agreement, first signed in October 2016 between the EU and the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC). Customs duties will be progressively reduced over several years.³⁸⁰⁸

On 31 January 2018, the European Commission imposed “definitive anti-dumping duties” on iron from China. After an investigation opened in December 2016, the EU concluded that Chinese iron casting were being sold at below market fair value and imposed a duty between 15.5 and 38.1 per cent.³⁸⁰⁹

On 2 March 2018, the EU and Singapore committed to finalizing a bilateral trade and investment agreement by the end of 2018, after a high-level meeting between Singapore’s Minister for Trade and Industry Lim Hng Kiang and Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom.³⁸¹⁰

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to keep markets open noting the importance of reciprocal and mutually advantageous trade and investment frameworks and the principle of non-discrimination, and continue to fight protectionism including all unfair trade practices.

Thus, the European Union receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Dillon Aube

³⁸⁰⁵ Korea-EU FTA committee discusses stronger trade ties in Brussels, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Sejong) 2 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018.

http://english.motie.go.kr/en/tp/ftaeconomiccooperation/bbs/bbsView.do?bbs_seq_n=616&bbs_cd_n=2&view_type_v=TOPIC&¤tPage=1&search_key_n=&search_val_v=&cate_n=4.

³⁸⁰⁶ Trade Defence: Commission imposes definitive anti-dumping duties on Chinese corrosion resistant steel, European Commission (Brussels) 8 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1794>.

³⁸⁰⁷ EU completes fourth round of trade negotiations with Indonesia, European Commission (Brussels) 26 February 2018. Access Date: 26 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1800>.

³⁸⁰⁸ Mozambique joins the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and Southern African States, European Commission (Brussels) 5 February 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1792>.

³⁸⁰⁹ Commission imposes measures on cast iron products from China. European Commission (Brussels) 31 January 2018. Access Date: 20 February 2018. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1790>.

³⁸¹⁰ EU, ASEAN Ministers Call for Greater Efforts to Advance Trade Talks, International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (Geneva) 8 March 2018. Access Date: 14 March 2018. <https://www.ictsd.org/bridges-news/bridges/news/eu-asean-ministers-call-for-greater-efforts-to-advance-trade-talks>.

PART TWO: CIIR ASSESSMENTS

Assessment period: 8 July 2017 to 9 January 2018

11. International Taxation: Base Erosion and Profit Shifting

“We remain committed to the implementation of the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00		

Background

On 19 July 2013, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) issued the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS). On 6 September 2013, at the St. Petersburg Summit, the G20 leaders committed to automatic exchange of information as the new global standard and fully supported the OECD’s work. Implementation details of the BEPS Action Plan developed thereafter constitute the BEPS package with 15 actions that equip governments with the domestic and international instruments needed to tackle BEPS. Countries were provided a tool to ensure that profits are taxed where economic activities generating the profits are performed and where value is created. The BEPS package also gives businesses greater certainty by reducing disputes over the application of international tax rules and standardizing compliance requirements. To expand the coverage of measures to tackle BEPS, the inclusive framework was developed, bringing together

over 100 countries and jurisdictions to collaborate on the implementation of the OECD/G20 BEPS package.³⁸¹¹ Commitments to address BEPS were reiterated at all subsequent G20 summits.

Commitment Features

This commitment requires G20 members to implement measures consistent with the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.

According to the OECD, its members and G20 members along with developing countries that participated in the development of the BEPS package are establishing a modern international tax framework under which profits are taxed where economic activity and value creation occur. Work will be carried out to support all countries interested in implementing and applying the rules in a consistent and coherent manner, particularly those for which capacity building is an important issue.³⁸¹² Thus, in order to fully comply with this commitment, G20 members should implement OECD recommendations on BEPS embodied in 15 BEPS Actions both to directly limit opportunities for profit shifting practices and support the expansion of the BEPS framework coverage on developing countries. BEPS action focus on the following issues:

- Action 1 addresses the tax challenges of the digital economy and identifies the main difficulties that the digital economy poses for the application of existing international tax rules.
- Action 2 develops model treaty provisions and recommendations regarding the design of domestic rules to neutralize the effects of hybrid instruments and entities (e.g. double non-taxation, double deduction, long-term deferral).
- Action 3 sets out recommendations to strengthen the rules for the taxation of controlled foreign corporations (CFC).
- Action 4 outlines a common approach based on best practices for preventing base erosion through the use of interest expense, for example through the use of related-party and third-party debt to achieve excessive interest deductions or to finance the production of exempt or deferred income.
- Action 5 revamps the work on harmful tax practices with a focus on improving transparency, including compulsory spontaneous exchange on rulings related to preferential regimes, and on requiring substantial activity for preferential regimes, such as IP regimes.
- Action 6 develops model treaty provisions and recommendations regarding the design of domestic rules to prevent treaty abuse.
- Action 7 contains changes to the definition of permanent establishment to prevent its artificial circumvention, e.g. via the use of commissionaire structures and the likes.
- Actions 8 — 10 contain transfer pricing guidance to assure that transfer pricing outcomes are in line with value creation in relation to intangibles, including hard-to-value ones, to risks and capital, and to other high-risk transactions.
- Action 11 establishes methodologies to collect and analyze data on BEPS and the actions to address it, develops recommendations regarding indicators of the scale and economic impact of

³⁸¹¹About BEPS and the inclusive framework, OECD (Paris). Access Date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/beps-about.htm>

³⁸¹²The BEPS Package, OECD (Paris). Access Date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/beps-about.htm#BEPSPackage>

BEPS and ensure that tools are available to monitor and evaluates the effectiveness and economic impact of the actions taken to address BEPS on an ongoing basis.

- Action 12 contains recommendations regarding the design of mandatory disclosure rules for aggressive tax planning schemes, taking into consideration the administrative costs for tax administrations and business and drawing on experiences of the increasing number of countries that have such rules.
- Action 13 contains revised guidance on transfer pricing documentation, including the template for country-by-country reporting, to enhance transparency while taking into consideration compliance costs.
- Action 14 develops solutions to address obstacles that prevent countries from solving treaty-related disputes under MAP, via a minimum standard in this area as well as a number of best practices. It also includes arbitration as an option for willing countries.
- Action 15 provides an analysis of the legal issues related to the development of a multilateral instrument to enable countries to streamline the implementation of the BEPS treaty measures, as well as the mandate to carry out that work in 2016. On 7 June 2017, over 70 ministers and other high-level representatives participated in the signing ceremony of this multilateral instrument, the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting. Thus, in terms of Action 15 G20 members are required to become signatories to the Multilateral Convention.³⁸¹³

Particular elements of each of the BEPS Actions are described in relevant reports³⁸¹⁴ and summarized in the special Explanatory Statement.³⁸¹⁵

Measures to support other countries interested in applying anti-BEPS rules may include: membership in the Inclusive Framework on BEPS;³⁸¹⁶ organizing different events on BEPS issues, for instance regional meetings and seminars, and public consultations; implementing programs aimed at capacity-building and exchange of experience.³⁸¹⁷

Full compliance requires member's actions in line with these requirements to be taken during the compliance period. Actions in line with the indicated requirements taken prior to the compliance period lead to partial compliance. If the G20 member has not taken any actions consistent with the BEPS package it receives a score of -1.

³⁸¹³ BEPS Actions, OECD (Paris). Access date: 20 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/beps-actions.htm>

³⁸¹⁴ BEPS Actions, OECD. Access date: 20 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/beps-actions.htm>

³⁸¹⁵ BEPS 2015 Final Reports Executive Summaries, OECD. Access date: 20 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps-reports-2015-executive-summaries.pdf>

³⁸¹⁶ BEPS Inclusive Framework Composition., OECD 6 July 2017. Access date: 20 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/inclusive-framework-on-beps-composition.pdf>

³⁸¹⁷ Background Brief: Inclusive Framework for BEPS Implementation, OECD (Paris) January 2017. Access Date: 20 March 2018. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/background-brief-inclusive-framework-for-beps-implementation.pdf>

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member does not makes progress in implementing domestic reforms consistent with the BEPS package OR supports countries interested in applying anti-BEPS rules during the compliance period, AND has not managed to implement some reforms to address BEPS before the compliance cycle started
0	G20 member does not makes progress in implementing domestic reforms consistent with the BEPS package OR supports countries interested in applying anti-BEPS rules during the compliance period BUT has managed to implement some reforms to address BEPS before the compliance cycle started
+1	G20 member makes progress in implementing domestic reforms consistent with the BEPS package OR supports countries interested in applying anti-BEPS rules during the compliance period

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

During 2016 and at the beginning of 2017, tax reform proposals were introduced in Argentina, including tax amnesty and voluntary disclosure regime for local residents; repeal of the 10 per cent withholding tax on dividends paid to non-resident investors; elimination of the minimum presumed income tax in 2019; update of the income tax thresholds and rates for individuals; and reduction of the wealth tax burden.³⁸¹⁸

Argentina is a member of the Inclusive Framework on BEPS.³⁸¹⁹ According to the OECD, there is no harmful tax regime in Argentina.³⁸²⁰

On 7 June 2017, Argentina signed the multilateral instrument (BEPS Action 6).³⁸²¹

On 20 September 2017, Resolution N° 4,130-E was published in the official gazette with the requirements for country-by-country (CbC) reporting in Argentina.³⁸²² The measures in Title 1 of the resolution generally reflect standard CbC reporting requirements such as the EUR750 million threshold and type of information to be reported (BEPS Action 13).

During the compliance period Argentina has taken actions to implement the BEPS Action Plan.

Thus, it has received a score of +1.

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³⁸¹⁸ KPMG Argentina. Recent developments. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2016/04/beps-action-plan-argentina.html#2>.

³⁸¹⁹ Members of the Inclusive Framework on BEPS. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/inclusive-framework-on-beps-composition.pdf>.

³⁸²⁰ Argentina — Summary. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/automatic-exchange/#d.en.373265>.

³⁸²¹ BEPS Actions implementation by country. Argentina. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-argentina.pdf>.

³⁸²² Argentina: Country-by-country reporting rules. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2017/09/tnf-argentina-cbc-reporting-rules.html>.

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 8 September 2012, the Tax Laws Amendment was passed, the object of subdivision of which was to ensure the following amounts are appropriately brought to tax in Australia, consistent with the arm's length principle: (a) profits which would have accrued to an Australian entity if it had been dealing at arm's length, but, by reason of non-arm's-length conditions operating between the entity and its foreign associated entities, have not so accrued; (b) profits which an Australian permanent establishment (within the meaning of the relevant international tax agreement) of a foreign entity might have been expected to make if it were a distinct and separate entity engaged in the same or similar activities under the same or similar conditions, but dealing wholly independently.³⁸²³

On 11 September 2015, the new Tax Laws Amendment was passed, in which the Multinational Anti-Avoidance Law, which applied as from 1 January 2016, aimed to tackle the artificial avoidance of Australian permanent establishments and broadly applied to significant global entities (members of a global group with annual global income of AUD 1 billion or more).³⁸²⁴

In March 2016, Australia adopted the Action 2 Report recommendations (each an OECD recommendation), with some minor modifications as recommended throughout the report. (The topic of BEPS Action 2 is: Neutralising the effects of branch mismatch arrangements.) The hybrid mismatch rules will commence in Australia for payments made on or after the later of 1 January 2018 or six months after the hybrid mismatch legislation receives royal assent. A simple dual inclusion income approach will be taken to avoid unnecessary complexity and minimise compliance costs for taxpayers. Excess amounts disallowed will be able to be carried forward to set off against dual inclusion income in another period. Consideration will be given to possible mechanisms to reduce uncertainty and the potential compliance burden in applying the imported mismatch rule, whilst still ensuring an appropriate level of integrity.³⁸²⁵

On 7 June 2017, Australia signed the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS during a signing ceremony hosted by the OECD in Paris. The convention helps the fight against BEPS project in existing bilateral tax treaties in a synchronized and efficient manner. These measures will prevent treaty abuse, improve dispute resolution, prevent the artificial avoidance of permanent establishment status and neutralise the effects of hybrid mismatch arrangements.³⁸²⁶

On 27 November 2017, the Australian Taxation Office published that in the 2016-17 Budget, the Government announced it would implement the OECD hybrid mismatch rules developed by Action

³⁸²³ Tax Laws Amendment (Cross-Border Transfer Pricing) Act (No. 1) 2012, Federal Register of Legislation 11 September 2012. Access date: 14 December 2017. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2012A00115>

³⁸²⁴ Tax Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Act 2015, Federal Register of Legislation 16 December 2015. Access date: 14 December 2017. <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2015A00170>

³⁸²⁵ Implementation of the OECD hybrid mismatch rules, The Board of Taxation March 2016. Access date: 14 December 2017. <http://taxboard.gov.au/files/2016/05/Implementation-of-the-OECD-hybrid-mismatch-rules.pdf>

³⁸²⁶ 68 Countries Sign Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS, Tax and Transfer Policy Institute 8 June 2017. Access date: 05 January 2018. <http://www.austaxpolicy.com/news/68-countries-sign-multilateral-convention-implement-tax-treaty-related-measures-prevent-beps/>

Item 2 of the OECD BEPS Action Plan, taking into account recommendations by the Board of Taxation.³⁸²⁷

Australia has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Australia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Arkadiy Khudyakov

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 30 September 2015, Brazilian authorities released Provisional Measure 694/2015. PM 694 to amend the relevant legislation concerning the withholding of tax applicable to payments of interest on net equity.³⁸²⁸ PM 696 also introduced a further limitation in relation to the calculation base for such payments.³⁸²⁹ However, the Congress repealed the Provisional Measure. (Action 2)

On 3 November 2015, tax authorities tried to introduce a mandatory disclosure through Medida Provisória nº 685, but it was rejected by congress.³⁸³⁰ (Action 12)

On 17 March 2016, law 13,259/2016 was published. It contains changes to the capital gains tax modifications originally included in PM 692 and introduces some changes to the controlled foreign corporation rules. Law 13,259/2016 revises the progressive rates, to a range from 15 per cent to 22.5 per cent.³⁸³¹ (Action 3)

On 21 October 2016, Brazil signed the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the exchange of country-by-country reports.³⁸³² (Action 13)

On 21 February 2017, the tax authorities issued Normative Instruction No. 1,689, which regulates the dispute resolution mechanism.³⁸³³ (Action 14)

³⁸²⁷ Implementation of the OECD hybrid mismatch rules, Australian Taxation Office 27 November 2017. Access date: 14 December 2017. <https://www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/In-detail/Other-topics/International/Implementation-of-the-OECD-hybrid-mismatch-rules/>

³⁸²⁸ Brazil: Changes to the calculation basis, International tax review, 29 October 2015, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3501642/Brazil-Changes-to-the-calculation-basis-and-withholding-tax-for-interest-on-net-equity-payments.html>

³⁸²⁹ Brazil: Changes to the calculation basis, International tax review, 29 October 2015, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.internationaltaxreview.com/Article/3501642/Brazil-Changes-to-the-calculation-basis-and-withholding-tax-for-interest-on-net-equity-payments.html>

³⁸³⁰ Nota sobre a Medida Provisória nº 685, Portal Brazil, 5 November 2015, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <http://idg.receita.fazenda.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2015/novembro/nota-sobre-a-medida-provisoria-no-685-1>

³⁸³¹ Lei Nº 13.259, de 16 de março de 2016, Chamber of Deputies, 16 March 2016, Access Date 26 December 2017. <http://www2.camara.leg.br/legin/fed/lei/2016/lei-13259-16-marco-2016-782560-norma-actualizada-pl.html>

³⁸³² Signatories of the multilateral competent authority agreement on the exchange of country-by-country reports (CBC MCAA) and signing dates, OECD, 19 December 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/CbC-MCAA-Signatories.pdf>

³⁸³³ Instrução normativa RFB Nº 1689, de 20 de fevereiro de 2017, Receita Federal, 21 February 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <http://normas.receita.fazenda.gov.br/sijut2consulta/link.action?idAto=80650>

On 27 July 2017, BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities Meeting agreed on continuing to share experiences on the measures they take to address the challenges in implementing the outcomes of the G20 tax reform. They remain committed to the facilitation of economic growth, as well as the timely, consistent and widespread implementation of the BEPS project outcomes and call upon all relevant jurisdictions to join the Inclusive Framework on BEPS on an equal footing.³⁸³⁴

On 31 July 2017, Brazil and the United Kingdom highlighted the importance of their active participation in the work of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework on BEPS, the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information on Tax Matters, and also the implementation of initiatives to the automatic exchange of information for tax purposes, with reference to financial assets and income, tax rulings and country-by-country reporting by multinational groups.³⁸³⁵

Brazil has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Brazil has received a score of +1.

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Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 22 March 2016, Canada released its federal budget, which indicated that Canada plans to follow the revised OECD transfer pricing guidelines.³⁸³⁶

On 22 April 2016, the Canada Revenue Agency released Income Tax Information Circular IC70-6R7, Advance Income Tax Rulings and Technical Interpretations, which contains new measures in paragraphs 54 and 55 under the heading “Exchange of Information and Rulings under BEPS Action 5.” These paragraphs indicate Canada’s commitment to the spontaneous exchange of information on tax rulings with participating countries in five areas: cross-border rulings related to preferential regimes; cross-border rulings related to transfer pricing; cross-border rulings related to a download adjustment not directly reflected in the taxpayer’s accounts; permanent establishment rulings; and related-party conduit rulings.³⁸³⁷

³⁸³⁴ Communiqué of BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities Meeting issued in Hangzhou on 27 July 2017, Portal Brazil, 27 July 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <http://idg.receita.fazenda.gov.br/noticias/ascom/2017/julho/receita-federal-participa-de-reuniao-dos-paises-brics/communique-meeting-of-brics-heads-of-tax-authorites.pdf>

³⁸³⁵ Joint statement by the Finance Minister of Brazil and the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the 2nd UK-Brazil Economic and Financial Dialogue held in Brasília on 31 July 2017, UK government web site, 31 July 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/637058/UK-Brazil_2nd_Economic_and_Financial_Dialogue_-_Joint_Statement.pdf.pdf

³⁸³⁶ BEPS Actions Implementation by country. Canada, Deloitte July 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-canada.pdf>

³⁸³⁷ BEPS Actions Implementation by country. Canada, Deloitte July 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-canada.pdf>

On 15 December 2016, Canada passed the final legislation to implement country-by-country (CbC) reporting requirements for Canadian multinational enterprises.³⁸³⁸

On 3 February 2017, the Canada Revenue Agency released the prescribed form (RC4649) to be used for CbC reporting.³⁸³⁹

On 2 March 2017, the Canada Revenue Agency released detailed guidance in RC4651.³⁸⁴⁰

On 7 June 2017, Canada signed the OECD's Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting. Once in effect, it will modify up to 75 of Canada's bilateral tax treaties (referred to as Covered Tax Agreements). The most significant modification will be to add a broad anti-avoidance rule into these tax treaties, referred to as the principal purpose test.³⁸⁴¹

On 22 March 2017, the Canadian government released its budget for 2017. The Canadian government did not propose any specific BEPS-related changes to its domestic legislation but reiterated its intention to ensure that its tax system meets all of the minimum standards agreed to under the OECD's BEPS project.³⁸⁴²

On 31 January 2018, the OECD's Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting was tabled in the House of Commons. This is the first step in the process for Canada to ratify the convention, which it signed in June 2017.³⁸⁴³

Canada has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

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China: +1

China has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

³⁸³⁸ BEPS Actions Implementation by country. Canada, Deloitte July 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-canada.pdf>

³⁸³⁹ BEPS Actions Implementation by country. Canada, Deloitte July 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-canada.pdf>

³⁸⁴⁰ BEPS Actions Implementation by country. Canada, Deloitte July 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-canada.pdf>

³⁸⁴¹ New PPT rule in the OECD's Multilateral Instrument to displace Canadian GAAR? Osler 27 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://www.osler.com/en/resources/regulations/2017/new-ppt-rule-in-the-oecd-s-multilateral-instrument?utm_source=Mondaq&utm_medium=syndication&utm_campaign=View-Original

³⁸⁴² Canada - response to BEPS, KPMG 31 May 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://home.kpmg.com/xx/en/home/insights/2016/04/beps-action-plan-canada.html>

³⁸⁴³ Canada begins ratification process for multilateral tax convention to implement BEPS, Osler 7 February 2018. <https://www.osler.com/en/resources/regulations/2018/canada-begins-ratification-process-for-multilateral-tax-convention-to-implement-beps>

On 1 December 2014, Chinese taxation authorities pledged to step up the supervision of multinational companies in a campaign to crack down on tax avoidance. Zhang Zhiyong, deputy director of the State Administration of Taxation, said China will comprehensively monitor the profit levels of foreign companies to make sure there is no “base erosion and profit shifting.”³⁸⁴⁴

On 3 February 2015, Zhang Zhiyong, deputy director of the State Administration of Taxation (SAT), said during a meeting of tax officials that the administration is taking steps to “upgrade” the current taxation system through a multi-faceted project that includes greater international cooperation, modernization of the domestic taxation laws and fighting tax avoidance. Top government officials and those from taxation bureaus from all provinces and major cities participated in the meeting, underscoring the importance of the issue. Liao Tizhong, director of the international taxation department of the SAT, said one of the key tasks is to bring the current taxation laws in line with international standards, which means to complete the amendment of the current laws, especially the Tax Collection and Management Law and Individual Income Law. The amendment will absorb the latest international principles, especially an action plan being made under the G20 framework known as “base erosion and profit shifting,” Liao said.³⁸⁴⁵

On 9 October 2015, China pledged to promote a plan to stop multinational companies from avoiding taxes by shifting profits to destinations with lower corporate tax requirements. The plan was endorsed by G20 finance ministers on 9 October during the annual meetings of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund in Lima, Peru.³⁸⁴⁶

In February 2016, China signed the Multilateral Convention on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Tax Matters. In addition, working in the transforming international taxation landscape, China has established an inclusive framework that consists of three aspects of administration, service and audit to tackle cross-border tax avoidance and protect national interests.³⁸⁴⁷

On 7 June 2017, Mainland China and 67 other jurisdictions signed the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS during a signing ceremony hosted by the OECD in Paris.³⁸⁴⁸

On 7 February 2018, India’s Union Cabinet agreed to sign a protocol to amend the 1994 income tax treaty with China, will which include BEPS project measures (i.e., Actions 6 and 14).³⁸⁴⁹

³⁸⁴⁴ China to prevent foreign companies from avoiding tax, Xinhua 2 December 2014.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2014/12/02/content_281475018241423.htm

³⁸⁴⁵ Officials vow to plug tax loopholes, China Daily 4 February 2015.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2015/02/04/content_281475050001345.htm

³⁸⁴⁶ China to actively promote tax implementation, Site of Central People’s Government of the People’s Republic of China (English version) 9 October 2015.

http://english.gov.cn/news/video/2015/10/12/content_281475209983343.htm

³⁸⁴⁷ Taxation in China, one step closer to modernization, China Daily 11 May 2016.

http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2016/05/11/content_281475346592189.htm

³⁸⁴⁸ Mainland China signs Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS, Ernst&Young 29 August 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018.
http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/Mainland_China_signs_Multilateral_Convention_to_Implement_Tax_Treaty_Related_Measures_to_Prevent_BEPS/USDFILE/2017G_04865-171Gbl_Mainland%20CN%20signs%20MC%20to%20Implement%20Tax%20Treaty%20Related%20Measures%20to%20Prevent%20BEPS.pdf

³⁸⁴⁹ India to Sign Protocol to Amend Income Tax Treaty with China, Includes BEPS Measures, Reuters 22 February 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/india-to-sign-protocol-to-amend-income-tax-treaty-with-china-includes-beps-measures/>

China has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, China has received a score of +1.

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France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 1 October 2016, France published law N° 2015-1785 in the Journal officiel de la République française (JORF) introducing article 223 to the General Tax Code. It obliges companies with consolidated global turnover equal to more than EUR750 million to file a country-by-country (CbC) declaration to facilitate transfer pricing control.³⁸⁵⁰

On 8 July 2017, a ministerial order presenting the list of countries with which France will exchange CbC reporting information automatically and bilaterally was published in France's official journal.³⁸⁵¹

On 13 September 2017, the French Finance Committee interviewed Pascal Saint-Amans, Director of the OECD Center for Tax Policy and Administration, on the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting which should allow making further progress in implementing the BEPS package.³⁸⁵²

On 16 September 2017, France officially published the draft law authorizing the approval of the Convention with the Republic of Singapore. It aims at preventing double taxation and tax evasion as well as fraud in income taxes and includes an anti-abuse clause.³⁸⁵³

On 29 September 2017, France participated in the Tallinn Digital Summit between European Heads of State and Government with an agenda initiative that was dedicated to digital taxation.³⁸⁵⁴ The Summit was aimed at ensuring that tech giants pay a fair contribution on their earnings in the country where their turnover is actually made.³⁸⁵⁵ France and 3 other European countries agreed to pool their efforts in pushing for Google, Apple, Facebook and Amazon to pay fair, coherent taxes in Europe.³⁸⁵⁶

³⁸⁵⁰ Décret n° 2016-1288 du 29 septembre 2016 pris pour l'application de l'article 223 quinquies C du code général des impôts, Legifrance 01 October 2016. Access date: 16 December 2017.

<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/eli/decret/2016/9/29/ECFE1601202D/jo/texte>

³⁸⁵¹ Arrêté du 6 juillet 2017 pris en application du II de l'article 223 quinquies C du code général des impôts, Legifrance 8 July 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017.

<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/eli/arrete/2017/7/6/ECOE1714076A/jo/texte>

³⁸⁵² Compte rendu n° 14 - Commission des finances, de l'économie générale et du contrôle budgétaire, Assemblée nationale 13 September 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/15/pdf/cr-cfiab/16-17/c1617014.pdf>

³⁸⁵³ Projet de loi autorisant l'approbation de la convention avec la République de Singapour en vue d'éviter les doubles impositions et de prévenir l'évasion et la fraude fiscales en matière d'impôts sur le revenu, Sénat 16 September 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <http://www.senat.fr/rap/l15-385/l15-3856.html>

³⁸⁵⁴ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Gouvernement français 6 October 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>

³⁸⁵⁵ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Gouvernement français 6 October 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>

³⁸⁵⁶ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Gouvernement français 6 October 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>

On 5 October 2017, Bruno Le Maire, Minister of Economy and Finance, and Mounir Mahjoubi, Minister of State for the Digital Sector signed three decrees to tighten the transparency and loyalty obligations of websites and social media platforms. In the future, the platforms will have to specify their listing and classification criteria. Collaborative economy websites will also be required to provide information about the type of seller and the contact service fees amount.³⁸⁵⁷

On 6 November 2017, the National Assembly of France adopted the amendment N°II-CF463 to the French Book of Tax Procedures, which develops a transfer pricing documentation standard.³⁸⁵⁸

On 4 December 2017, the French National Assembly adopted the 2018 French Social Security Finance and Income Tax Bills. These bills introduce some changes to the income tax and social security rates and bands in France and are expected to come into effect on 1 January 2018. Among the new changes, the bill contains new anti-abuse provision.³⁸⁵⁹

France has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

Analysts: Diana Kovrigina, Ekaterina Rosolovskaya and Anastasiia Shkrebo

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 11 November 2014, the United Kingdom and German governments announced in a joint statement that they had agreed on a proposal in relation to the work on harmful tax practices carried out under BEPS Action 5.³⁸⁶⁰ The proposal is based on the Nexus Approach which was set forth as the preferred approach in the report issued by the OECD on 16 September 2014, Countering Harmful Tax Practices More Effectively, Taking into Account Transparency and Substance.³⁸⁶¹

³⁸⁵⁷ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Gouvernement français 6 October 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>

³⁸⁵⁸ Amendement N°II-CF463, Assemblée nationale 6 November 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/15/amendements/0235C/CION_TOUTE/CF463.asp

³⁸⁵⁹ Projet de loi de financement de la sécurité sociale pour 2018, Sénat 22 December 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. http://www.senat.fr/espace_presse/actualites/201710/projet_de_loi_de_financement_de_la_securite_sociale_pour_2018.html

³⁸⁶⁰ Proposals for new rules for preferential IP regimes: Germany-UK joint statement, Government of the UK 11 November 2014. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proposals-for-new-rules-for-preferential-ip-regimes-germany-uk-joint-statement>

³⁸⁶¹ The Latest on BEPS - 24 November 2014, Ernst & Young 24 November 2014. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.ey.com/gl/en/services/tax/international-tax/alert--the-latest-on-beps---24-november-2014>

On 17 December 2015, representatives of Germany and Japan signed a revised income tax treaty and a protocol that will replace the existing 1966 treaty.³⁸⁶² The new treaty and protocol include some of the OECD recommendations under BEPS Actions 2 and 6. It modified the provisions on business profits, expanding the extent of reduction and exemption of taxation on investment income, introducing the provisions for assistance in the collection of taxes, and reinforcing the provisions for the exchange of information concerning tax matters, while avoiding double taxation and preventing international tax evasion and tax avoidance.³⁸⁶³

On 18 July 2016, the German government adopted the law on modernizing the taxation process.³⁸⁶⁴ The law places emphasize on the increase in cost-effectiveness and efficiency through more extensive use of information technology and creating a service-oriented taxation process.³⁸⁶⁵

On 7 December 2016, the agreement between Australia and Germany for the elimination of double taxation with respect to taxes on income and capital and the prevention of fiscal evasion and avoidance entered into force. It was signed on 12 November 2016 and covered such issues as the elimination of double taxation and the prevention of tax cuts and evasion.³⁸⁶⁶

On 27 June 2017, the German government approved the Act against Harmful Tax Practices in connection with the licensing of intellectual property rights. The act intends to limit the tax

³⁸⁶² Gesetz zu dem Abkommen vom 17. Dezember 2015 zwischen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und Japan zur Beseitigung der Doppelbesteuerung auf dem Gebiet der Steuern vom Einkommen und bestimmter anderer Steuern sowie zur Verhinderung der Steuerverkürzung und -umgehung vom 18. Juli 2016, Federal Ministry of Finance 25 July 2016. Access date: 20 December 2017.

http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Steuern/Internationales_Steuerrecht/Staatenbezogene_Informationen/Laender_A_Z/Japan/2016-07-25-Japan-Abkommen-DBA-Gesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=6

³⁸⁶³ Gesetz zu dem Abkommen vom 17. Dezember 2015 zwischen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und Japan zur Beseitigung der Doppelbesteuerung auf dem Gebiet der Steuern vom Einkommen und bestimmter anderer Steuern sowie zur Verhinderung der Steuerverkürzung und -umgehung vom 18. Juli 2016, Federal Ministry of Finance 25 July 2016. Access date: 20 December 2017.

http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Steuern/Internationales_Steuerrecht/Staatenbezogene_Informationen/Laender_A_Z/Japan/2016-07-25-Japan-Abkommen-DBA-Gesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=6

³⁸⁶⁴ Gesetz zur Modernisierung des Besteuerungsverfahrens vom 18. Juli 2016, Federal Ministry of Finance 22 July 2016. Access date: 20 December 2017.

http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Gesetzestexte/Gesetze_Gesetzesvorhaben/Abteilungen/Abteilung_IV/18_Legislaturperiode/Gesetze_Verordnungen/2016-07-22-Steuermodernisierungsgesetz/3-Verkuendetes-Gesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2

³⁸⁶⁵ Gesetz zur Modernisierung des Besteuerungsverfahrens vom 18. Juli 2016, Federal Ministry of Finance 22 July 2016. Access date: 20 December 2017.

http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Gesetzestexte/Gesetze_Gesetzesvorhaben/Abteilungen/Abteilung_IV/18_Legislaturperiode/Gesetze_Verordnungen/2016-07-22-Steuermodernisierungsgesetz/3-Verkuendetes-Gesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2

³⁸⁶⁶ Gesetz zu dem Abkommen vom 12. November 2015 zwischen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und Australien zur Beseitigung der Doppelbesteuerung auf dem Gebiet der Steuern vom Einkommen und vom Vermögen sowie zur Verhinderung der Steuerverkürzung und -umgehung vom 11. Oktober 2016, Federal Ministry of Finance 17 October 2016. Access date: 20 December 2017.

http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Steuern/Internationales_Steuerrecht/Staatenbezogene_Informationen/Laender_A_Z/Australien/2016-10-17-Australien-Abkommen-DBA-Gesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=4

deductibility of cross-border license fees for the right to use intellectual property. Tax regimes are based on the Nexus Approach described in OECD BEPS Action 5.³⁸⁶⁷

On 15 September 2017, following the informal meeting of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (Ecofin) of the European Union held in Tallinn, the European Commission published its Communication on a fair and efficient tax system in the European Union for the digital single market. The document presents the critical challenges in taxing businesses that provide services digitally and proposes both long-term — a fundamental reform of the international corporate tax framework — and short-term solutions, such as the introduction of an equalization tax on turnover, a withholding tax on digital transactions or a levy on revenues generated from the provision of digital services or advertising activity. Germany agreed to the proposals.³⁸⁶⁸

On 29 September 2017, France participated in the Tallinn Digital Summit between European Heads of State and Government with an agenda initiative that was dedicated to digital taxation.³⁸⁶⁹ The Summit was aimed at ensuring that tech giants pay a fair contribution on their earnings in the country where their turnover is actually made.³⁸⁷⁰

Germany has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Dariia Evreeva

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 17 May 2017, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave its approval for the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.³⁸⁷¹ The convention is an outcome of the OECD/G20 BEPS project to tackle base erosion and profit shifting through tax planning strategies that exploit gaps and mismatches in

³⁸⁶⁷ Gesetz gegen schädliche Steuerpraktiken im Zusammenhang mit Rechteüberlassungen vom 27. Juni 2017, Federal Ministry of Finance 4 July 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017.

http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Gesetzestexte/Gesetze_Gesetzesvorhaben/Abteilungen/Abteilung_IV/18_Legislaturperiode/Gesetze_Verordnungen/2017-07-04-Gesetz-schaedliche-steuerpraktiken-rechteueberlassung/3-Verkuendetes-Gesetz.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2

³⁸⁶⁸ Taxation: Commission sets out path towards fair taxation of the Digital Economy, European Commission 21 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3305_en.htm

³⁸⁶⁹ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Gouvernement français 6 October 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>

³⁸⁷⁰ Regulation of the digital economy in France and Europe, Gouvernement français 6 October 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. <http://www.gouvernement.fr/en/regulation-of-the-digital-economy-in-france-and-europe>

³⁸⁷¹ Cabinet approves signing of the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting by India, Press Information Bureau Government of India Cabinet 17 May 2017. Access date: 17 May 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=161885>

tax rules to artificially shift profits to low or no-tax locations where there is little or no economic activity, resulting in little or no overall corporate tax being paid.³⁸⁷²

On 6 October 2017, the Indian Tax Administration issued draft rules for country-by-country (CbC) reporting and the furnishing of the master file for public comments in keeping with India's commitment to implement the recommendations of 2015 Final Report on Action 13, titled "Transfer Pricing Documentation and Country-by-Country Reporting," identified under the OECD's BEPS Pproject, section 286 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 ('the Act') was inserted vide Finance Act, 2016, providing for furnishing of a CbC report in respect of an international group by its constituent or parent entity.³⁸⁷³

On 31 October 2017, the Central Board of Direct Taxes announced the rules for maintaining and furnishing of transfer pricing documentation in the Master File and Country-by-Country report. Since it is the first reporting year for furnishing of the CbC report, the due date for filing for reportable accounting year 2016-17 has already been extended to 31 March 2018 vide Circular No. 26/2017 dated 25.10.2017. Similarly, the date of compliance for furnishing the master file for fiscal year 2016-17 has been extended to 31 March 2018 as a one-time relief measure.³⁸⁷⁴

India has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, India has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Shtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

As of the compliance period, amendments to the Indonesian tax legislation or in place prior to committing to the BEPS Action Plan covered Action 3 (controlled foreign company provisions — already in place, not yet known if any additional amendments are planned), Action 4 (interest deduction — thin capitalization rule based on debt-to-equity approach), Action 6 (prevent treaty abuse — already in place), Actions 8-10 (transfer pricing — already in place, not yet known if any additional amendments are planned), Action 13 (transfer pricing documentation — three-tiered level of documentation introduced by Ministry of Finance effective for taxpayers with a tax year ending on or after 30 December 2016, with new thresholds for determining documentation); country-by-country (CbC) reporting — CbC report must be available within 12 months from the end of the tax

³⁸⁷² Cabinet approves signing of the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting by India, Press Information Bureau Government of India Cabinet 17 May 2017. Access date: 17 May 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=161885>

³⁸⁷³ Framing of rules in respect of Country-by-Country reporting and furnishing of master file — comments and suggestions thereof, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Finance 6 October 2017. Access date: 6 October 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=171450>

³⁸⁷⁴ CBDT notifies rules in respect of Country-by-Country reporting and furnishing of Master File, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Finance 31 October 2017. Access date: 1 November 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/printrelease.aspx?relid=173146>

year and must be filed with the annual corporate tax return for the subsequent tax year; Indonesia is also party to the Multinational Competent Authority Agreement on the exchange of CbC reports).³⁸⁷⁵

Indonesia has yet to address Action 1 (value-added tax on business to customers digital services — no indication of adopting recommendation), Action 2 (hybrids — no indication of adopting recommendation), Action 5 (harmful tax practices — no indication of adopting recommendation), Action 7 (permanent establishment status — no indication of adopting recommendation), Action 11 (methodology for data collection and analysis — no indication of adopting recommendation), Action 12 (disclosure of aggressive tax planning — no indication of adopting recommendation), Action 14 (dispute resolution — no indication of adopting recommendation).³⁸⁷⁶

On 3 March 2017, Indonesia's Financial Services Authority announced it was preparing a number of regulations concerning adaptation of the financial services industry so that it could support the automatic exchange of tax information that is to be introduced by Indonesia from September 2018.³⁸⁷⁷

On 4 December 2017, the OECD released peer reviews assessing G20/OECD countries adherence to the BEPS standards for disclosing information on private tax rulings granted to multinational firms that might facilitate tax avoidance.³⁸⁷⁸ The peer review for Indonesia states its practices were in compliance with the BEPS standards.³⁸⁷⁹

Indonesia has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Indonesia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

³⁸⁷⁵ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Indonesia (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-indonesia.pdf>

³⁸⁷⁶ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Indonesia (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-indonesia.pdf>

³⁸⁷⁷ Press Release: OJK Issues Regulations to Support Automatic Exchange of Tax Information, Indonesia's Financial Services Authority 3 March 2017. Access date: 17 April 2017. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-OJK-Issues-Regulations-to-Support-Automatic-Exchange-of-Tax-Information.aspx#sthash.wrtpanK4.dpuf>

³⁸⁷⁸ Peer review of OECD and G20 countries shows mixed progress on exchange of private tax ruling information, MNE Tax 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://mnetax.com/peer-review-oecd-g20-countries-shows-mixed-progress-exchange-private-tax-ruling-information-24950>

³⁸⁷⁹ Harmful Tax Practices — Peer Review Reports on the Exchange of Information on Tax Rulings, OECD 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/taxation/harmful-tax-practices-peer-review-reports-on-the-exchange-of-information-on-tax-rulings_9789264285675-en#page1

Prior to the compliance period Italy has taken measures on several BEPS Actions: 1 (in force since 1 January 2015), 2 (in force since 1 January 2016), 5 (in force since 1 January 2015), 6 (in force since 1 January 2016), 13 and 14 (in force since 1 January 2016).³⁸⁸⁰

On 23 December 2017, the Italian Parliament approved the 2018 budget law which introduced a new tax on digital transactions and updated the concept of permanent establishment to make it more consistent with the OECD/G20 base erosion profit shifting (BEPS) report on Action 7.³⁸⁸¹

Italy has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Italy has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The Japanese government has been showing its unchanged support to the BEPS initiative since 2013, being recognized as a “first mover in the Asia Pacific region in adopting BEPS-related changes.”³⁸⁸²

Amendments to the Japanese tax legislation prior to the compliance period covered Action 1 (value-added tax on business to customers digital services), Action 2 (Hybrids), Action 13 (transfer pricing documentation — a de minimis exemption applies to certain non-material intercompany transactions; country-by-country (CbC) reporting — Japan is one of the countries that signed a multilateral competent authority agreement for the automatic exchange of CbC reports), Action 14 (dispute resolution — Japan is one of the countries committed to binding arbitration) of the BEPS Action Plan.³⁸⁸³ Action 5 (harmful tax practices) is not applicable to Japan because Japan is considered to have no harmful tax practices.³⁸⁸⁴

Ongoing as of the compliance period are deliberations with respect to Action 6 (prevent treaty abuse — the government is currently updating Japan’s tax treaties with various partners), Action 7 (permanent establishment status — Japan is committed to continue ongoing G20/OECD discussion

³⁸⁸⁰ BEPS Actions Implementation by Country: Italy, Deloitte. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-italy.pdf>

³⁸⁸¹ Italy introduces web tax, updates PE definitions, Multinational Tax and Transfer Pricing News 7 January 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://mnetax.com/italy-introduces-web-tax-updates-pe-definitions-25490>

³⁸⁸² Japan’s approach to BEPS issues (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017.

<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/tw/Documents/tax/beps/tw-tp-board4-jp.pdf>

³⁸⁸³ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Japan (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017.

<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-japan.pdf>

³⁸⁸⁴ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Japan (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017.

<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-japan.pdf>

on the issue), Actions 8 to 10 (transfer pricing — Japan is committed to continue ongoing G20/OECD discussion on the issue).³⁸⁸⁵

With respect to Action 4 (interest deduction), it is currently not yet known if further reduction of the 50 per cent limitation of adjusted taxable income that can apply interest rate deduction will be introduced.³⁸⁸⁶

Concerning Action 12 (disclosure of aggressive tax planning, voluntary disclosure), it is also being discussed in the Japanese government whether it is needed to introduce a mandatory disclosure rule for aggressive tax planning, as well as an item of legislation acting as a “General Anti-Avoidance Rule.”³⁸⁸⁷

Results are still to be yielded from the 2017 fiscal reform plan that makes certain non-active companies (such as cash boxes) subject to stricter tax rules from 1 April 2018 (Action 3 — controlled foreign company provisions).³⁸⁸⁸

In September 2017, the Japanese National Tax Agency released Guidance for Taxpayers on the Mutual Agreement Procedure in response to the BEPS Action 14 (dispute resolution) final report recommendation to publish rules, guidelines and procedures to access and use the Mutual Agreement Procedure (MAP).³⁸⁸⁹ The guidance provides detailed description of the outline of the MAP, as well as of common situations that a taxpayer might encounter when requesting MAP.³⁸⁹⁰

On 4 December 2017, the OECD released peer reviews assessing G20/OECD countries adherence to the BEPS standards for disclosing information on private tax rulings granted to multinational firms that might facilitate tax avoidance.³⁸⁹¹ The peer review for Japan states its practices compliance with the BEPS standards (no recommendations for improvement were suggested).³⁸⁹²

With regards to assistance on tax issues to developing countries, Japan has demonstrated its commitment to provide this assistance through membership in the Inclusive Framework for BEPS

³⁸⁸⁵ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Japan (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-japan.pdf>

³⁸⁸⁶ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Japan (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-japan.pdf>

³⁸⁸⁷ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Japan (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-japan.pdf>

³⁸⁸⁸ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Japan (by Deloitte). Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-japan.pdf>

³⁸⁸⁹ Guidance for Taxpayers on the Mutual Agreement Procedure (Q&A), Japan National Tax Agency September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.nta.go.jp/foreign_language/03.pdf

³⁸⁹⁰ Guidance for Taxpayers on the Mutual Agreement Procedure (Q&A), Japan National Tax Agency September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.nta.go.jp/foreign_language/03.pdf

³⁸⁹¹ Peer review of OECD and G20 countries shows mixed progress on exchange of private tax ruling information, MNE Tax 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://mnetax.com/peer-review-oecd-g20-countries-shows-mixed-progress-exchange-private-tax-ruling-information-24950>

³⁸⁹² Harmful Tax Practices — Peer Review Reports on the Exchange of Information on Tax Rulings, OECD 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/taxation/harmful-tax-practices-peer-review-reports-on-the-exchange-of-information-on-tax-rulings_9789264285675-en#page1

Implementation, as well as becoming the party to the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting signed on 7 June 2017.³⁸⁹³

During and prior the compliance period Japan has taken resolute actions to promote the BEPS implementation at home and abroad.

Thus, Japan has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 7 June 2017, Korea has signed Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty related Measures to Prevent BEPS. The purpose of the convention is to enable jurisdictions to swiftly modify their bilateral tax treaties to implement measures under the BEPS project endorsed by the G20 summit in November 2015.³⁸⁹⁴

On 1 September 2017, package of tax reform proposals for 2018 were submitted to Korea's National Assembly. It contains the income tax rates for the top tax brackets for both corporations and individuals, as well as measures that would limit the deduction of interest expense in certain instances as part of Korea's commitment to the OECD BEPS project.³⁸⁹⁵

On 17 November 2017, the OECD Korea Policy Centre (Tax Programme) and the International Fiscal Association co-hosted a joint international tax conference in Seoul. It was mainly focused on the revised version of the Model Tax Convention and selected issues of the BEPS project.³⁸⁹⁶

On 19 December 2017, Korea enacted the 2018 tax reform bill (the 2018 Tax Reform) after Korea's National Assembly approved it on 5 December 2017. The 2018 Tax Reform includes provisions in line with the OECD's BEPS Action 2 (Neutralising the effects of Hybrid Mismatch Arrangements) and Action 4 (Limiting Base Erosion Involving Interest Deductions and Other Financial Payments), among others.³⁸⁹⁷

Korea has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Korea has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

³⁸⁹³ 68 nations sign multilateral treaty on tax avoidance, dispute resolution, MNE Tax 7 June 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://mnetax.com/67-nations-sign-multilateral-tax-treaty-tax-avoidance-dispute-resolution-21602>

³⁸⁹⁴ Korea Signs Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS. Access date: 12 January 2018. URL: <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=0d4a290c-1802-470c-9c03-c9f03b3a24ba>

³⁸⁹⁵ Korea: 2018 tax reform bill under consideration by National Assembly, Deloitte 8 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. http://newsletters.usdbriefs.com/2017/Tax/WTa/170908_6.pdf

³⁸⁹⁶ Experts' Meeting, OECD. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://www.oecdkorea.org/user/nd89406.do?View&boardNo=00002433&itemShCd1=39>

³⁸⁹⁷ Global Tax Alert, Ernst&Young 15 January 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/The_Latest_on_BEPS_-_15_January_2018/USDFILE/2018G_00249-181Gbl_The%20Latest%20on%20BEPS%20-%2015%20January%202018.pdf

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Prior the compliance period Mexico took actions on Actions 2 (hybrids), 6 (prevention of treaty abuse), 12 (disclosure of aggressive tax planning), 13 (transfer pricing documentation and country-by-country (CbC) reporting).³⁸⁹⁸

On 7 June 2017, Mexico and 67 other jurisdictions signed the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS during a signing ceremony hosted by the OECD in Paris.³⁸⁹⁹

On 26 October 2017, Mexico and the US agreed to exchange country-by-country tax reports on multinational firms, implementing 2015 OECD/G20 BEPS project agreements. The reports are designed to help tax administrations identify which multinationals operating in their country may be avoiding tax through transfer pricing or other means.³⁹⁰⁰

On 1 November 2017, the Mexican tax authority (Servicio de Administracion Tributaria) announced the start of its online platform and electronic forms for taxpayers to file their new transfer pricing documentation (i.e., CbC report, master file and local file).³⁹⁰¹

Mexico has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Mexico has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 20 May 2017, the government of the Russian Federation has signed an ordinance that marks Russia' joining to the multilateral convention on tax policy measures preventing BEPS. The

³⁸⁹⁸ BEPS Actions Implementation by Country: Mexico, Deloitte. Access date: 28 March 2018.

<https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-mexico.pdf>

³⁸⁹⁹ Mexico signs Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent BEPS, Ernst&Young. Access date: 28 March 2018.

[http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/Mexico_signs_Multilateral_Convention_to_Implement_Tax_Treaty_Related_Measures_to_Prevent_BEPS/\\$FILE/2017G_04281-171Gbl_MX%20signs%20MC%20to%20Tax%20Treaty%20Related%20Measures%20to%20Prevent%20BEPS.pdf](http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/Mexico_signs_Multilateral_Convention_to_Implement_Tax_Treaty_Related_Measures_to_Prevent_BEPS/$FILE/2017G_04281-171Gbl_MX%20signs%20MC%20to%20Tax%20Treaty%20Related%20Measures%20to%20Prevent%20BEPS.pdf)

³⁹⁰⁰ International News Bulletin, the Procurator's Office for the Defense of the Taxpayer. Access date: 28 March 2018.

https://www.prodecon.gob.mx/Documentos/boletines-internacionales/2017/agosto/international_news_bulletin_28th_augus_to_1st_september_2017_.pdf

³⁹⁰¹ Presentan SAT y PRODECON plataforma y formatos digitales para nuevas declaraciones informativas de precio de transferencia, Mexican Government 31 October 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018.

<https://www.gob.mx/sat/prensa/presentan-sat-y-prodecon-plataforma-y-formatos-digitales-para-nuevas-declaraciones-informativas-de-precios-de-transferencia?state=published>

convention applies to 63 double taxation treaties that Russia is a party to. The convention is still to be ratified.³⁹⁰²

On 28 November 2017, Russia published Federal Law No. 340-FZ, implementing the BEPS Action 13 documentation requirements including CbC reporting, master file, and local file. The measures entered into force on 27 November 2017, will apply from that date, and will be included in Article 105.16 of the Russian Tax Code.³⁹⁰³

Russia has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Russia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 17 July 2017, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia issued a draft executive law and executive rules in preparation for the value-added tax, effective January 1, 2018. Moreover, it contains broad recommendations for the VAT regime, which has already been introduced in 2018 in all six members of the Gulf Co-operation Council. And the standard value-added tax (VAT) is 5 per cent, with a zero VAT for some products.³⁹⁰⁴

Saudi Arabia has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Saudi Arabia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

On 1 January 2016, CbC reporting requirements introduced by the government came into force.³⁹⁰⁵

³⁹⁰² Multilateral convention on tax policy measures preventing base erosion and profit shifting, Government of the Russian Federation 20 May 2017. Access date: 11 January 2018. <http://government.ru/docs/27781/>

³⁹⁰³ Russia Implements BEPS Action 13 Recommendations, Reuters 14 December 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/russia-implements-beps-action-13-recommendations/>

³⁹⁰⁴ Saudi Arabia To Be The First GCC Country to Implement VAT In 2018, TPA Global 17 July 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.tp-associates.com/nieuws/2017-07-25/saudi-arabia-to-be-the-first-gcc-country-to-implement-vat-in-2018>

³⁹⁰⁵ BEPS Actions implementation by country: South Africa, Deloitte. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-south-africa.pdf>

On 28 July 2017, South Africa and Turkey signed a protocol amending the agreement between the two countries for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income was signed.³⁹⁰⁶

On 28 July 2017, agreement between the government of South Africa and the government of Samoa for the exchange of information relating to tax matters was signed.³⁹⁰⁷

On 1 September 2017, convention between the government of the Republic of South Africa and the government of the Republic of Cameroon for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income was signed.³⁹⁰⁸

South Africa has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period. Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Maxim Piskarev

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

As of compliance period, Turkey has reached progress in a limited number of BEPS actions.³⁹⁰⁹

Action 1 (value-added tax (VAT) on business to customers digital services) has been partially covered by Turkey's earlier measures that require service providers, banks, internet advertising agencies and cargo and logistics service companies to submit monthly information about their transactions; and authorize the Council of Ministers to determine the extent of withholding tax for parties and intermediaries in taxable transactions (though tax rates have not been announced yet). However, the VAT rules are yet to be expanded to cover digital sales.

With respect to Action 4 (interest deduction), Turkey has previously introduced respective rules (such as thin capitalization and restrictions on the deduction of financing expenses), while a decree setting the percentage of the limitation is yet to be announced. Similarly, the existing rule on 30 per cent withholding tax on payments made to tax havens still cannot be applied since the Council of Ministers has not issued a list of harmful tax practices jurisdictions (Action 5, harmful tax practices).

Prevent treaty abuse (Action 6) clauses are being introduced in new and revised tax treaties that Turkey goes in to, and more are expected to be added through treaties or the multilateral instrument.

³⁹⁰⁶ Income Tax Act: Agreement between South Africa and Turkey for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, Government of South Africa 28 July 2017. Access date: 28 March 2017. <https://www.gov.za/documents/income-tax-act-agreement-between-south-africa-and-turkey-avoidance-double-taxation-and-1>

³⁹⁰⁷ Agreement between the government of the Republic of South Africa and the government of Samoa for the exchange of information relating to tax matters, Government of South Africa 28 July 2017. Access date: 28 March 2017. https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/41009_gon756.pdf

³⁹⁰⁸ Convention between the government of the Republic of South Africa and the government of the Republic of Cameroon for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income, Government of South Africa 1 September 2017. Access date: 28 March 2017. https://www.gov.za/sites/default/files/41082_gon936.pdf

³⁹⁰⁹ BEPS Actions implementation by country — Turkey (by Deloitte). Access date: 21 December 2017. <https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/global/Documents/Tax/dttl-tax-beps-actions-implementation-turkey.pdf>

Amendments on Action 7 (permanent establishment status) were introduced through the draft Tax Procedures Code (still pending), as well as revisions of Turkey's Corporation Tax Law and Individual Income Tax Law.

Concerning Actions 8 to 10 (transfer pricing) and Action 13 (transfer pricing documentation, country-by-country (CbC) reporting), elaborations on Draft Transfer Pricing General Communiqué announced by Turkey's government in 2016 are still ongoing. Moreover, Turkey is yet to join the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement for the automatic exchange of CbC reports.

The same refers to Action 12 (disclosure of aggressive tax planning), with continuing discussion of the concepts of "tax planning" and "aggressive tax planning."

As regards Action 2 (hybrids), Action 3 (controlled foreign company provisions) and Action 14 (dispute resolution), it is not clear so far if Turkey's government is working on new measures in these domains.

On 28 November 2017, Turkey amended Article 9 of the Turkish VAT Law on the "Party Liable for Tax." The amendment stipulates that VAT arising from services provided electronically by those without a residence, workplace, headquarters, or business centre in Turkey to individuals in Turkey who are not VAT taxpayers, must be declared and paid by the non-resident e-service providers.³⁹¹⁰

On 4 December 2017, the OECD released peer reviews assessing G20/OECD countries adherence to the BEPS standards for disclosing information on private tax rulings granted to multinational firms that might facilitate tax avoidance.³⁹¹¹ The peer review for Turkey recommended that Turkey take steps to ensure that information on new entrants to the grandfathered intellectual property regime are swiftly identified and exchanged.³⁹¹²

Turkey has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, Turkey has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

³⁹¹⁰ OECD BEPS Action 1: Taxation of Digital Economy — New VAT Practices in Turkey, *quantera Global* 1 February 2018. Access date: 28 March 2017. <https://www.quanteraglobal.com/Oecd-Beps-Action-1-Taxation-Digital-Economy-New-Vat-Practices-Turkey/>

³⁹¹¹ Peer review of OECD and G20 countries shows mixed progress on exchange of private tax ruling information, *MNE Tax* 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://mnetax.com/peer-review-oecd-g20-countries-shows-mixed-progress-exchange-private-tax-ruling-information-24950>

³⁹¹² Harmful Tax Practices — Peer Review Reports on the Exchange of Information on Tax Rulings, *OECD* 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/taxation/harmful-tax-practices-peer-review-reports-on-the-exchange-of-information-on-tax-rulings_9789264285675-en#page1

On 25 April 2016, the UK's Revenue and Customs published an International Exchange of Information Manual to provide guidance on transfer pricing documentation according to OECD definitions.³⁹¹³

On 17 October 2016, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) released updated guidance on Disclosure of tax avoidance schemes (DOTAS). The guidance supplements the DOTAS rules which determine whether arrangements relating to tax need to be disclosed, how to make the disclosure, how to notify HMRC of the disclosure etc.³⁹¹⁴

On 1 July 2017, the United Kingdom introduced hybrid mismatch rules, with effect from 1 July 2017, largely based on the OECD recommendations. The OECD released a draft report in relation to branch mismatch arrangements in August 2016 which was finalized in July 2017.³⁹¹⁵

On 16 August 2017, HMRC released guidance stating that HMRC requires that transfer pricing documentation should be retained to support the arm's-length pricing.³⁹¹⁶ Such documentation should be proportionate to the size and complexity of the transactions or business involved and should be the same as that specified in Annexes I and II of the Action 13 report.³⁹¹⁷ HMRC does not require a master file or local file to be filed with the country-by-country report. Transfer pricing documentation does not need to be filed with HMRC but will be requested during an audit. It is recommended that documentation prepared from this date conforms to the master file requirements.³⁹¹⁸

On 7 December 2017, HMRC released updated guidance on disclosure of tax avoidance schemes regarding what to do if a person promotes or uses arrangements (including any scheme, transaction or series of transactions) that will or are intended to provide the user with a tax or national insurance contribution advantage when compared to adopting a different course of action.³⁹¹⁹

On 8 September 2017, the UK published the Finance Bill 2017-19, which contain a number of major business and personal taxation measures, including reforms to the UK's corporate interest restriction rules, the corporation tax loss relief rules, substantial shareholding exemption and the UK anti-hybrid rules.³⁹²⁰ The Finance Bill also includes legislation relating to making tax digital. It is expected that the

³⁹¹³International Exchange of information Manual, HM Revenue and customs 25 April 2016. Access: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/international-exchange-of-information/ieim30003133>

³⁹¹⁴Disclosure of tax avoidance schemes: guidance, HM Revenue and customs 17 October 2016. Access: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disclosure-of-tax-avoidance-schemes-guidance>

³⁹¹⁵Draft law on Australia's hybrid mismatch rules, Lexology, 27 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=f49c7478-6d92-4500-8cec-a16e3a8ac9e6>

³⁹¹⁶International Exchange of information Manual, HM Revenue and customs 16 August 2017. Access: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/international-exchange-of-information/ieim30003133>

³⁹¹⁷International Exchange of information Manual, HM Revenue and customs 16 August 2017. Access: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/international-exchange-of-information/ieim30003133>

³⁹¹⁸International Exchange of information Manual, HM Revenue and customs 16 August 2017. Access: 2 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/international-exchange-of-information/ieim30003133>

³⁹¹⁹Disclosure of tax avoidance schemes: guidance, HM Revenue and customs 7 December 2017. Access: 19 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disclosure-of-tax-avoidance-schemes-guidance>

³⁹²⁰Financial Bill: September 2017 — legislation and explanatory notes, HM Treasury and HM Revenue and Customs 8 September 2017. Access: 19 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/finance-bill-september-2017-legislation-and-explanatory-notes>

Committee Stage will start by mid-October and Royal Assent then likely in the first or second week of November.³⁹²¹

On 26 September 2017, the OECD released the UK's peer review report relating to the implementation of the BEPS minimum standards on Action 14 on improving tax dispute resolution mechanisms. The UK had also requested that the OECD provided feedback concerning their adoption of the Action 14 best practices, and therefore, the OECD also released an accompanying best practices report.³⁹²²

On 29 November 2017, Bermuda and the UK signed a Country-by-Country Competent Authority Agreement that will enable the automatic reporting of corporate income for UK-related transfer pricing enforcement purposes.³⁹²³ In a statement, the Bermuda Government said the agreement will complete the OECD BEPS tax transparency package between Bermuda and the UK.³⁹²⁴

The United Kingdom has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, the UK has received a score of +1.

Analysts: Nikita Efremov and Angelina Khudoleeva

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 17 February 2016, the US Treasury Department released a revised US model income tax treaty. The revisions are designed to respond to changes in US treaty partners' tax regimes that the Treasury Department believes may encourage BEPS. The changes include provisions aimed at inversion transactions, 'special tax regimes', and so-called "exempt permanent establishments." The new model includes provisions requiring mandatory binding arbitration to resolve disputes between tax authorities.³⁹²⁵

On 7 June 2017, the competent authorities of the United States and Canada signed a competent authority agreement to exchange country-by-country (CbC) reports. According to the agreement, the US and Canada will exchange annually, on an automatic basis, the CbC report received from each reporting entity that is resident for tax purposes in its jurisdiction, provided that, on the basis of the CbC report, one or more constituent entities of the reporting entity's group is resident for tax

³⁹²¹ Financial Bill: September 2017 — legislation and explanatory notes, HM Treasury and HM Revenue and Customs 8 September 2017. Access: 19 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/finance-bill-september-2017-legislation-and-explanatory-notes>

³⁹²² Inclusive framework on BEPS: Action 14, Best Practices, United Kingdom, OECD 26 September 2017. Access: 3 December 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/tax/beps/beps-action-14-peer-review-best-practices-united-kingdom.pdf>

³⁹²³ Bermuda and UK agreement on income reporting, The Royal Gazette, 29 November 2017. Access date: 11.12.2017. <http://www.royalgazette.com/business/article/20171129/bermuda-and-uk-agreement-on-income-reporting>

³⁹²⁴ Bermuda and UK agreement on income reporting, The Royal Gazette, 29 November 2017. Access date: 11.12.2017. <http://www.royalgazette.com/business/article/20171129/bermuda-and-uk-agreement-on-income-reporting>

³⁹²⁵ PREAMBLE TO 2016 U.S. MODEL INCOME TAX CONVENTION, U.S. Department of the Treasury 17 February 2016. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/tax-policy/treaties/Documents/Preamble-US%20Model-2016.pdf>

purposes in the other jurisdiction, or is subject to tax with respect to the business carried out through a permanent establishment in the other jurisdiction.³⁹²⁶

On 29 June 2016, the US Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) published a rule, which will become final tomorrow, requiring the U.S. parent company of large, public and privately held multinational companies to provide certain financial data to the IRS on a country-by-country basis. The information is meant to provide tax authorities with better tools to identify where a company might be artificially shifting profits into tax havens — a red flag for tax evasion and tax avoidance that may warrant further investigation.³⁹²⁷

On 26 September 2017, the OECD published a report on the US implementation of BEPS Action 14. It stated that “all of the United States” tax treaties include a provision relating to the Mutual Assessment Program (MAP), which generally follow paragraphs 1 through 3 of Article 25 of the Model Tax Convention on Income and on Capital 2014 (OECD Model Tax Convention, OECD 2015). Its treaty network is largely consistent with the requirements of the Action 14 Minimum Standard, whereby under 11 treaties taxpayers are already allowed to submit a MAP request to the competent authorities of either state in line with the new text of Article 25(1), first sentence, of the OECD Model Tax Convention (OECD, 2015), as amended by the final report on Action 14. However, not all treaties are consistent with the requirements of the Action 14 Minimum Standard.”³⁹²⁸

On 11 October 2017, the US took a further step to implement CbC reporting in accordance with the BEPS Action 13 minimum standard, by activating the automatic exchange relationships under the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement on the Exchange of CbC Reports.³⁹²⁹ Over 1,000 automatic exchange relationships have now been established among jurisdictions committed to exchanging CbC reports as of mid-2018.³⁹³⁰ It is expected that more jurisdictions will nominate partners with which they will undertake the automatic exchange of CbC reports in the coming weeks. In addition, the United States has now signed 27 bilateral competent authority agreements for the exchange of CbC Reports under Double Tax Conventions or Tax Information Exchange Agreements, with more under negotiation.³⁹³¹

³⁹²⁶ Making Dispute Resolution More Effective - MAP Peer Review Report, United States. Inclusive framework on BEPS: Action 14, OECD 26 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/taxation/making-dispute-resolution-more-effective-map-peer-review-report-united-states-stage-1_9789264282698-en#.WlIKNUGWTIU

³⁹²⁷ U.S. Treasury, IRS Move Quickly to Implement OECD BEPS Agreement, Finalizing Rule Requiring Country-by-Country Reporting by Multinationals, Global Financial Integrity. Access date: 29 June 2016. <http://www.gfintegrity.org/press-release/u-s-treasury-irs-move-quickly-implement-oecd-beps-agreement-finalizing-rule-requiring-country-country-reporting-multinationals/>

³⁹²⁸ Making Dispute Resolution More Effective - MAP Peer Review Report, United States (Stage 1), OECD 26 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.keepeek.com/Digital-Asset-Management/oecd/taxation/making-dispute-resolution-more-effective-map-peer-review-report-united-states-stage-1_9789264282698-en#page11

³⁹²⁹ BEPS Action 13: OECD releases CbC reporting implementation status and exchange relationships between tax administrations, OECD. Access date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/beps-action-13-oecd-releases-cbc-reporting-implementation-status-and-exchange-relationships-between-tax-administrations.htm>

³⁹³⁰ BEPS Action 13: OECD releases CbC reporting implementation status and exchange relationships between tax administrations, OECD. Access date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/beps-action-13-oecd-releases-cbc-reporting-implementation-status-and-exchange-relationships-between-tax-administrations.htm>

³⁹³¹ BEPS Action 13: OECD releases CbC reporting implementation status and exchange relationships between tax administrations, OECD. Access date: 11 October 2017. <http://www.oecd.org/ctp/beps/beps-action-13-oecd-releases-cbc-reporting-implementation-status-and-exchange-relationships-between-tax-administrations.htm>

On 9 November 2017, the US Senate Finance Committee released policy highlights outlining its goals for tax reform. Later that evening, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch also released the details of the Senate Republicans' tax reform plan, in the form of a Joint Committee on Taxation description of the Chairman's Mark, which is scheduled for markup by the Committee on 13 November 2017. In addition to lowering the U.S. corporate tax rates to 20 per cent starting with the 2019 tax year, the Senate Plan contains the following BEPS Action 2, 3, and 4 measures.³⁹³²

The US has shown progress in introducing BEPS measures before and has taken steps towards implementing BEPS package during the compliance period.

Thus, the US has received a score of +1.

Analysts: Anastasia Kataeva and Svetlana Shapovalova

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment on implementing the Action Plan on Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

On 8 December 2015, the Council of the European Union adopted two sets of Council conclusions on BEPS in the EU context, and on the future of the code of conduct on business taxation. These conclusions provided the basis for further work by the Council in the area of BEPS in 2016 and endorsed a new Work Package for the Code of Conduct Group.³⁹³³

On 8 March 2016, a second set of Council conclusions on the Future of the Code of Conduct (Business Taxation) was adopted by the Council of the European Union.³⁹³⁴

On 25 May 2016, the Council of the European Union adopted conclusions on the Commission Communication on an External Strategy for Effective Taxation.³⁹³⁵

On 25 October 2016, the Commission produced a Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive (EU) 2016/1164 as regards hybrid mismatches with third countries, as part of the Anti-Tax Avoidance Package. The Slovak Presidency carried out extensive work on this proposal. During the meeting of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) on 6 December 2016 the text was generally agreed to except on two items i.e. Articles 9(4) (b) and (c), and the date of entry into force.³⁹³⁶

³⁹³² BEPS and Other Notable Int'l Measures in Draft Senate GOP Tax Reform Plan, Thompson Reuters. Access date: 16 November 2017. <https://tax.thomsonreuters.com/blog/beps-and-other-notable-intl-measures-in-draft-senate-gop-tax-reform-plan/>

³⁹³³ BEPS: Presidency roadmap on future work, the Council of the European Union 6 February 2017. Access date: 23 November 2017. <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5988-2017-INIT/en/pdf>.

³⁹³⁴ BEPS: Presidency roadmap on future work, the Council of the European Union 6 February 2017. Access date: 23 November 2017. <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5988-2017-INIT/en/pdf>.

³⁹³⁵ BEPS: Presidency roadmap on future work, the Council of the European Union 6 February 2017. Access date: 23 November 2017. <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5988-2017-INIT/en/pdf>.

³⁹³⁶ BEPS: Presidency roadmap on future work, the Council of the European Union 6 February 2017. Access date: 23 November 2017. <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5988-2017-INIT/en/pdf>.

On 8 November 2016, the Council of the European Union adopted Conclusions on the criteria for and process leading to the establishment of the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes.³⁹³⁷

On 8 December 2015, the Council invited the Code of Conduct Group “to assess the opportunity of developing EU guidance for implementing OECD BEPS conclusions on Action 12 (disclosure of aggressive tax planning), notably with a view to facilitate exchange of such information between tax authorities.” Apart from that, there were significant advances at the EU level in the area of tax transparency, notably through amendments to the Directive on Administrative Cooperation implementing the common reporting standard (CRS) (under the Italian presidency), the exchange of rulings (under the Luxembourg presidency) and country by country (CbC) reporting (under the Dutch presidency), and access to anti-money laundering information (under the Slovak presidency).³⁹³⁸

On 28 January 2016, the Commission presented its proposal for an Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive as part of the Anti-Tax Avoidance Package. On 20 June 2016, the Council adopted the Directive (EU) laying down rules against tax avoidance practices that directly affect the functioning of the internal market. In order to provide for a comprehensive framework of anti-abuse measures the Commission presented its proposal on 25th October 2016, to complement the existing rule on hybrid mismatches. The rule on hybrid mismatches aimed to prevent companies from exploiting national mismatches to avoid taxation. The Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive contained five legally-binding anti-abuse measures, which all Member States should apply against common forms of aggressive tax planning. Member States should apply these measures as from 1 January 2019. It created a minimum level of protection against corporate tax avoidance throughout the EU, while ensuring a fairer and more stable environment for businesses.³⁹³⁹

On 23 May 2017, the Council agreed on a new system for resolving double taxation disputes within the EU. The proposal set out to improve the mechanisms used for resolving disputes between member states when disputes arise from the interpretation of agreements on the elimination of double taxation. It built on convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustments of profits of associated enterprises. The draft directive required dispute resolution mechanisms to be mandatory and binding, with clear time limits and an obligation to reach results. It thereby set out to secure a tax environment where compliance costs for businesses are reduced to a minimum. The text allowed for a ‘mutual agreement procedure’ to be initiated by the taxpayer, under which member states must reach an agreement within two years. If the procedure fails, an arbitration procedure is launched to resolve the dispute within specified timelines. For this, an advisory panel of three to five independent arbitrators was appointed together with up to two representatives of each member state. The panel (‘advisory commission’) issued an opinion for eliminating the double taxation in the disputed case, which is binding on the member states involved unless they agree on an alternative solution.³⁹⁴⁰

³⁹³⁷ BEPS: Presidency roadmap on future work, the Council of the European Union 6 February 2017. Access date: 23 November 2017. <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5988-2017-INIT/en/pdf>.

³⁹³⁸ BEPS: Presidency roadmap on future work, the Council of the European Union 6 February 2017. Access date: 23 November 2017. <http://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-5988-2017-INIT/en/pdf>.

³⁹³⁹ The Anti-Tax Avoidance Directive, European Commission 13 September 2016. Access date: 25 November 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/business/company-tax/anti-tax-avoidance-package/anti-tax-avoidance-directive_en.

³⁹⁴⁰ Double Taxation: Council Agrees Its Position On Dispute Resolution Procedures, the Council of the European Union 23 May 2017. Access date: 25 November 2017. <http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/05/23/double-taxation>.

On 10 October 2017, the European Commission welcomed EU members' formal green light for new rules to better resolve tax disputes.³⁹⁴¹ The decision taken by EU finance ministers at the ECOFIN Council meeting in Luxembourg will ensure that businesses and citizens can resolve disputes related to the interpretation of tax treaties more swiftly and effectively.³⁹⁴² It will also cover issues related to double taxation - a major obstacle for businesses, creating uncertainty, unnecessary costs and cash-flow problems.³⁹⁴³ These improvements to the current rules will give taxpayers much more certainty when it comes to seeking resolution to their interpretation of tax treaties or double taxation problems.³⁹⁴⁴ In particular, a wider range of cases will be covered and Member States will have clear deadlines to agree on a binding solution, and citizens and companies will have more timely decisions.³⁹⁴⁵ Members will have a legal duty to take conclusive and enforceable decisions under the improved dispute resolution mechanism. If not, the national courts will do this for them. This agreement will ensure that taxpayers faced with tax treaty disputes can initiate a procedure whereby the members in question must try to resolve the dispute amicably within two years. If at the end of this period, no solution has been found, the members must set up an advisory commission to arbitrate.³⁹⁴⁶ If Members fail to do this, the taxpayer can bring an action before the national court to do so. This advisory commission will be composed of three independent members and representatives of the competent authorities in question. It will have six months to deliver a final, binding decision.³⁹⁴⁷ This decision will be immediately enforceable and must resolve the dispute.³⁹⁴⁸

On 5 December 2017, the first ever EU list of non-cooperative tax jurisdictions was agreed by members.³⁹⁴⁹ This list was part of the EU's work to fight tax evasion and avoidance and aimed to create a stronger deterrent for countries that consistently refused to play fair on tax matters.³⁹⁵⁰ The overall goal of the EU list was to improve tax good governance globally, and to ensure that the EU's international partners respected the same standards as EU members do.³⁹⁵¹ The list was a result of a thorough screening and dialogue process with non-EU countries, to assess them against agreed criteria for good governance.³⁹⁵² These criteria related to tax transparency, fair taxation, the implementation of OECD BEPS measures and substance requirements for zero-tax countries. The

³⁹⁴¹ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴² Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴³ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴⁴ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴⁵ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴⁶ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴⁷ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴⁸ Fair Taxation: Commission welcomes new rules to resolve tax disputes, European Commission 10 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-17-3727_en.htm.

³⁹⁴⁹ Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

³⁹⁵⁰ Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

³⁹⁵¹ Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

³⁹⁵² Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

criteria were agreed by Member States at the November 2016 ECOFIN and used as the basis for a .”³⁹⁵³ The EU listing process also had a very positive impact as most jurisdictions engaged constructively with the EU during the listing process. Many made concrete, high level commitments to improve their standards, as a result of the EU screening exercise.³⁹⁵⁴ The EU list will be updated at least once a year and listed jurisdictions will be removed from the list once they have addressed EU concerns.³⁹⁵⁵

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³⁹⁵³ Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

³⁹⁵⁴ Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

³⁹⁵⁵ Common EU list of third country jurisdictions for tax purposes, European Commission 5 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/tax-common-eu-list_en.

12. Financial Regulation: Basel III

“We will work to finalise the Basel III framework without further significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector, while promoting a level playing field.”

G20 Leaders’ Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa			+1
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+1.00		

Background

In 2008, at the Washington Summit, the G20 initiated a comprehensive program of regulatory reforms to address the fault lines that caused the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression.³⁹⁵⁶ Since that time, G20 members have made substantial progress in developing and implementing reforms aimed at improving the functioning of the global financial system. A significant set of these reforms is associated with the Basel III framework. Basel III is a comprehensive set of reform measures, developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), to strengthen the regulation, supervision and risk management of the banking sector. The Basel III framework on bank capital and liquidity standards is a continuation of Basel I and Basel II initiatives launched by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS). The BCBS proposed the Basel III framework as a response to the 2008 financial crisis, which exposed weaknesses in the capitalization structure of several globally significant banks, particularly in the United States and Europe. The Basel III framework aims to strengthen global capital and liquidity regulation in order to adopt prudent practices in capital markets and foster

³⁹⁵⁶ Implementation and Effects of the G20 Financial Regulatory Reforms. 31 August 2016, Financial Stability Board. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.fsb.org/wp-content/uploads/Report-on-implementation-and-effects-of-reforms.pdf>

a resilient international financial system.³⁹⁵⁷ The official Basel III framework was put forth by the BCBS to the international community on 26 July 2010.³⁹⁵⁸ The Seoul Summit Document of 2010 outlined the leaders' commitment to translate the framework into national laws and regulations to be "implemented starting on January 1, 2013, and fully phased in by January 1, 2019."³⁹⁵⁹ The commitment on implementing Basel III framework was then reiterated at each G20 summit.

Commitment Features

Basel III measures aim to improve the banking sector's ability to absorb shocks arising from financial and economic stress; improve risk management and governance; and strengthen banks' transparency and disclosures.³⁹⁶⁰ Particular requirements under the Basel III framework are presented in the BIS overview table. They include: requirements to the quality and level of capital; risk coverage requirements; introduction of liquidity coverage ratio and net stable funding ratio, as well as some additional requirements for systemically important financial institutions.³⁹⁶¹ The Basel Committee has also agreed on the timelines for the Basel III framework implementation.³⁹⁶²

To fully comply with this commitment, G20 members are required to make progress in implementing reforms in line with the Basel III framework requirements, and at the same time avoid significant increases of overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	Member does not take actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework
0	Member takes actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework, but at the same time significantly increases overall capital requirements across the banking sector
+1	Member takes actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

In December 2017, Argentina published revised draft regulation on countercyclical buffer, liquidity, remuneration and leverage ratio.³⁹⁶³

³⁹⁵⁷ Strengthening the resilience of the banking sector, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Basel) December 2009. Access Date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.bis.org/publ/bcbs164.htm>

³⁹⁵⁸ The Group of Governors and Heads of Supervision reach broad agreement on Basel Committee capital and liquidity reform package, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (Basel) 27 July 2010. Access Date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.bis.org/press/p100726.htm>

³⁹⁵⁹ The Seoul Summit Document. Access date: 30 march 2018. <http://www.ranepa.ru/images/media/g20/2010%20Korea/g20seoul-doc.pdf>

³⁹⁶⁰ Basel III: international regulatory framework for banks, Bank for International Settlements. Access date: 30 march 2018. <http://www.bis.org/bcbs/basel3.htm>

³⁹⁶¹ Basel Committee on Banking Supervision reforms - Basel III, Bank for International Settlements. Access date: 30 march 2018. <http://www.bis.org/bcbs/basel3/b3summarytable.pdf>

³⁹⁶² Basel III phase-in arrangements, Bank for International Settlements. Access date: 30 march 2018. http://www.bis.org/bcbs/basel3/basel3_phase_in_arrangements.pdf

³⁹⁶³ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework. Access date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>.

Section 32 of the Argentine Financial Entities Act (Law No. 21,526) requires Argentinian banks to comply with the minimum capital requirements that the Argentine Central Bank may establish from time to time.³⁹⁶⁴ No facts were found that the country significantly increased overall capital requirements across the banking sector during the compliance period.

Argentina has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector. Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 23 December 2013, an information paper was issued in which Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) claimed the policy measures for global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) aimed to address the moral hazard that arose from the perception that certain firms were too big or too interconnected to fail. The measures included a requirement that banks identified as G-SIBs had a greater capacity to absorb losses through higher capital requirements. APRA had determined four banks to be domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs) in Australia and aimed to provide more intense supervision.³⁹⁶⁵

On 8 May 2015, APRA provided the results of the assessments of Australian banks according to the Basel Committee's assessment methodology for G-SIBs. No Australian bank was on the list of G-SIBs, although the four Australian D-SIBs fell under public G-SIB disclosures framework.³⁹⁶⁶

On 20 December 2016, APRA released final revised prudential standard on liquidity for the Net Stable Funding Ratio, which sought to promote more stable funding of banks' balance sheets by establishing a minimum stable funding requirement based on the liquidity characteristics of an authorized deposit-taking institution's assets and off-balance sheet activities over a one-year time horizon, and by aiming to ensure that long-term assets were financed with at least a minimum amount of stable funding.³⁹⁶⁷

On 28 September 2012, APRA said to monitor and assess a range of core indicators to support judgements on the level of the buffer, in addition to other data, information and market intelligence. The core indicators were being published by APRA on an annual basis.³⁹⁶⁸

³⁹⁶⁴ Argentina. Banking Regulation 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./argentina#chaptercontent5>.

³⁹⁶⁵ Domestic systemically important banks in Australia, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority 23 December 2013. Access date: 14 December 2017. <http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/Publications/Documents/Information-Paper-Domestic-systemically-important-banks-in-Australia-December-2013.pdf>

³⁹⁶⁶ Basel III disclosure requirements: leverage ratio; liquidity coverage ratio; the identification of potential global systemically important banks; and other minor amendments 4 May 2015. Access date: 14 December 2017. <http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/Documents/150507-Disclosure-Response-to-Submissions-paper.pdf>

³⁹⁶⁷ APRA releases final revised prudential standard on liquidity for the Net Stable Funding Ratio, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority 20 December 2016. Access date: 14 December 2017. <https://www.apra.gov.au/media-centre/media-releases/apra-releases-final-revised-prudential-standard-liquidity-net-stable>

³⁹⁶⁸ The countercycle capital buffer in Australia, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority 17 December 2015. Access date: 14 December 2017. http://www.apra.gov.au/adi/Documents/151217-CCyB-Information-Paper_FINAL.pdf

On 17 October 2016, APTA proposed to implement a cross-industry framework for margining and risk mitigation for non-centrally cleared derivatives and worked out a final rule. Margin requirements for non-centrally cleared derivatives have two main benefits: reduction of systematic risk and promotion of central clearing. Margin requirements also have broader macroprudential benefits, by reducing the financial system's vulnerability to potentially procyclicality and limiting the build-up of uncollateralised exposures within the financial system.³⁹⁶⁹

On 10 November 2016, The Australian Prudential Regulation Authority released the final revised Prudential Standard APS 120 Securitisation (APS 120) which is accompanied by the Response to Submissions Paper Revisions to the prudential framework for securitisation November 2016. APRA also released a draft revised Prudential Practice Guide APG 120 Securitisation.³⁹⁷⁰

Australia has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus Australia receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Arkadiy Khudyakov

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 31 July 2017, the liquidity coverage ratio regulations in Brazil were assessed as compliant with the Basel standards. This is the highest possible grade. In Brazil, the ratio was implemented via two regulations on minimum requirements and disclosure, issued in February and March 2015. Both regulations have been in force since October 2015 and apply to the largest banks, those with assets of more than BRL100 billion. These banks comprise around 75 per cent of the Brazilian banking system.³⁹⁷¹

In September 2017, public consultation on margin requirements for non-centrally cleared derivative ended. The implementation date will be established after analysis of the results of the public consultation.³⁹⁷²

In September 2017, Brazil published the final rules on capital requirements for central counterparties, which will enter into force in January 2018.³⁹⁷³

In September 2017, Brazil published the final rule on securitization framework which will enter into force in January 2018.³⁹⁷⁴

³⁹⁶⁹ Margining and risk mitigation for non-centrally cleared derivatives, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority 17 October 2016. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.apra.gov.au/CrossIndustry/Documents/161017-Response-to-Submissions.pdf>

³⁹⁷⁰ APRA releases final revised standard on securitisation, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority 10 November 2016. Access date: 18 December 2017. http://www.apra.gov.au/MediaReleases/Pages/16_43.aspx

³⁹⁷¹ Assessment of Basel III LCR regulations — Brazil, BIS, October 2017, Access Date 26 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d420.pdf>

³⁹⁷² Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, BIS, November 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁷³ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, BIS, November 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

Brazil has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Brazil has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Dmitry Logvinenko

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

In December 2012, Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) issued a revised Capital Adequacy Requirements Guideline to incorporate Basel III reforms. Under the guideline, OSFI already expects banks to meet target capital levels that equal or exceed the 2019 Basel III minimum capital requirements.³⁹⁷⁵

On 1 January 2016, regulation entered into force that require six banks in Canada to hold an additional one per cent of capital, and are subject to more intense supervision and enhanced disclosure requirements. This is a result of OSFI naming those six largest banks in Canada as domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs).³⁹⁷⁶

Overall, as of 30 June 2017, the liquidity coverage ratio regulations in Canada are assessed as compliant with the Basel standards. This is the highest possible grade. All four components, the definition of high-quality liquid assets (HQLA), liquidity outflows, liquidity inflows and disclosure requirements, are also assessed as compliant.³⁹⁷⁷

On 30 June 2017, OSFI has incorporated the Basel definition of Level 1 HQLA into its Liquidity Adequacy Requirements Guideline. The accompanying OSFI Notes state that “Securities issued under the National Housing Act Mortgage Backed Securities (NHA MBS) program may be included as Level 1 assets.” The aim of the NHA MBS program is to support the provision of mortgage loans at reasonable rates of interest and a more efficient secondary mortgage market. The parameters are established in law in the National Housing Act and administered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.³⁹⁷⁸

Canada has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Angelina Belichenko

³⁹⁷⁴ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, BIS, November 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁷⁵ Global Banking Regulations and Banks in Canada, Canadian Bankers Association October 2016. Access date: 4 December 2017. https://www.cba.ca/Assets/CBA/Files/Article%20Category/PDF/bkg_glb_reg_en.pdf

³⁹⁷⁶ Global Banking Regulations and Banks in Canada, Canadian Bankers Association October 2016. Access date: 4 December 2017. https://www.cba.ca/Assets/CBA/Files/Article%20Category/PDF/bkg_glb_reg_en.pdf

³⁹⁷⁷ Assessment of Basel III LCR regulations — Canada, Bank for International Settlements October 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d421.pdf>

³⁹⁷⁸ Assessment of Basel III LCR regulations — Canada, Bank for International Settlements October 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d421.pdf>

China: +1

China has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 11 July 2017, China's central bank resumed open market operations after a 12 trading-day suspension, in a move to supplement market liquidity. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) pumped CNY40 billion (USD5.9 billion) into the financial system through reverse repos, according to a PBOC statement.³⁹⁷⁹ The central bank had attributed the previous suspension to "relatively high" liquidity in the banking system before describing the liquidity as moderate on July 10.³⁹⁸⁰

On 13 July 2017, China's central bank announced lending worth CNY360 billion yuan (USD53 billion) via the medium-term lending facility to keep liquidity stable. The facility was first introduced in 2014 to help commercial and policy banks maintain liquidity by allowing them to borrow from the central bank by using securities as collateral. The central bank suspended operations via reverse repos, after pumping CNY70 billion into the banking system through reverse repos the previous day.³⁹⁸¹

On 6 December 2017 China's banking regulator announced new requirements for lenders to better guard the sector against liquidity risks. The China Banking Regulatory Commission introduced three new indicators into a draft revised rule on liquidity risk management.³⁹⁸²

China has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, China has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Anna Tsvetkova

France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 20 February 2014, the president of France signed the Ordinance 2014-158 which implemented the "CRD IV package" generally aimed at meeting Basel III requirements in the European Union. It also introduced a new requirement with respect to the management of credit institutions. It was prohibited to combine the roles of chairman (of the board of directors or of the supervisory board) and chief executive, unless justified by the institution and authorized by the Prudential and Resolution Control Authority (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution). Buffer requirements were modified according to the EU legislation and global standards (Basel III) on bank capital. A capital conservation buffer to 2.5 per cent of a bank's total risk exposure was set.³⁹⁸³

³⁹⁷⁹ China's central bank resumes reverse repos to support liquidity, Xinhua 11 July 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/07/11/content_281475720890466.htm

³⁹⁸⁰ China's central bank resumes reverse repos to support liquidity, Xinhua 11 July 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/07/11/content_281475720890466.htm

³⁹⁸¹ China injects liquidity into market through MLF, Xinhua 13 July 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/07/13/content_281475724516278.htm

³⁹⁸² China drafts new requirements on banks to curb liquidity risks, Xinhua 6 December 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/12/06/content_281475967212340.htm

³⁹⁸³ Ordonnance n° 2014-158 du 20 février 2014 portant diverses dispositions d'adaptation de la législation au droit de l'Union européenne en matière financière, Legifrance 21 February 2014. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000028625279&categorieLien=id>

On 3 November 2014, the French prime minister signed Decrees n°2014-1315 and n°2014-1316. Along with seven ministerial orders (JORF n°0256 dated 5 November 2014 (7-15)) they set forth various provisions relating to financing companies and modifying French legislation to comply with the European Union financial rules. It transposed the CRD IV package and adopted regulatory rules regarding financing companies.³⁹⁸⁴

On 7 December 2017, French central bank chief François Villeroy de Galhau accepted a deal to complete Basel III with 72.5 per cent risk-weighted assets to reach by 2027. France has been a key hold-out for completing the Basel III rules.³⁹⁸⁵

On 29 December 2017, the Haut Conseil de stabilité financière (High Council for Financial Stability), responsible for setting the counter-cyclical capital buffer rate at the national level each quarter, decided that the rate applicable in France is 0 per cent.³⁹⁸⁶ The countercyclical capital buffer aims to ensure that banking sector capital requirements take account of the macro-financial environment in which banks operate.³⁹⁸⁷

France has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

Analysts: Diana Kovrigina and Anastasiia Shkrebo

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 1 January 2014, the requirements on the capital conservation buffer and countercyclical capital buffer that had been transposed into national law entered into force and were phased in from 1 January 2016.³⁹⁸⁸

On 1 January 2016, regarding the national adoption status of global systemically important banks (G-SIBs), the rule as set out in Capital Requirements Directive (CRD) IV was transposed into national law and entered into force.³⁹⁸⁹

On 1 January 2016, the rule on domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs) as set out in CRD IV was transposed into national law and entered into force. The institutions designated as D-SIBs must annually carry out linear increases of their capital buffers, from 1 January 2017 (one third of

³⁹⁸⁴ Transposition en France du paquet CRD4 et de la directive Ficod, Agence France Trésor 7 November 2014. Access date: 18 December 2017. https://www.tresor.economie.gouv.fr/Ressources/10404_transposition-en-france-du-paquet-crd4-et-de-la-directive-ficod

³⁹⁸⁵ Finalisation des réformes « Bâle III », Banque de France 7 December 2017. Access date: 24 December 2017. https://acpr.banque-france.fr/sites/default/files/medias/documents/communiqu%C3%A9_acpr-banquedefrance_baleiii_7.12.2017.pdf

³⁹⁸⁶ Le coussin de fonds propres contra-cyclique, Haut Conseil de stabilité financière 29 December 2017. Access date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/hcsf/coussin-fonds-propres-contre-cyclique>

³⁹⁸⁷ Le coussin de fonds propres contra-cyclique, Haut Conseil de stabilité financière 29 December 2017. Access date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/hcsf/coussin-fonds-propres-contre-cyclique>

³⁹⁸⁸ Le coussin de fonds propres contra-cyclique, Haut Conseil de stabilité financière 29 December 2017. Access date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/hcsf/coussin-fonds-propres-contre-cyclique>

³⁹⁸⁹ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Bank for International Settlements October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

D-SIB capital buffer requirements) to 1 January 2019 (full D-SIB capital buffer requirements) (phase-in period).³⁹⁹⁰

On 23 November 2016, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the finalisation of Basel III, and stressed that upcoming changes should “not lead to an overall significant increase in the capital requirements for banks.”³⁹⁹¹

On 23 November 2016, the Commission presented its review of prudential requirements in the CRD-V package. Its amendments contain three groups of provisions, covering capital and liquidity requirements (Capital Requirements Regulation) such as a binding 3 per cent leverage ratio, a binding net stable funding ratio and higher capital requirements for institutions that trade in securities and derivatives (market risk), following Basel work on the “fundamental review of the trading book.”³⁹⁹²

Germany has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector. Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Dariia Evreeva and Ahyona Zhogol

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 3 November 2014, final rule on monitoring tools for intraday liquidity management came into force.³⁹⁹³

In January 2015, revised disclosure requirements on leverage ratio were issued. They came into force in June 2015.³⁹⁹⁴

On 5 February 2015, India’s regulations on countercyclical buffer entered into force.³⁹⁹⁵

On 10 November 2016, final rule on standardised approach to counterparty credit risk was issued. It is intended to come into force since 1 April 2018.³⁹⁹⁶

On 10 November 2016, final rule on capital requirements for central counterparties (CCPs) was issued. It is intended to come into force since 1 April 2018.³⁹⁹⁷

³⁹⁹⁰ Le coussin de fonds propres contra-cyclique, Haut Conseil de stabilité financière 29 December 2017. Access date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/hcsf/coussin-fonds-propres-contra-cyclique>

³⁹⁹¹ Amending capital requirements The ‘CRD-V package’, European Parliament 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2017/599385/EPRS_BRI%282017%29599385_EN.pdf

³⁹⁹² Le coussin de fonds propres contra-cyclique, Haut Conseil de stabilité financière 29 December 2017. Access date: 9 January 2018. <https://www.economie.gouv.fr/hcsf/coussin-fonds-propres-contra-cyclique>

³⁹⁹³ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁹⁴ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁹⁵ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁹⁶ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁹⁷ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

On 1 December 2016, final rule on large exposures framework was issued. It is expected to come into force in January 2019.³⁹⁹⁸

India has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, India has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Shtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) recognizes the Indonesian risk-based capital framework as largely compliant with the Basel prudential standards, with some deviations where the Indonesian regulations are less specific than the Basel standards, which though is judged as appropriate for the nature of the Indonesian financial system (with the understanding that the risks are measured properly and adequately capitalized as the Indonesian financial system matures).³⁹⁹⁹

The Indonesian framework for liquidity coverage ratio is assessed by the BCBS as compliant with the Basel liquidity capital ratio standards,⁴⁰⁰⁰ while requirements for global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) do not apply to Indonesia.

On 9 October 2017, Indonesia's Financial Services Authority (OJK) announced its 10 master policies for 2017-2022, which among others include the intention to "implement international prudential standards that fit best for national interests."⁴⁰⁰¹

On 25 October 2017, OJK released its assessment of the state of the financial services sector pointing that "financial services companies' risks stood at manageable levels," which implies no additional capital requirements are expected to be introduced so far by the Indonesian authorities.⁴⁰⁰²

Indonesia has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Indonesia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

³⁹⁹⁸ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

³⁹⁹⁹ Implementation of Basel standards. A report to G20 Leaders on implementation of the Basel III regulatory reforms. Bank for International Settlements July 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d412.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰⁰ Implementation of Basel standards. A report to G20 Leaders on implementation of the Basel III regulatory reforms. Bank for International Settlements July 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d412.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰¹ Press release "OJK sets 10 master policies for 2017-2022 period", Otoritas Jasa Keuangan 9 October 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-OJK-Sets-10-Master-Policies-for-2017-%E2%80%932022-Period.aspx>

⁴⁰⁰² Press release "Financial services sector stable and liquidity under control, with lower credit risks", Otoritas Jasa Keuangan 25 October 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-Financial-Services-Sector-Stable-and-Liquidity-Under-Control,-with-Lower-Credit-Risks.aspx>

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

Italy follows the European Union process on Basel III implementation.

On 1 January 2014, the global systemically important banks requirements entered into force in Italy and were applied from 1 January 2016. Disclosure requirements according to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1030/2014 and EBA Guidelines (EBA/GL/2014/02) are already in force and applied.⁴⁰⁰³

On 1 January 2016, rules on countercyclical capital buffer were transposed into Italy's national law. The buffer is now set at 0 per cent.⁴⁰⁰⁴

With regard to the capital conservation buffer, minimum amounts were updated, both at individual and consolidated level, in order to reduce differences between Italy and other national frameworks: 1.25 per cent from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017; 1.875 per cent from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; 2.5 per cent from 1 January 2019.⁴⁰⁰⁵

Italy has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) recognized Japan's regulatory framework for implementing the Basel III in part of risk-based capital standards as compliant with the Basel standards as early as in 2012.⁴⁰⁰⁶ Further, loss absorbency and capital buffers frameworks were introduced in Japan, which were found to be compliant with the Basel III.⁴⁰⁰⁷

In June 2016, it was also reported by the BCBS that framework for global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) in Japan is assessed as compliant with the Basel G-SIB framework.⁴⁰⁰⁸

⁴⁰⁰³ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 march 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰⁴ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 march 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰⁵ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 march 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰⁶ Basel III regulatory consistency assessment (Level 2) — Japan, Bank for International Settlements October 2012. Access date: 21 December 2017. http://www.bis.org/bcbs/implementation/l2_jp.pdf

⁴⁰⁰⁷ Implementation of Basel standards. A report to G20 Leaders on implementation of the Basel III regulatory reforms. Bank for International Settlements July 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d412.pdf>

⁴⁰⁰⁸ Regulatory Consistency Assessment Programme (RCAP). Assessment of Basel III G-SIB framework and review of D-SIB frameworks — Japan, Bank for International Settlements June 2016. Access date: 21 December 2017. <http://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d371.pdf>

In December 2017, the BCBS recognized the Japanese framework for liquidity coverage ratio as compliant with the Basel liquidity capital ratio standards.⁴⁰⁰⁹

On 21 December 2017, the Bank of Japan's monetary policy meeting decided to keep its monetary policy unchanged.⁴⁰¹⁰ Thus, there is no indication of the Bank of Japan's intention to increase overall capital requirements during the compliance period.

Japan has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Japan has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: +1

Korea has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

According to the information gathered, the further enforcement of Basel III provision (namely leverage ratio requirement and liquidity ration requirement) are scheduled in 2018; the Basel Accord itself has been introduced and enforced in Korea in 2013.⁴⁰¹¹

Korea has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Korea has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

According to Bank for International Settlements, Mexican authorities have undertaken several important initiatives designed to strengthen the prudential framework relating to bank capital.⁴⁰¹²

In November 2012, the Mexican authorities issued the Final Rule on Basel III risk-based capital.⁴⁰¹³

On 31 December 2014, the amended risk-based capital requirements were issued to make Mexico compliant with the minimum Basel capital standards.⁴⁰¹⁴

⁴⁰⁰⁹ Regulatory Consistency Assessment Programme (RCAP). Assessment of Basel III LCR regulations — Japan, Bank for International Settlements December 2016. Access date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d391.pdf>

⁴⁰¹⁰ Japan's central bank leaves its monetary policy unchanged, CNBC 21 December 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <https://www.cnbc.com/2017/12/20/bank-of-japan-monetary-policy-statement-interest-rates-decision-for-december.html>

⁴⁰¹¹ Structured finance and securitization in South Korea: overview. Access date: 12 January 2018. URL: [https://content.next.westlaw.com/Document/I2ef129da1ed511e38578f7ccc38dcbee/View/FullText.html?contextData=\(sc.Default\)&transitionType=Default&firstPage=true&bhcp=1](https://content.next.westlaw.com/Document/I2ef129da1ed511e38578f7ccc38dcbee/View/FullText.html?contextData=(sc.Default)&transitionType=Default&firstPage=true&bhcp=1)

⁴⁰¹² Assessment of Basel III risk-based capital regulations — Mexico, BIS. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d315.pdf>

⁴⁰¹³ Assessment of Basel III risk-based capital regulations — Mexico, BIS. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d315.pdf>

In January 2015, material reforms elaborated by Mexican authorities in association with the Regulatory Consistency Assessment Programme came into effect to further strengthen their prudential framework.⁴⁰¹⁵

Mexico has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Mexico has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 18 July 2017, the Central Bank of Russia presented the Concept of implementation of risk-oriented approach in regulating process of insurance sector in the Russian Federation.⁴⁰¹⁶ The document includes review of current legislation and proposals for further improvement of quantitative capital requirements, corporate governance arrangements and requirements for disclosure of information and reporting for insurance companies.⁴⁰¹⁷

On 28 July 2017, the Central Bank of Russia issued the Statute on mode of settlement of structural liquidity ratio (Net Stable Funding Ratio) (Basel III) by systematically important credit organizations.⁴⁰¹⁸

Russia takes actions aimed at timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework and does not increase overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, it has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

Saudi Arabia published the final rules in 2012 and already in January 2013 began to implement the requirements of Basel III.⁴⁰¹⁹

⁴⁰¹⁴ Assessment of Basel III risk-based capital regulations — Mexico, BIS. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d315.pdf>

⁴⁰¹⁵ Assessment of Basel III risk-based capital regulations — Mexico, BIS. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d315.pdf>

⁴⁰¹⁶ Concept of implementation of risk-oriented approach in regulating process of insurance sector in the Russian Federation. Access date: 11 January 2018. URL:

https://www.cbr.ru/Content/Document/File/16975/concept_of_implementation.pdf

⁴⁰¹⁷ Concept of implementation of risk-oriented approach in regulating process of insurance sector in the Russian Federation. Access date: 11 January 2018. URL:

https://www.cbr.ru/Content/Document/File/16975/concept_of_implementation.pdf

⁴⁰¹⁸ Statute on mode of settlement of structural liquidity ratio (Net Stable Funding Ratio) (Basel III) by systematically important credit organizations. Access date: 11 January 2018. URL: https://www.cbr.ru/analytics/?PrID=na_vr&docid=376

On 3 December 2012, the Final Rule against the Cyclic Buffer was published in the Final Guidance Document of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority on the implementation of capital reforms in accordance with the Basel Platform and entered into force in January 2016 and is successfully implemented.

In December 2016, the minimum capital requirements for market risk were published in accordance with the Basel Committee. The rules will enter into force in January 2019.⁴⁰²⁰

Saudi Arabia has taken actions aimed at timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework and has not increased overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Saudi Arabia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 1 January 2013, net stable funding ratio requirements were introduced into national regulatory framework.⁴⁰²¹

On 12 December 2012, final rule on countercyclical buffer was issued. It came into force on 1 January 2016.⁴⁰²²

In July 2016, amended requirements on monitoring tools for intraday liquidity management were incorporated into national regulatory framework.⁴⁰²³

South Africa has taken actions aimed at timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework and has not increased overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Saudi Arabia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision recognizes Turkey's both risk-based capital and liquidity coverage ratio frameworks as compliant with the Basel III standards, while requirements for global systemically important banks do not apply to Turkey.⁴⁰²⁴

⁴⁰¹⁹ Implementation of Basel III in Russia and abroad. <http://www.ey.com/Publication/vwLUAssets/Implementing-Basel-in-RussiaRus/USDFILE/Implementing-Basel-in-Russia-Rus.pdf>

⁴⁰²⁰ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, October 2017. Access date: 9 December 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

⁴⁰²¹ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

⁴⁰²² Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

⁴⁰²³ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>

On 30 November 2017, the Central Bank of Turkey issued its regular financial stability report, noting that “the Turkish banking sector will remain resilient against global risks since it has a strong capital base, stable asset quality and adequate level of liquid assets.”⁴⁰²⁵

Turkey takes actions aimed at timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework and does not increase overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, Turkey has receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

In March 2017, new rules on regulatory references about criminal offence for senior managers’ relating to decisions that cause a financial institution to fail came into effect for those individuals seeking a role in a bank that would bring them within scope of the senior managers’ regime or certification regime.⁴⁰²⁶

In June 2017, the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 will come into effect. The new regulations will replace the Money Laundering Regulations 2007.⁴⁰²⁷

On 28 November 2017, the Bank of England published the Financial Stability Report. The Financial Policy Committee aims to ensure the UK financial system is resilient to, and prepared for, the wide range of risks it could face — so that the system can support the real economy, even in difficult conditions.⁴⁰²⁸

On 4 January 2018, the Chancellor announced that legislation will be included in the Finance Bill 2017-2018 giving effect to the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting.⁴⁰²⁹

On 13 January 2018, HM Treasury will replace the current Payment Services Directive by the Payment Services Directive 2. The directive instructs banks and credit unions to give open access to

⁴⁰²⁴ Implementation of Basel standards. A report to G20 Leaders on implementation of the Basel III regulatory reforms. Bank for International Settlements July 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017.

<https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d412.pdf>

⁴⁰²⁵ Turkish banking sector to stay resilient: Central Bank, Hurriyet Daily News 30 November 2017. Access date: 21 December 2017. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkish-banking-sector-to-stay-resilient-central-bank-123326>

⁴⁰²⁶ United Kingdom Banking Regulation 2017, Global Legal Insights 17 May 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./united-kingdom>

⁴⁰²⁷ United Kingdom Banking Regulation 2017, Global Legal Insights 17 May 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./united-kingdom>

⁴⁰²⁸ Financial Stability report, Bank of England 28 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/publications/Documents/fsr/2017/fsrjun17.pdf>

⁴⁰²⁹ UK ratifies the Multilateral Instrument on BEPS, Lexology, 4 January 2018. Access date: 07.01.2018. <https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=ce99b2dc-6c78-4fdb-b9f2-1701087ea824>

their customer data and account information to licensed third party businesses (though with the caveat that this data can only be provided with their customers' explicit consent).⁴⁰³⁰

On July 2017 HM Treasury published a consultation paper on the implementation of the Payment Services Directive 2 and the Financial Conduct Authority has indicated that it would issue a consultation in the second quarter of 2017.⁴⁰³¹

The United Kingdom has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, the UK has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Nikita Efremov

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

In January 2016, the Revised Capital Framework also includes a market risk capital charge (implementing the Basel II.5 Framework) for assets held in the trading book that applies to banks and bank holding companies with significant trading positions. Unlike the Basel II.5 Framework, the U.S. rules do not rely on credit ratings to determine specific capital requirements for certain instruments. The Basel Committee adopted a revised capital requirement for market risk framework that comes into effect in January 2019, to ensure standardization and promote consistent implementation globally.⁴⁰³²

In December 2016, the Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) adopted final rules requiring the largest U.S. global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) and certain U.S. intermediate holding companies of non-U.S. G-SIBs to comply with new capital-related requirements, including "clean" holding company requirements (relating to short-term debt and derivatives). These requirements are aimed at improving the prospects for the orderly resolution of such an institution. The rule includes an external long-term debt requirement and a related total loss-absorbing capacity requirement (TLAC) applicable to the top-tier holding company of a U.S. G-SIB and an internal long-term debt requirements and related TLAC requirements applicable to U.S. intermediate holding companies. Long-term debt issued on or prior to 31 December 2016 is grandfathered from provisions of the rule that prohibit certain contractual provisions. Compliance is required by 1 January 2019.⁴⁰³³

On 22 August 2017, the US banking agencies (the Federal Reserve, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) and FDIC) proposed to delay the last phase of the US Basel III capital rules'

⁴⁰³⁰ United Kingdom Banking Regulation 2017, Global Legal Insights 17 May 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017.
<https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./united-kingdom>

⁴⁰³¹ United Kingdom Banking Regulation 2017, Global Legal Insights 17 May 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017.
<https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./united-kingdom>

⁴⁰³² USA Banking Regulation 2017, Global Legal Insights. Access date: 20 December 2017.
<https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./usa#chaptercontent5>

⁴⁰³³ USA Banking Regulation 2017, Global Legal Insights. Access date: 20 December 2017.
<https://www.globallegalinsights.com/practice-areas/banking-and-finance/global-legal-insights---banking-regulation-4th-ed./usa#chaptercontent5>

transition provisions relating to certain deductions from capital and limitations on the recognition of minority interests, which are scheduled to become effective 1 January 2018.⁴⁰³⁴

In September 2017, the US banking agencies released a proposal that would significantly amend the US Basel III capital rules of all three agencies by simplifying the capital treatment of several items, primarily for non-advanced approaches banking organizations.⁴⁰³⁵ The proposed rule represents the agency's efforts, discussed in the March 2017 Economic Growth and Regulatory Paperwork Reduction Act Report, to "meaningfully reduce regulatory burden, especially on community banking organizations, while ... maintaining safety and soundness and the quality and quantity of regulatory capital in the banking system."⁴⁰³⁶

On 16 November 2017, the OCC, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and FDIC adopted a final rule to extend the regulatory capital treatment applicable during 2017 under the regulatory capital rules (capital rules) for certain items.⁴⁰³⁷ These items include regulatory capital deductions, risk weights, and certain minority interest limitations. The relief provided under the final rule applies to banking organizations that are not subject to the capital rules' advanced approaches (non-advanced approaches banking organizations).⁴⁰³⁸

On 21 November 2017, the Federal Reserve, OCC and FDIC issued a rule that has delayed the last phase of the US Basel III capital rules' transition provisions relating to certain deductions from capital and limitations on the recognition of minority interests, which were scheduled to become effective 1 January 2018, for certain banking organizations.⁴⁰³⁹ The final rule effectively freezes the currently applicable phase of the transition provisions for these capital requirements until a separate rulemaking aimed at simplifying these and other requirements for certain banking organizations,

⁴⁰³⁴ U.S. Banking Agencies Propose to Delay the Phase-In of Certain Capital Rules for Non-Advanced Approaches Banking Organizations, U.S. Basel III. Access date: 5 September 2017. <https://www.usbasel3.com/single-post/2017/09/10/US-Banking-Agencies-Propose-to-Delay-the-Phase-In-of-Certain-Capital-Rules-for-Non-Advanced-Approaches-Banking-Organizations>

⁴⁰³⁵ Banking Agencies Propose To Simplify U.S. Basel III Capital Rules for Non-Advanced Approaches Firms, Davis Polk// U.S. Basel III 29 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.usbasel3.com/single-post/2017/09/29/Banking-Agencies-Propose-To-Simplify-US-Basel-III-Capital-Rules-for-Non-Advanced-Approaches-Firms>

⁴⁰³⁶ Banking Agencies Propose To Simplify U.S. Basel III Capital Rules for Non-Advanced Approaches Firms, Davis Polk// U.S. Basel III 29 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.usbasel3.com/single-post/2017/09/29/Banking-Agencies-Propose-To-Simplify-US-Basel-III-Capital-Rules-for-Non-Advanced-Approaches-Firms>

⁴⁰³⁷ Regulatory Capital Rules: Retention of Certain Existing Transition Provisions for Banking Organizations That Are Not Subject to the Advanced Approaches Capital Rules, Government Publishing Office. Access date: 16 November 2017. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-21/pdf/2017-25172.pdf>

⁴⁰³⁸ Regulatory Capital Rules: Retention of Certain Existing Transition Provisions for Banking Organizations That Are Not Subject to the Advanced Approaches Capital Rules, Government Publishing Office. Access date: 16 November 2017. <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-21/pdf/2017-25172.pdf>

⁴⁰³⁹ U.S. Banking Agencies Delay the Phase-In of Certain Capital Rules for Non-Advanced Approaches Banking Organizations, U.S. Basel III. Access date: <https://www.usbasel3.com/single-post/2017/11/21/US-Banking-Agencies-Delay-the-Phase-In-of-Certain-Capital-Rules-for-Non-Advanced-Approaches-Banking-Organizations>

which was proposed in September 2017, is finalized.⁴⁰⁴⁰ The final rule was adopted without any changes to the September proposal.⁴⁰⁴¹

On 1 December 2017, the Federal Reserve Board announced it voted to affirm the Countercyclical Capital Buffer at the current level of 0 percent.⁴⁰⁴² In making this determination, the board followed the framework detailed in its policy statement for setting the buffer for private-sector credit exposures located in the United States.⁴⁰⁴³

The United States has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, the US has received a score of +1.

Analysts: Anastasia Kataeva and Svetlana Shapovalova

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment on Basel III implementation.

On 26 June 2013, the Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council was issued. It stated that Competent authorities shall ensure that institutions have robust strategies, policies, processes and systems for the identification, measurement, management and monitoring of liquidity risk over an appropriate set of time horizons, including intraday, so as to ensure that institutions maintain adequate levels of liquidity buffers. Those strategies, policies, processes and systems shall be tailored to business lines, currencies, branches and legal entities and shall include adequate allocation mechanisms of liquidity costs, benefits and risks.⁴⁰⁴⁴

On 26 June 2013, a mandatory buffer for global systemically important banks (G-SIBs) was implemented by Article 131 of Directive 2013/36/EU with date of application of 1 January 2016. Apart from that, the directive implemented a buffer for domestic systemically important banks (D-SIBs) with date of application of 1 January 2016. Also the following measures were adopted regarding systemically important banks: the disclosure requirements for G-SIBs and the identification methodology (technical standards on the latter were published on 8 October 2014 and are applicable

⁴⁰⁴⁰ U.S. Banking Agencies Delay the Phase-In of Certain Capital Rules for Non-Advanced Approaches Banking Organizations, U.S. Basel III. Access date: <https://www.usbasel3.com/single-post/2017/11/21/US-Banking-Agencies-Delay-the-Phase-In-of-Certain-Capital-Rules-for-Non-Advanced-Approaches-Banking-Organizations>

⁴⁰⁴¹ U.S. Banking Agencies Delay the Phase-In of Certain Capital Rules for Non-Advanced Approaches Banking Organizations, U.S. Basel III. Access date: <https://www.usbasel3.com/single-post/2017/11/21/US-Banking-Agencies-Delay-the-Phase-In-of-Certain-Capital-Rules-for-Non-Advanced-Approaches-Banking-Organizations>

⁴⁰⁴² Federal Reserve Board announces it has voted to affirm Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) at current level of 0 percent, Federal Reserve System 1 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/bcreg20171201a.htm>

⁴⁰⁴³ Federal Reserve Board announces it has voted to affirm Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) at current level of 0 percent, Federal Reserve System 1 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/pressreleases/bcreg20171201a.htm>

⁴⁰⁴⁴ Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013, Official Journal of the European Union 27 June 2013. Access date: 26 November 2017. <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2013:176:0338:0436:En:PDF>.

from 1 January 2015), on 16 December, 2014 European Banking Authority guidelines on criteria to assess D-SIBs were published.⁴⁰⁴⁵

On 26 June 2013, the European Parliament and the Council adapted the Regulation (EU) No 575/2013, in part IV of which was stated that institutions shall monitor and control their large exposures. An institution shall report information about every large exposure to the competent authorities. Reporting shall be carried out at least twice a year. An institution shall not incur an exposure, after taking into account the effect of the credit risk mitigation in accordance with Articles 399 to 403, to a client or group of connected clients the value of which exceeds 25 per cent of its eligible capital. If, in an exceptional case, exposures exceed this limit, the institution shall report the value of the exposure without delay to the competent authorities which may, where the circumstances warrant it, allow the institution a limited period of time in which to comply with the limit.⁴⁰⁴⁶

On 23 November 2016, the proposal for implementing the standard on the interest rate risk in the banking book was adopted by the European Commission. It is currently being considered by the legislator.⁴⁰⁴⁷

On 23 November 2016, the proposal for implementing the standard on the net stable funding ratio was adopted by the European Commission. It is currently being considered by the legislator. This proposal included the following key statement: the proposals incorporate the remaining elements of the regulatory framework agreed recently within the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB). They included among others a binding leverage ratio to prevent institutions from excessive leverage and a binding net stable funding ratio to address the excessive reliance on short-term wholesale funding and to reduce long-term funding risk.⁴⁰⁴⁸

On 23 November 2016, the proposal for implementing total loss-absorbing capacity (TLAC) holdings standard was adopted by the European Commission. This proposal included the following key element on TLAC holdings: a requirement for global systemically important institutions (G-SIIs) to hold minimum levels of capital and other instruments that bear losses in resolution. This requirement will be integrated into the existing minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities system, which applies to all banks, and will strengthen the EU's ability to resolve failing G-SIIs while protecting financial stability and minimizing risks for taxpayers. It proposes a harmonized national insolvency ranking of unsecured debt instruments to facilitate banks' issuance of such loss absorbing debt instruments.⁴⁰⁴⁹

On 23 November 2016, the proposal for implementing the market risk framework was adopted by the European Commission. This proposal included the following key element on minimum capital requirements for market risk, standardized approach for measuring counterparty risk and capital

⁴⁰⁴⁵ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision 18 October 2017. Access date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>.

⁴⁰⁴⁶ Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012, Official Journal of the European Union 27 June 2013. Access date: 27 November 2017. https://www.nbb.be/doc/cp/eng/2015/20130627_eu_2013_575.pdf.

⁴⁰⁴⁷ Thirteenth progress report on adoption of the Basel regulatory framework, Basel Committee on Banking Supervision 18 October 2017. Access date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.bis.org/bcbs/publ/d418.pdf>.

⁴⁰⁴⁸ EU Banking Reform: Strong Banks To Support Growth and Restore Confidence, European Commission 23 November 2016. Access date: 26 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3731_en.htm.

⁴⁰⁴⁹ EU Banking Reform: Strong Banks To Support Growth and Restore Confidence, European Commission 23 November 2016. Access date: 28 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3731_en.htm.

requirements for central counterparties (CCPs): more risk-sensitive capital requirements, in particular in the area of market risk, counterparty credit risk, and for exposures to CCPs.⁴⁰⁵⁰

On 15 December 2016, the technical standard for margin requirements for non-centrally cleared derivatives was published in the Official Journal. The application of initial margin requirements were being phased in depending on the type of counterparty from 4 February 2017. The variation margin requirements will apply from 1 March 2017. It was stated in the journal that counterparties shall establish, apply and document risk management procedures for the exchange of collateral for non-centrally cleared over-the-counter (OTC) derivative contracts. Counterparties shall calculate variation margin in accordance with Article 10 of these regulations at least on a daily basis. Initial margin models shall be developed in a way that captures all the significant risks arising from entering into the non-centrally cleared OTC derivative contracts included in the netting set, including the nature, scale, and complexity of those risks.⁴⁰⁵¹

On 18 October 2017, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (BCBS) announced that a number of disclosure measures were adopted by European Union: mandatory public disclosure of leverage ratio applicable from 1 January 2015; the proposal for implementing the changes to the Pillar 3 framework and the second phase of the BCBS review of the Pillar 3 disclosure framework as long as total loss-absorbing capacity and market risk disclosures.⁴⁰⁵²

The European Union has taken actions aimed at the timely, full and consistent implementation of the agreed financial sector reform agenda in line with the Basel III framework without significantly increasing overall capital requirements across the banking sector.

Thus, the EU has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Karina Khasanova

⁴⁰⁵⁰ EU Banking Reform: Strong Banks To Support Growth and Restore Confidence, European Commission 23 November 2016. Access date: 28 November 2017. http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3731_en.htm.

⁴⁰⁵¹ Commission delegated regulation (EU) 2016/2251 of 4 October 2016, Official Journal of the European Union 15 December 2016. Access date: 28 November 2017. <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2016:340:FULL&from=EN>.

⁴⁰⁵² Commission delegated regulation (EU) 2016/2251 of 4 October 2016, Official Journal of the European Union 15 December 2016. Access date: 28 November 2017. <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L:2016:340:FULL&from=EN>.

13. Development: Digital and Financial Literacy

“Strengthen digital and financial literacy and capability”

Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada		0	
China	-1		
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea			+1
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa		0	
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States		0	
European Union			+1
Average	+0.60		

Background

The 2010 G20 Summit made economic development a priority by adopting the Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth and the Multiyear Action Plan (MYAP). The Seoul Development Consensus for Shared Growth elaborated the overarching goals and principles that the G20 should follow in intervening in development issues including economic growth, global development partnerships, global and regional systemic issues, private sector participation, complementarity and outcome orientation. The MYAP identified nine pillars that were deemed to be essential to strong, resilient and inclusive growth. These include infrastructure, human resource development, trade, private investment and job creation, financial inclusion, growth with resilience, food security, domestic resource mobilization and knowledge-sharing.

Each subsequent G20 chair has chosen priority pillars with the aim of achieving tangible deliverables and high-impact outcomes in a specific area. The Cannes Summit in 2011 prioritized infrastructure, food security and innovative financing. In 2012, at Los Cabos in Mexico, the G20 focused on food security, infrastructure and financial inclusion and added a tenth pillar, “inclusive green growth.” In 2013 the Russian presidency emphasized five priority areas: food security, financial inclusion and remittances, infrastructure, human resource development, and domestic resource mobilization. The Brisbane Summit in 2014 shifted the direction somewhat by including the development agenda as an extension of the G20’s broader growth agenda and emphasized such priorities as investing in infrastructure, domestic resource mobilization, financial inclusion and remittances, food security and human resource development. The Turkish presidency in 2015 then made “buttressing sustainability” one of its core pillars and placed development and the inclusion of developing countries as a core

priority of its G20 agenda. Specific priority development issues included infrastructure development, financial inclusion and remittance, food security, and human resource development.

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 adopted the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It concentrates on the issues of infrastructure, agriculture, food security and nutrition, human resources development and employment, financial inclusion and remittances, domestic resource mobilization, industrialization, inclusive business, energy, trade and investment, anti-corruption, international financial architecture, climate finance and green finance, innovation and global health.

At the 2017 Hamburg Summit, the G20 stated that taking forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a “first step for putting the Action Plan and its nature as a living document into practice and making the collective and concrete G20 actions more visible. The Hamburg Update reaffirms and strengthens the content of the Action Plan and its High Level Principles.”⁴⁰⁵³

Commitment Features

The commitment requires G20 members to take measures aimed at strengthening digital and financial literacy and capability. It deals with the digital aspect of the financial sector which is becoming more and more important especially in the context of digital economy development.

Financial capacity implies the total amount of financial services, institutions and service providing objects (e.g. automated tellers) available for the people of the country.

Digital financial capacity implies total amount of financial services accessible via the internet and other information and communication technologies (ICTs).

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has defined financial literacy as “A combination of awareness, knowledge, skill, attitude and behaviour necessary to make sound financial decisions and ultimately achieve individual financial wellbeing.”⁴⁰⁵⁴

Digital literacy is an umbrella concept for important skill clusters whose names are often used as synonyms; their content, however, is not exactly the same. ICT literacy refers to a set of user skills that enable active participation in a society where services and cultural offerings are computer-supported and distributed on the internet. Technological literacy (previously called computer literacy) entails a deeper understanding of digital technology and comprises both user and technical computing skills. Information literacy focuses on one of the key aspects of our Knowledge Society: the ability to locate, identify, retrieve, process and use digital information optimally.⁴⁰⁵⁵

Digital literacy in financial sector implies awareness, knowledge, skill, attitude and behaviour necessary to make sound financial decisions using ICT.

⁴⁰⁵³ Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Research Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-hamburg-update.html>

⁴⁰⁵⁴ Measuring Financial Literacy: Questionnaire and Guidance Notes for Conducting an Internationally Comparable Survey of Financial Literacy, OECD. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.oecd.org/finance/financial-education/49319977.pdf>

⁴⁰⁵⁵ Digital Literacy in Education, UNESCO. Access date: 23 April 2018. <http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0021/002144/214485e.pdf>

The commitment requires taking measures to strengthen financial literacy and capability while making decisions particularly aimed at the digital aspect of literacy.

This commitment has two components: strengthening financial literacy and capability and strengthening digital literacy and capability.

Part One: Strengthening Financial Literacy and Capability

This can be achieved by:

- Implementing education programmes in schools
- Educating elder people on financial matters
- Encouraging the spread of ATM in remote regions
- Encouraging the spread of new financial services

Part Two: Strengthening Digital Aspect of Financial Literacy and Capability

This can be achieved by:

- Encouraging the spread of digital financial services (e.g. Internet banking)
- Implementing education programmes in schools teaching the use of ICT in financial services
- Both national and international actions will be counted as compliance.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member does not take steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability
0	G20 member takes steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but does not implement special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability
+1	G20 member takes steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability AND implements special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

From 25-26 August 2017, the Central Bank of the Republic of Argentina (BCRA), the Ministry of Modernization with the support of the Ministry of Social Development of Argentina organized the Hackaton of Financial Innovation 2017.⁴⁰⁵⁶ The objective of the Hackathon was to link different actors of the sector to develop more accessible and sustainable financial services, including designers, programmers, students, professionals, economists and entrepreneurs working the financial sphere.⁴⁰⁵⁷ A number of workshops were organized on topics such as technology for inclusion, digital banks, economics and gender, fintech and innovation.⁴⁰⁵⁸ The winning projects received the prizes (First

⁴⁰⁵⁶ Hackaton de Innovación Financiera 2017. Access date: 26 December 2017.
<http://www.bcra.gov.ar/Institucional/DescargaPDF/DownloadPDF.aspx?Id=535>.

⁴⁰⁵⁷ Hackaton de Innovación Financiera 2017. Access date: 26 December 2017.
<http://www.bcra.gov.ar/Institucional/DescargaPDF/DownloadPDF.aspx?Id=535>.

⁴⁰⁵⁸ Hackaton de Innovación Financiera 2017. Access date: 26 December 2017.
<http://www.bcra.gov.ar/Institucional/DescargaPDF/DownloadPDF.aspx?Id=535>.

Prize: USD82,000; Second Prize: USD58,000 and Third Prize: USD35,000).⁴⁰⁵⁹ The Hackaton was organized within the national Financial Innovation Program. Four main topics, which the Hackaton addressed, included: Usability (development of usability solutions for segments of the Argentinian population that do not have needed financial behavior patterns); Sustainability (promotion of financial inclusion to advance, particularly for the population with lower income); Data (development of projects that facilitate use of information to identify needs and sustainable business opportunities); and User protection (minimization of risks such as fraud, abuse, default and over-indebtedness for the population that is not familiar with the financial sector).⁴⁰⁶⁰

On 22 November 2017, the National Budget Office under the Ministry of Finance of Argentina launched a new website as budget information search tool.⁴⁰⁶¹ The web site contains the information on the Citizen Budget which was published for the first time in the Argentine Republic, allowing a better and more effective communication with citizens and sectors interested in public finances such as the press, academic community and non-governmental organizations.⁴⁰⁶²

On 24-25 November 2017, Argentina hosted the VIII Conference on Financial Education and Inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean co-sponsored by the BCRA.⁴⁰⁶³ The event aimed to discuss how new technologies influence financial inclusion and education; rights and obligations of users of financial services; challenges for financial inclusion and education national strategies, etc. The event was attended by governmental representatives, banking regulators, commercial banks, multilateral organizations and other bodies.⁴⁰⁶⁴

During the compliance period Argentina has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, Argentina has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 19 July 2017, Australia announced funding to support an agreement with states and territories to promote and deliver Australian Securities and Investments Commission's (ASIC) MoneySmart Teaching program for a further four years. The program, developed and led by ASIC, provides teachers with the skills and resources to develop stronger financial capabilities in young people.⁴⁰⁶⁵

⁴⁰⁵⁹ Hackaton de Innovación Financiera 2017. Access date: 26 December 2017.

<http://www.bkra.gov.ar/Institucional/DescargaPDF/DownloadPDF.aspx?Id=535>.

⁴⁰⁶⁰ Hackaton de Innovación Financiera 2017. Access date: 26 December 2017.

<http://www.bkra.gov.ar/Institucional/DescargaPDF/DownloadPDF.aspx?Id=535>.

⁴⁰⁶¹ La Oficina Nacional de Presupuesto tiene una nueva página web. Access date: 26 December 2017.

<https://www.minhacienda.gob.ar/la-oficina-nacional-de-presupuesto-tiene-una-nueva-pagina-web/>.

⁴⁰⁶² La Oficina Nacional de Presupuesto tiene una nueva página web. Access date: 26 December 2017.

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⁴⁰⁶³ VIII Conference on Financial Education and Inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean. Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.cemla.org/actividades/2016/2016-11-viii-conference-financial-education.html>.

⁴⁰⁶⁴ VIII Conference on Financial Education and Inclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean. Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.cemla.org/actividades/2016/2016-11-viii-conference-financial-education.html>.

⁴⁰⁶⁵ More Australian students to benefit from new funds for financial literacy, Minister for Revenue and Financial Services 19 July 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://kmo.ministers.treasury.gov.au/media-release/065-2017/>

In October 2017, “Be Connected” program was launched by the Australian Government. “Be Connected” is an initiative aimed at the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians in using digital technology.⁴⁰⁶⁶ Be Connected adopts a family and community centered approach to target those aged 50 years and over, who have minimal or no engagement with digital technology.⁴⁰⁶⁷

Australia has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, Australia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Arkadiy Khudyakov

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 1 August 2017, The Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation and Communications announced the public consultation for the Brazilian Strategy for Digital Transformation. The document will set the guidelines for the “digitalization” of the Brazilian economy and society in the coming years and aims to create a favorable environment for agriculture, commerce, finance, industries, and transportation and logistics services, through the advancement of digitalization in productive processes.⁴⁰⁶⁸

On 19 October 2017, Brazilian government launched a national strategy detailing the policies and action plan for the deployment of Internet of Things technologies in the country. The four core verticals are Smart Cities, Healthcare, Agribusiness and Manufacturing. The plan foresees that these policies will be implemented between 2018 and 2022.⁴⁰⁶⁹

Brazil hasn’t taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but has implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus it has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Logvinenko Dmitriy

Canada: 0

Canada has partially complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 1-3 November 2017, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada hosted its fifth National Conference on Financial Literacy: “Reporting on Progress, Building the Future — Everything Counts!” in Montreal, Quebec.⁴⁰⁷⁰ Conference delegates in attendance learned about innovative

⁴⁰⁶⁶ Be Connected — improving digital literacy for older Australian, Department of Social Services 2 November 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.dss.gov.au/seniors/be-connected-improving-digital-literacy-for-older-australians>

⁴⁰⁶⁷ Be Connected — improving digital literacy for older Australian, Department of Social Services 2 November 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.dss.gov.au/seniors/be-connected-improving-digital-literacy-for-older-australians>

⁴⁰⁶⁸ Brazil digital economy initiatives, U.S. Department of Commerce, 3 October 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.export.gov/article?id=Brazil-Digital-Economy-Initiatives>

⁴⁰⁶⁹ Brazilian government launches national IoT strategy, ZDNET, October 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.zdnet.com/article/brazilian-government-launches-national-iot-strategy/>

⁴⁰⁷⁰ Nation Conference on Financial Literacy, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/programs/financial-literacy/financial-literacy-conference.html>

programs that are having an impact on the financial well-being of Canadians, heard about the latest research and emerging trends, and discovered new tools to measure and evaluate financial literacy programs and achieve successful outcomes.⁴⁰⁷¹

On 20 December 2017, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada held a presentation about financial fraud prevention. It talked about examples of fraud and ways to stay alert.⁴⁰⁷²

On 20 December 2017, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada held a presentation about wills. It touched upon topics such as will and estate planning.⁴⁰⁷³

Canada has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but has not implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability. Thus it receives a score of 0.

Analysts: Angelina Belichenko and Uliana Koptukh

China: -1

China has not complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

No actions have been registered yet.

China has not taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and has not implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, China has received a score of -1.

Analyst: Anna Tsvetkova

France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment on development and capability.

On 18 July 2017, the Senate published the Finance Committee of the Senate's Information Report n° 638 (2016-2017). It includes several recommendations for public policy to ensure banking inclusion and the prevention of over-indebtedness.⁴⁰⁷⁴

On 28 September 2017, the French Prudential Supervision and Resolution Authority, responsible for innovation and new technologies in the financial sector, held a meeting on payment systems and e-

⁴⁰⁷¹ Nation Conference on Financial Literacy, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada. Access Date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/programs/financial-literacy/financial-literacy-conference.html>

⁴⁰⁷² Fraud Prevention, Government of Canada 14 March 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://ioutil-ioutils.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/RDCV-BRVC/deta-deta-eng.aspx?id=82d5298a-4864-4c65-84c9-dd4eded1c96a>

⁴⁰⁷³ Wills, Government of Canada 14 March 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://ioutil-ioutils.fcac-acfc.gc.ca/RDCV-BRVC/deta-deta-eng.aspx?id=96d02410-9584-4a93-b94f-9087a77f66a0>

⁴⁰⁷⁴ Les politiques publiques en faveur de l'inclusion bancaire et de la prévention du surendettement, Senat 18 July 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.senat.fr/rap/r16-638/r16-638_mono.html

money.⁴⁰⁷⁵ It was aimed at setting out practical arrangements associated with new methods of payment.⁴⁰⁷⁶

On 11 October 2017, François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor of the Bank of France, Jean-Marc Huart, Director General of School Education and Christian Noyer, President of the Institute for Public Financial Education of the Public, signed a partnership agreement to invest more in the financial education of primary and high school students.⁴⁰⁷⁷

On 14 December 2017, the French Prudential Supervision and Resolution Authority together with the Bank of France held a news conference in Lyon.⁴⁰⁷⁸ It was devoted to the digital revolution in the financial sector. This event was aimed at identifying new challenges for financial actors related to the process of digitalization as well as at outlining possible regulatory measures.⁴⁰⁷⁹

G20 member has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Anastasiia Shkrebo

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 27 September 2017, the Federal Ministry of Finance published a brochure to help teachers teach finance.⁴⁰⁸⁰

On 20 October 2017, the Federal Ministry of Finance published a call for tenders for research contracts on the following topic: “The Impact of Digitalization on Determination and Review of Transfer Pricing — The Future of the Transaction Profit Allocation Method.”⁴⁰⁸¹

On 4 December 2017, the Federal Ministry of Finance developed teaching materials for students to provide them with basic knowledge about financial policy, tax system and budget planning.⁴⁰⁸² They

⁴⁰⁷⁵ Matinée Fintech n°1 — L’agrément des acteurs du paiement et de la monnaie électronique, Banque de France 28 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://acpr.banque-france.fr/autoriser/fintech-et-innovation/lactualite-fintech/nos-evenements>

⁴⁰⁷⁶ Matinée Fintech n°1 — L’agrément des acteurs du paiement et de la monnaie électronique, Banque de France 28 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://acpr.banque-france.fr/autoriser/fintech-et-innovation/lactualite-fintech/nos-evenements>

⁴⁰⁷⁷ Éducation financière des élèves du primaire et du collège : Signature d’une convention entre la Banque de France, le ministère de l’Éducation nationale et l’Institut pour l’éducation financière du public (IEFP), Banque de France 12 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. https://www.banque-france.fr/sites/default/files/medias/documents/communiqu-de-presse_2017-10-12_education-financiere-des-eleves-du-primaire-et-du-college.pdf

⁴⁰⁷⁸ Conférence sur les Fintechs à Lyon, Banque de France 14 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://acpr.banque-france.fr/autoriser/fintech-et-innovation/lactualite-fintech/nos-evenements>

⁴⁰⁷⁹ Conférence sur les Fintechs à Lyon, Banque de France 14 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://acpr.banque-france.fr/autoriser/fintech-et-innovation/lactualite-fintech/nos-evenements>

⁴⁰⁸⁰ Finanzen und Steuern, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 27 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Publikationen/Arbeitsblaetter/2017-09-27-lehrerheft-2017-2018.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=2.

⁴⁰⁸¹ Hinweise auf Ausschreibungen, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 20 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Monatsberichte/2017/10/Inhalte/Kapitel-5-Aktuelles-aus-dem-BMF/5-4-hinweise-auf-ausschreibungen.html>.

drew connections between the state financial policy and the daily life, some information about the world financial crisis and the European financial system.⁴⁰⁸³

On 12 December 2017, the Federal Ministry of Finance organized the 5th symposium on international tax policies and digitalization in Berlin.⁴⁰⁸⁴ It gave an opportunity to discuss the development of digital technologies and their impact on business models and international tax legislation. As a result, it was concluded that the taxation of international companies should be shifted to the areas with the highest level of economic activity and revenues.⁴⁰⁸⁵

Germany has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alena Zhogol

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 8-9 November 2017, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in collaboration with Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) organized the RBI-OECD High Level Global Symposium on Financial Education in New Delhi, India.⁴⁰⁸⁶ The conference aimed to stimulate ideas, discussions and solutions around implementing effective financial literacy policies in a changing financial landscape.⁴⁰⁸⁷

On 6 October 2017, Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, announced the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan, an initiative aimed at imparting digital literacy to citizens in rural areas around the country.⁴⁰⁸⁸

India has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

⁴⁰⁸² Finanzen & Steuern: Schülerheft, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Downloads/Broschueren_Bestellservice/2017-12-04-Schuelerheft.html.

⁴⁰⁸³ Finanzen & Steuern: Schülerheft, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 4 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Downloads/Broschueren_Bestellservice/2017-12-04-Schuelerheft.html.

⁴⁰⁸⁴ Steuern und Digitalisierung: 5. Symposium zur Internationalen Steuerpolitik, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 12 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Steuern/2017-12-12-Steuersymposium-standardartikel.html>.

⁴⁰⁸⁵ Steuern und Digitalisierung: 5. Symposium zur Internationalen Steuerpolitik, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 12 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Standardartikel/Themen/Steuern/2017-12-12-Steuersymposium-standardartikel.html>.

⁴⁰⁸⁶ RBI OECD High Level Global Symposium on Financial Education, the Reserve Bank of India 8-9 November 2017. <https://www.rbi.org.in/rbioecdflc2017/>

⁴⁰⁸⁷ RBI OECD High Level Global Symposium on Financial Education, the Reserve Bank of India 8-9 November 2017. <https://www.rbi.org.in/rbioecdflc2017/>

⁴⁰⁸⁸ Latest happenings, Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyan 6 October 2017. <https://www.pmgdisha.in/news>

Thus, India has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Sbtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 14 July 2017, Indonesia's Financial Services Authority (OJK) announced the launch of the revised National Strategy on Indonesian Financial Literacy, which amended the previous version of 2013 with the goal to guide OJK, financial services companies and other stakeholders on implementation of activities aimed to raise national financial literacy and inclusion.⁴⁰⁸⁹

On 6 July 2017, OJK announced release of financial literacy e-books for high school students and similar books targeted professionals and retirees, as part of OJK's efforts "to provide financial literacy material suitable for the needs of different communities, in order to create a financially-smart society and raise public welfare"; as reported, the books are fully compliant with the latest financial literacy competency standards of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.⁴⁰⁹⁰

On 17 July 2017, OJK announced a partnership with the Bandung Institute of Technology's School of Business and Management, as part of its program to raise financial literacy and inclusion.⁴⁰⁹¹ The scope of cooperation includes a plan to found a financial literacy and inclusion research center, organizing general lectures regularly, holding focus group discussion, conducting financial literacy and inclusion review, implementing outreach programs through thematic training of trainers for students carrying out the community service programs and training of communities.

On 31 July 2017, Indonesia's President Joko Widodo formed the National Committee for Sharia Finance, with the goal to strengthen research and education related to Islamic finance for better public awareness.⁴⁰⁹²

On 9 October 2017, OJK announced its ten "master policies" for the period of 2017-2022, which included a number of issues related to financial literacy and capability and their digital aspect, namely, (5) increasing efficiency in the financial services industry, (6) revitalizing the capital market to promote long-term development financing, (7) optimizing financial technology roles by means of proper regulation, licensing and supervision, (8) reducing disparity by providing financial access, (9)

⁴⁰⁸⁹ Press Release: National Strategy on Indonesian Financial Literacy (SNLKI) Revised to Achieve Target Financial Literacy and Inclusion Indices Faster, OJK 14 July 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-SNLKI-Revised-to-Achieve-Target-Financial-Literacy-and-Inclusion-Indices-Faster.aspx>

⁴⁰⁹⁰ Press Release: OJK Launches Financial Literacy E-book for High Schools and Financial Literacy Books for Professionals and Retirees, OJK 6 July 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/OJK-Launches-Financial-Literacy-E-book-for-High-Schools-and-Financial-Literacy-Books-for-Professionals-and-Retirees.aspx>

⁴⁰⁹¹ Press Release: OJK Partners with Bandung Institute of Technology to Raise Financial Literacy and Inclusion, OJK 17 July 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-OJK-Partners-with-Bandung-Institute-of-Technology-to-Raise-Financial-Literacy-and-Inclusion-.aspx>

⁴⁰⁹² Finance: New Efforts to Boost Sharia Banking in Indonesia, Indonesia Investments 31 July 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.indonesia-investments.com/news/todays-headlines/finance-new-efforts-to-boost-sharia-banking-in-indonesia/item8047?>

increasing consumer education and protection activities' effectiveness, and (10) promoting Islamic finance's increased contribution in providing funding sources for development.⁴⁰⁹³

On 20 October 2017, OJK announced granting of operating licenses to ten Islamic microfinance institutions as part of OJK's financial inclusion programs aimed to provide wider financial access to low-income communities; those ten Islamic microfinance institutions in various regions of Indonesia are expected to empower communities and raise public welfare, particularly in relation to those living in Islamic boarding schools and surrounding areas.⁴⁰⁹⁴

On 5 December 2017, the Bank Indonesia had launched the national payment gateway as part of the e-commerce development roadmap, with the goal to "actualize interconnectedness between switchings, as well as inter-operability of the national payment system," making cashless transactions easier and at a more affordable cost.⁴⁰⁹⁵

Indonesia has taken a number of important measures to promote digital and financial inclusion and capability among its population.

Thus, Indonesia is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy.

On 8 September 2017, the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance issued a decree instituting the Committee for Planning and Coordination of Financial Education Activities.⁴⁰⁹⁶

From 3 to 31 October 2017, the Bank of Italy, International Women House, and Global thinking Foundation co-hosted a series of financial education lectures for women.⁴⁰⁹⁷ The lectures were designed to familiarize women with such aspects of financial literacy as: household financial planning, banking services, risk hedging, access to credit.⁴⁰⁹⁸

On 28 November 2017, the Bank of Italy released the tenth edition of the "Financial Education in Schools" 2017/2018 program. The program is the joint project of the Bank of Italy and the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research. The program, conducted since 2015, serves to promote financial literacy and culture, as well as knowledge of the correspondent legislation among the youth.

⁴⁰⁹³ Press Release: OJK Sets 10 Master Policies for 2017 — 2022 Period, OJK 9 October 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-OJK-Sets-10-Master-Policies-for-2017-%E2%80%93-2022-Period.aspx>

⁴⁰⁹⁴ Press Release: OJK Issues Permits to 10 Islamic Microfinance Institutions (LKM), OJK 20 October 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <http://www.ojk.go.id/en/berita-dan-kegiatan/siaran-pers/Pages/Press-Release-OJK-Issues-Permits-to-10-Islamic-Microfinance-Institutions-LKM.aspx>

⁴⁰⁹⁵ E-commerce roadmap series: Bank Indonesia launches national payment gateway, E27 5 December 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <https://e27.co/bank-indonesia-officiates-national-payment-gateway-20171205/>

⁴⁰⁹⁶ Decreto costituzione Comitato Educazione finanziaria, Banca d'Italia 8 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. https://www.bancaditalia.it/chi-siamo/provvedimenti/Decreto_Min_03.08.2017.pdf

⁴⁰⁹⁷ "Impara, Risparmia, Guadagna" - Corso di educazione finanziaria al femminile alla Casa Internazionale delle Donne, Banca d'Italia 29 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/notizia/impara-risparmia-guadagna-corso-di-educazione-finanziaria-al-femminile-alla-casa-internazionale-delle-donne/>

⁴⁰⁹⁸ "Impara, Risparmia, Guadagna" - Corso di educazione finanziaria al femminile alla Casa Internazionale delle Donne, Banca d'Italia 29 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/notizia/impara-risparmia-guadagna-corso-di-educazione-finanziaria-al-femminile-alla-casa-internazionale-delle-donne/>

According to the Bank of Italy, in 2016 more than 114.000 students were involved in the program.⁴⁰⁹⁹ The school curriculum under the program also covers digital aspects of the modern financial system, including electronic payment instruments, dematerialization of money flows, e-commerce, etc.⁴¹⁰⁰

Italy has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and to implement special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, Italy has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

Japan: 0

Japan has partly complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

In November 2017, Japan's Financial Services Agency published Strategic Directions and Priorities for 2017-2018 for the development of the financial sector. Among other goals the document elaborates on the issue of financial literacy of the population and discusses the ways to improve financial capabilities of the individuals and small and medium-sized enterprises in general.⁴¹⁰¹

Japan has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but has not implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, Japan has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with the commitment on digital and financial literacy and capability.

On 20 July 2017, Korea's Ministry of Science and Information and Communications Technology published the Master Plan for the intelligent information society that focuses on encouraging necessary pillars on which the 4th industrial revolution in Korea will be based on. The measures proposed in the Plan embrace proper financing of digital platforms' development initiatives, industrial transformation and major changes in job structure including fostering data scientists and workers capable of operating in digitalized economy due to proper skills.⁴¹⁰²

Korea has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but has not implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

⁴⁰⁹⁹ Decima edizione del programma della Banca d'Italia "Educazione finanziaria nelle scuole" per l'anno scolastico 2017/2018, Banca d'Italia 28 November 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018.

<https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/notizia/decima-edizione-del-programma-della-banca-d-italia-educazione-finanziaria-nelle-scuole-per-l-anno-scolastico-2017-2018/>.

⁴¹⁰⁰ "Impara, Risparmia, Guadagna" - Corso di educazione finanziaria al femminile alla Casa Internazionale delle Donne, Banca d'Italia 29 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.bancaditalia.it/media/notizia/impara-risparmia-guadagna-corso-di-educazione-finanziaria-al-femminile-alla-casa-internazionale-delle-donne/>.

⁴¹⁰¹ Summary Points from Strategic Directions and Priorities 2017-2018, Financial Services Agency of Japan. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.fsa.go.jp/en/news/2018/2017StrategicDirectionsSummary-English.pdf>

⁴¹⁰² Master Plan for the intelligent information society. Access date: 20 December 2017. URL: <http://www.msip.go.kr/dynamic/file/afieldfile/msse56/1352869/2017/07/20/Master%20Plan%20for%20the%20intelligent%20information%20society.pdf>

Thus, Korea has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 7 September 2017, the Secretariat of Finance and Public Credit published the National Strategy for Financial Education.⁴¹⁰³ The goal of the program is to raise the level of financial inclusion and promote the sustainable development of financial sector through the educational programs in financial literacy.⁴¹⁰⁴ The program contains special provisions dedicated to digital financial literacy. It has six lines of action that consider the different stages of life and the personal circumstances of the population and companies, as well as the context and sociodemographic conditions of specific segments that allow maximizing the impact of the strategy. The lines of action complement and reinforce each other to include the entire population and achieve an integral ecosystem in which financial education serves as an engine to increase the welfare of society as a whole.⁴¹⁰⁵

On 2-8 October 2017, Mexico organized the National Week of Financial Education 2017.⁴¹⁰⁶ It consisted of various exhibitions, conferences, games, plays, information booths, workshops and was aimed at promoting financial literacy among the citizens, including the digital aspect. The events also promoted knowledge on correct administration of financial resources; the rights of financial consumers; the risks of over-indebtedness and the misuse of financial products and services.⁴¹⁰⁷

23 October 2017, the Ministry of Public Education and the Bank of National Savings and Financial Services (Bansefi), resumed the courses on financial education at the basic level.⁴¹⁰⁸ This initiative materializes some of the objectives established in National Financial Education Strategy, so that financial institutions, in coordination with the education sector, promote the financial culture and encourage the saving of children and young people.⁴¹⁰⁹

Mexico has taken steps to strengthen both financial and digital literacy and capability.

Thus, Mexico has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

⁴¹⁰³ Estrategia Nacional de Educacao Financeira, Government of Mexico 7 September 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/254597/Estrategia_Nacional_de_Educacio_n_Financiera__002_.pdf

⁴¹⁰⁴ Estrategia Nacional de Educacao Financeira, Government of Mexico 7 September 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/254597/Estrategia_Nacional_de_Educacio_n_Financiera__002_.pdf

⁴¹⁰⁵ Estrategia Nacional de Educacao Financeira, Government of Mexico 7 September 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/254597/Estrategia_Nacional_de_Educacio_n_Financiera__002_.pdf

⁴¹⁰⁶ Semana Nacional de Educación Financiera 2017, <https://www.gob.mx/condusef/articulos/semana-nacional-de-educacion-financiera-2017>

⁴¹⁰⁷ Semana Nacional de Educación Financiera 2017, <https://www.gob.mx/condusef/articulos/semana-nacional-de-educacion-financiera-2017>

⁴¹⁰⁸ Comunicado 26/2017 Reanudan SEP y Bansefi cursos de educación financiera en escuelas públicas de nivel básico, Government of Mexico 23 October 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/bansefi/prensa/comunicado-26-2017-reanudan-sep-y-bansefi-cursos-de-educacion-financiera-en-escuelas-publicas-de-nivel-basico>

⁴¹⁰⁹ Comunicado 26/2017 Reanudan SEP y Bansefi cursos de educación financiera en escuelas públicas de nivel básico, Government of Mexico 23 October 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/bansefi/prensa/comunicado-26-2017-reanudan-sep-y-bansefi-cursos-de-educacion-financiera-en-escuelas-publicas-de-nivel-basico>

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 28 July 2017 the government of the Russian Federation presented the national digital economy strategy.⁴¹¹⁰ The strategy is focused on promoting national digital security, proper specialists training and wide spread of digital literacy among the population of the country.⁴¹¹¹

On 15 August 2017, the government of the Russian Federation appointed a subcommittee on promotion of digital technologies, digital literacy and business activity.⁴¹¹² Ordinance №1739-p has specified the list of members of the subcommittee including representatives of the federal government, Central Office of the Government of Russia, Executive Office of the President and other relevant governmental organizations.⁴¹¹³

On 06 October 2017, Dmitry Medvedev, the prime minister of the Russian Federation, held a meeting with Olga Vasilyeva, the Minister of Education, Sergey Sobyenin, the mayor of Moscow and other officials on supplementary education of children.⁴¹¹⁴ One of the issues discussed was the promotion of skills and general knowledge about financial sphere among middle-school pupils. The meeting was concluded with the prime-minister's order concerning further actions of related agencies, municipal and governmental bodies on issues discussed.⁴¹¹⁵

Russia has taken steps to strengthen financial and digital literacy and capability.

Thus, Russia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 27 March 2018, Deloitte Saudi Arabia announced plans to support development of digital skills and digital-educated workforce in Saudi Arabia. The plan implies establishment of a Deloitte Digital Delivery Center in the capital of the country in close cooperation with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies.⁴¹¹⁶

On 28 March 2018, Saudi Arabia and the United States signed several agreements and Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in key spheres such as bilateral trade, investments, education,

⁴¹¹⁰ National program "Digital economy of the Russian Federation". Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/docs/28653/>

⁴¹¹¹ National program "Digital economy of the Russian Federation". Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/docs/28653/>

⁴¹¹² Operational administrative body to promote the national program "Digital Economy of the Russian Federation". Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/docs/28824/>

⁴¹¹³ Operational administrative body to promote the national program "Digital Economy of the Russian Federation". Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/docs/28824/>

⁴¹¹⁴ Concluding decisions of the meeting on supplementary education of children. Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/orders/selection/401/29662/>

⁴¹¹⁵ Concluding decisions of the meeting on supplementary education of children. Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/orders/selection/401/29662/>

⁴¹¹⁶ Deloitte announces plan to support digital skills development in Saudi Arabia. Access date: ... URL: <http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/531391/BUSINESS/Deloitte-announces-plan-to-support-digital-skills-development-in-Saudi-Arabia>

information technologies and communications.⁴¹¹⁷ One of the agreements was concluded between Saudi Aramco (the national oil company) and Google signed a cooperation agreement on use of cloud computing and other digital technologies that falls within the margins of the Saudi Arabia Vision 2030 Strategy focusing on promotion of ICT and digital skills in the Kingdom.⁴¹¹⁸

Saudi Arabia has taken steps to promote digital literacy and capability among population but has not taken steps to promote financial literacy.

Thus, Saudi Arabia has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 4 August 2017, the Financial Service Board initiated the second leg of the “MylifeMymoney” financial literacy speech competition among high-school students.⁴¹¹⁹ The competition requires an in-deep research on one of the approved topics and presentation to an audience. The project is well-sponsored and provides the winners with grants and money prizes.⁴¹²⁰

On 10 August 2017, the South African Municipal Workers’ Union, the largest local government trade union, and Sanlam announced the launch of a new financial literacy program aimed at the promotion of proper skills including personal budgeting and general financial discipline among workers.⁴¹²¹

South Africa has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but has not implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, it has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Turkey: +1

Turkey has fully complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 6 September 2017, Turkey and the World Bank Group renewed their partnership with the introduction of a new Country Partnership Framework for the period of 2018-2021; and a renewed Country Partnership Framework with funding of USD5-7.5 billion or three core areas, namely,

⁴¹¹⁷ Saudi, US companies sign 36 MoUs. URL: <http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/531432/World/America/Saudi-US-companies-sign-36-MoUs>

⁴¹¹⁸ Saudi, US companies sign 36 MoUs. URL: <http://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/531432/World/America/Saudi-US-companies-sign-36-MoUs>

⁴¹¹⁹ MylifeMymoney Financial Literacy Speech Competition 2017 launched. Access date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.moneymarketing.co.za/mylifemymoney-financial-literacy-speech-competition-2017-launched/>

⁴¹²⁰ MylifeMymoney Financial Literacy Speech Competition 2017 launched. Access date: 11 December 2017. <https://www.moneymarketing.co.za/mylifemymoney-financial-literacy-speech-competition-2017-launched/>

⁴¹²¹ SAMWU and Sanlam launch a financial literacy program. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.samwu.org.za/press-statements/item/1490-samwu-and-sanlam-launch-a-financial-literacy-program.html>

growth, inclusion and sustainability; the inclusion dimension implies measures to strengthen, among others, financial inclusion.⁴¹²²

On 30 October 2017, reports came that Turkey's Deniz Bank won the Best New Product or Service nomination of 2017 Efma-Accenture Distribution & Marketing Innovation Awards, for the bank's Augmented Agricultural Banking App targeted at farmers by giving them insight on crop rotations, planting, watering and fertilizing, and even integrating the features of reviewing and purchasing farm machinery.⁴¹²³

On 3 November 2017, Turkey's Central Bank admitted cryptocurrencies could positively contribute to financial stability, and announced it had formed a research group consisting of digital asset market participants, Turkish government officials, and regulators, with the goal to explore the issues of cryptocurrencies in more detail and better inform cryptocurrencies users of their pertaining features.⁴¹²⁴

On 24-28 November 2017, Turkey held the 7th Global Islamic Microfinance Forum in Istanbul, having discussed, among others, the issues of Islamic microfinance financial technology and financial inclusion through Islamic microfinance.⁴¹²⁵

On 11 January 2018, following a similar earlier decision by Central Bank,, Turkey's Treasury Financial Stability Committee announced establishment of a working group to develop regulations on the cryptocurrencies and inform the public about their risks.⁴¹²⁶

Turkey is taking steps to enhance its population's digital and financial literacy and capability.

Thus, Turkey has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 29 September 2017, at the Tallinn Digital Summit, 16 member states adopted strategies aimed at enhancing digital literacy and skills or are in the process of doing so. Countries with comprehensive

⁴¹²² World Bank Group spares up to USD7.5 bln financing for Turkey for next five years, Hurriyet Daily News 6 September 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <http://www.hurriyetsayis.com/world-bank-group-spares-up-to-75-bln-financing-for-turkey-for-next-five-years--117648>

⁴¹²³ Top 10 Retail Banking Innovations in the World, The Financial Brand 30 October 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://thefinancialbrand.com/68377/best-innovations-retail-banking-digital-trends/>

⁴¹²⁴ Turkey CB: "Cryptocurrencies May Contribute to Financial Stability", Bitcoin.com 3 November 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://news.bitcoin.com/turkish-central-bank-president-cryptocurrencies-may-contribute-to-financial-stability/>

⁴¹²⁵ Islamic microfinance necessary for poverty eradication, The Nation 22 December 2017. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://nation.com.pk/22-Dec-2017/islamic-microfinance-necessary-for-poverty-eradication>

⁴¹²⁶ Turkey forms Bitcoin working group, warns against cryptocurrency, Daily Sabah 11 January 2018. Access date: 17 January 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/finance/2018/01/11/turkey-forms-bitcoin-working-group-warns-against-cryptocurrency>

national strategies include the Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.⁴¹²⁷

On 13-19 November 2017, the UK held Financial Capability Week. Financial Capability Week is an annual event which celebrates, showcases and amplifies the work underway to improve financial capability and ultimately to improve financial wellbeing.⁴¹²⁸ The week is organized as part of the Financial Capability Strategy for the UK and aims to get more people talking about money.⁴¹²⁹

On 22 November 2017, the Chancellor announced a new scheme to promote lifelong learning, focused on digital and construction skills.⁴¹³⁰ The Chancellor laid out a package that invests in education at every stage of people's lives. This included reforms to technical education and significant funding in Math and digital.⁴¹³¹

On 1 December 2017, HM Revenue & Customs created Tax Calculator.⁴¹³² It provides an estimate of how much people could get in tax credits during the tax year. It also provides people an opportunity to calculate annual budget of person or family and ways how is better to distribute it on taxes.⁴¹³³

The United Kingdom has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, the UK has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Nikita Efremov

United States: 0

The United States has partially complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 30 August 2017, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the United States Department of the Treasury, and the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network issued as joint memorandum to encourage coordination among financial institutions, law enforcement, and adult protective service agencies (APS) in order to protect older adults from elder financial exploitation.⁴¹³⁴

⁴¹²⁷ Tallinn Digital Summit — digital skills in Europe, European Commission 28 September 2017. Access date: 16 September 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/digital-skills-factsheet-tallinn_en.pdf.

⁴¹²⁸ Financial Capability Week, official website 13-19 November 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <https://www.fincap.org.uk/fincapweek>

⁴¹²⁹ Financial Capability Week, official website 13-19 November 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <https://www.fincap.org.uk/fincapweek>

⁴¹³⁰ Education in the media, Gov.UK, 23 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2017/11/23/2775/>

⁴¹³¹ Education in the media, Gov.UK, 23 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2017/11/23/2775/>

⁴¹³² Tax credits calculator, HM Revenue & Customs Government 1 December 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-credits-calculator>

⁴¹³³ Tax credits calculator, HM Revenue & Customs Government 1 December 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-credits-calculator>

⁴¹³⁴ Memorandum on financial institution and law enforcement efforts to combat elder financial exploitation, Financial Literacy and Education Commission 31 August 2017. Access date: 29 March 2017 <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/policy-compliance/guidance/implementation-guidance/memorandum-financial-institution-and-law-enforcement-efforts-combat-elder-financial-exploitation/>

On 13 December 2017, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau held the Youth Employment Success Roundtable in 2017 to give youth employment programs the opportunity to share their learning, elevate the challenges they experience in supporting financial knowledge and skill development for young workers.⁴¹³⁵

On 14 December 2017, the Financial Literacy and Education Commission held a public meeting at the US Department of the Treasury in Washington DC. The meeting previewed the plan for 2018 and beyond, highlighted 2017 activities and included a presentation on economic trends that informed the commission's work in the upcoming months.⁴¹³⁶

The U.S. has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability but has not implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, the US has received a score of 0.

Analysts: Svetlana Shapovalova and Anastasia Kataeva

European Union: +1

The European Union has fully complied with the commitment on financial and digital literacy and capability.

On 8 September 2017, the International Literacy Day was held in Europe under the theme of 'Literacy in a digital world'. Its aim was to look at what kind of literacy skills people need to navigate increasingly digitally-mediated societies, and to explore effective literacy policies and programmes that can leverage the opportunities that the digital world provides. It took place to recognize and reward excellent literacy practices from around the world in connection with this year's theme and as a key target in Sustainable Development Goal 4.⁴¹³⁷ On 21 September 2017, the EU published the Digital Competence publication.⁴¹³⁸ It offered a number of useful resources including teaching materials and resources, as well as creative approaches to embedding digital technologies in education and training.⁴¹³⁹ The compendium included chapters on teaching methodologies using information communication technologies (ICTs) (projects that provide flexible learning scenarios and ICT tools for teaching and learning), developing teachers' digital pedagogic skills (projects that develop teachers' skills in how to use innovative ICT content for teaching and learning), institutional strategies to enable the use of ICTs in teaching and learning (projects that promote and demonstrate the innovative

⁴¹³⁵ Developing the financial capability of America's young workers, Financial Literacy and Education Commission. Access date: 29 March 2017. <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/research-reports/developing-financial-capability-americas-young-workers/>

⁴¹³⁶ Financial Literacy and Education Commission, US Treasury. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/financial-education/Pages/commission-index.aspx>

⁴¹³⁷ International Literacy Day — Literacy in a digital world, European Commission 8 September 2017. Access date 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/epale/en/content/international-literacy-day-literacy-digital-world-0>.

⁴¹³⁸ Digital Competences — a collection of innovative and inspiring resources: explore, learn, share — 2017, EU Law and Publications 21 September 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2d9d49f6-9f42-11e7-b92d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.

⁴¹³⁹ Digital Competences — a collection of innovative and inspiring resources: explore, learn, share — 2017, EU Law and Publications 21 September 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2d9d49f6-9f42-11e7-b92d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.

use of ICT tools in the classroom), digital literacy strategies to help learners acquire digital skills (projects that support different target groups to acquire digital skills).⁴¹⁴⁰

On 29 September 2017, at the Tallinn Digital Summit financing from the European Investment Fund was allocated to 16 member states that adopted strategies to enhance digital literacy and skills. Countries with comprehensive national strategies include the Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.⁴¹⁴¹ Also, following a European initiative 17 members launched a national Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition.⁴¹⁴² The programs included the Connected Schools Programme in Spain (it will provide ultra-fast broadband access (100 Mbit/s and more) to 16,500 primary and secondary schools, with a high capacity wireless network in every school) and Coursedot in Bulgaria (a digital marketplace for information technology (IT) training to connect businesses that need to upskill employees with IT training providers, with an initial investment from the of EUR100,000).⁴¹⁴³

On 25 October 2017, the European Commission announced the launch of the Digital Opportunity traineeship programme.⁴¹⁴⁴ The Digital Opportunity traineeship initiative will provide cross-border traineeships for up to 6,000 students and recent graduates between 2018 and 2020.⁴¹⁴⁵ The aim is to give students of all disciplines (including finance) the opportunity to get hands on digital experience in fields demanded by the market.⁴¹⁴⁶ The Digital Opportunity trainees will strengthen ICT specific skills, in fields like cybersecurity, big data, quantum technology and machine learning or boost digital skills for business in areas like web design, digital marketing, and software development.⁴¹⁴⁷ The first traineeships will start in June 2018 and the interns will receive an allowance of around EUR500 per month, for an average of five months.⁴¹⁴⁸

On 24 November 2017, the European Commission announced that twenty projects which encourage the development of digital skills in Europe had been selected as finalists for the European Digital

⁴¹⁴⁰ Digital Competences — a collection of innovative and inspiring resources: explore, learn, share — 2017, EU Law and Publications 21 September 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://publications.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2d9d49f6-9f42-11e7-b92d-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.

⁴¹⁴¹ Tallinn Digital Summit — digital skills in Europe, European Commission 28 September 2017. Access date: 16 September 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/digital-skills-factsheet-tallinn_en.pdf.

⁴¹⁴² Tallinn Digital Summit — digital skills in Europe, European Commission 28 September 2017. Access date: 16 September 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/digital-skills-factsheet-tallinn_en.pdf.

⁴¹⁴³ Tallinn Digital Summit — digital skills in Europe, European Commission 28 September 2017. Access date: 16 September 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/digital-skills-factsheet-tallinn_en.pdf.

⁴¹⁴⁴ Digital Opportunity traineeship: boosting digital skills on the job, European Commission 25 October 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/digital-opportunity-traineeships-boosting-digital-skills-job>.

⁴¹⁴⁵ Digital Opportunity traineeship: boosting digital skills on the job, European Commission 25 October 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/digital-opportunity-traineeships-boosting-digital-skills-job>.

⁴¹⁴⁶ Digital Opportunity traineeship: boosting digital skills on the job, European Commission 25 October 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/digital-opportunity-traineeships-boosting-digital-skills-job>.

⁴¹⁴⁷ Digital Opportunity traineeship: boosting digital skills on the job, European Commission 25 October 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/digital-opportunity-traineeships-boosting-digital-skills-job>.

⁴¹⁴⁸ Digital Opportunity traineeship: boosting digital skills on the job, European Commission 25 October 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/digital-opportunity-traineeships-boosting-digital-skills-job>.

Skills Award 2017.⁴¹⁴⁹ The best projects promoting excellence in Digital Skills would be awarded by Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Digital Economy and Society, at the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition conference in Brussels on 7 December 2018.⁴¹⁵⁰

On 7 December 2018, the EU held the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition Conference in Brussels. At the conference Commissioner Gabriel launched the new Digital Opportunity scheme for traineeships in digital and presented the European Digital Skills Awards 2017 for outstanding projects that had boosted the digital skills of Europeans.⁴¹⁵¹ The conference included plenary panels on investments in digital skills and skills needed for the future and hosted parallel workshops on digital skills for citizens, small and medium sized enterprises and for education. The conference staged an exhibition where winners and runners-up of the European Digital Skills Awards, as well as other digital skills best-practices, were displayed.⁴¹⁵²

The EU has taken steps to strengthen financial literacy and capability and implemented special measures aimed at promoting digital finance literacy and digital finance capability.

Thus, the EU has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Karina Khasanova

⁴¹⁴⁹ 20 outstanding projects reach the finals of the European Digital Skills Award 2017, European Commission 24 November 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/20-outstanding-projects-reach-finals-european-digital-skills-awards-2017>.

⁴¹⁵⁰ 20 outstanding projects reach the finals of the European Digital Skills Award 2017, European Commission 24 November 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/20-outstanding-projects-reach-finals-european-digital-skills-awards-2017>.

⁴¹⁵¹ Digital Opportunities for Europe - Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition Conference, European Commission 7 December 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/digital-opportunities-europe-digital-skills-and-jobs-coalition-conference>.

⁴¹⁵² Digital Opportunities for Europe - Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition Conference, European Commission 7 December 2017. Access date: 16 December 2017. <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/digital-opportunities-europe-digital-skills-and-jobs-coalition-conference>.

14. Climate Change: Climate Resilience

“The G20 will promote adaptation efforts and cooperation on climate resilience within the G20 and beyond.”

G20 Hamburg Climate and Energy Action Plan for Growth

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia		0	
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia	-1		
South Africa		0	
Turkey	-1		
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.65		

Background

The G20 first addressed climate change at its inaugural leaders’ summit in Washington in 2008.⁴¹⁵³ The G20 recognizes the critical importance of climate change: it “represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet, and thus requires to be urgently addressed by all [countries].”⁴¹⁵⁴ Many commitments made at past G20 summits have either addressed climate change directly, or have held climate change as the underlying theme. These include commitments relating to clean energy and food and agriculture, among others. At the 2009 London Summit, G20 members expressed their support for the United Nations Framework

⁴¹⁵³ Declaration of the Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy, 2008 Washington Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 15 November 2008. Access Date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g7.utoronto.ca/g20/2008/2008declaration1115.html>.

⁴¹⁵⁴ Report of the Conference of the Parties on its Seventeenth Session, Held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Bonn) 15 March 2012. Access Date: 30 March 2018. <http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2011/cop17/eng/09a01.pdf#page=2>.

Convention on Climate Change.⁴¹⁵⁵ This support has been reiterated at every G20 summit since then, including the most recent one in Hamburg in 2017.

Commitment Features

The commitment requires the G20 members to promote adaptation to climate change while engaging in cooperation with their international partners both within the G20 and beyond.

To achieve full compliance with this commitment, G20 members must:

Promote climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally, including thorough building resilient infrastructure, raising public awareness on climate change issues, increasing institutional capacities to counter climate change ramifications, providing aid to vulnerable communities domestically and/or abroad; and

Engage in international partnerships with other governments, international organizations and/or non-governmental actors from other countries on the aforementioned issues.

Scoring Guidelines

–1	Member does not promote climate change adaptation and resilience building neither unilaterally nor in international partnerships.
0	Member promotes climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally but does not engage in international partnerships to that end.
+1	Member promotes climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 29 August 2017, the Ministries of Environment and Sustainable Development and Education launched an online platform to monitor progress the national campaign “Schools plant against climate change.” The campaign proposes to plant one million trees of native species in educational establishments throughout Argentina over a one-year period as well as raise awareness of the importance of native forests to mitigate the effects of climate change. The web platform will facilitate an access to the information on a number of trees planted within the framework of the campaign in each province of the country and in each ecoregion, detailing the quantity and variety of species. The platform will also help to share the experiences of the schools and will have updated educational resources on native forests, their relationship with climate change, among others.⁴¹⁵⁶

On 31 August — 1 September 2017, Head of the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development Patricia Holzman participated in the launching workshop of the Urban Mobility Sector of the EUROCLIMA + Program that was held in Lima, Peru. The program is implemented by the European Commission to promote cooperation between Latin America and the

⁴¹⁵⁵ Global Plan for Recovery and Reform, 2009 London Summit, G20 Information Centre (Toronto) 2 April 2009. Access Date: 30 March 2018. www.g7.utoronto.ca/g20/2009/2009communique0402.html.

⁴¹⁵⁶ Ambiente y Educación avanzan en la iniciativa para plantar un millón de árboles. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-y-educacion-avanzan-en-la-iniciativa-para-plantar-un-millon-de-arboles/>.

European Union on climate change issues. At the workshop, Holzman outlined Argentina's climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.⁴¹⁵⁷

On 1 September 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development launched the second edition of the PROESUS National Contest, a national competition for sustainable entrepreneurs that awards winners from across the country who generate a positive environmental impact through projects using new technologies. The objective of the contest is to detect, promote, and strengthen ventures that promote sustainable development in agriculture, sustainable use of water and soil resources, and addressing climate change, among others. 15 winning projects will receive access to the Incubation Program for Sustainable Ventures and receive honour loans from the Seed Fund of the Ministry of Production. The first edition of the contest had 10 winning enterprises selected from more than 300 representatives.⁴¹⁵⁸

On 11 September 2017, the Workshop on Climate Action and Urban Resilience, organized by the World Bank in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, was held at the Museum of Modern Art in Buenos Aires. The event aimed to strengthen the capacities of cities and municipalities in the context of climate change. It was attended by representatives of Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Brazil.⁴¹⁵⁹

On 3 October 2017, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development Sergio Bergman presented the Risk Map System of Climate Change, an interactive platform that visualizes risk maps, different scenarios of threats, and social vulnerabilities related to climate change. The tool is useful for public and private decision-makers for planning long-term investment and strengthening adaptation measures at the local, regional, and national levels.⁴¹⁶⁰

On 1 December 2017, Undersecretary of Planning and Environmental Planning Dolores Duverges attended the eighth meeting of the Negotiating Committee of the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean, which was held in Santiago, Chile. The participants of the meeting represented 24 countries and sought to reach consensus to implement the rights enshrined in Principle 10 in the 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development regarding free access to environmental information in Latin America and the Caribbean. At the meeting, the Undersecretary stated that “in 2017m Argentinian governmental bodies implemented actions aimed at facilitating citizen access to public environmental information.” Examples include the Environment Report, Environmental Information and Open Data Platforms, and Citizen Participation Program, as well as work with the Ministry of Justice on incorporating a chapter on environmental crimes into the Criminal Code. Similar meetings were previously organized Buenos Aires in July and August.⁴¹⁶¹

⁴¹⁵⁷ Ambiente participó en Perú del encuentro EUROCLIMA+. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-participo-en-peru-del-encuentro-euroclima/>.

⁴¹⁵⁸ Ambiente lanza la segunda edición del concurso nacional para emprendedores sustentables. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-lanza-la-segunda-edicion-del-concurso-nacional-para-emprendedores-sustentables/>.

⁴¹⁵⁹ Ambiente capacita sobre acción climática y resiliencia urbana. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-capacita-sobre-accion-climatica-y-resiliencia-urbana/>.

⁴¹⁶⁰ Ambiente lanzó el Sistema de Mapas de Riesgo del Cambio Climático. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/ambiente-lanzo-el-sistema-de-mapas-de-riesgo-del-cambio-climatico/>.

⁴¹⁶¹ Argentina presente en reunión regional por el acceso a la información y la participación ambiental. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/argentina-presente-en-reunion-regional-por-el-acceso-a-la-informacion-y-la-participacion-ambiental/>.

During the compliance period Argentina has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: 0

Australia has partially complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 11 December 2017, the Climate Change Authority released the final report on its review of the Emissions Reduction Fund. The authority found that the fund is performing well, and creating incentives for new domestic emissions reductions at low cost that will contribute to Australia reaching its targets under the Paris Agreement.⁴¹⁶²

On 19 December 2017, the 2017 Review of Climate Change Policies Report was released. The Australian government's climate change plan includes: 1) reducing emissions by 5 per cent below 2000 levels by 2020, 2) reducing emissions by 26 to 28 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, 3) doubling Australia's renewable energy capacity to be achieved in 2020 which is driving innovation, creating jobs and providing a cleaner future, 4) helping improve energy productivity by 40 per cent by 2030, 5) ensuring big business and Australia's largest emitters do their part and continue to reduce emissions, 6) helping expand and protect our green spaces and iconic places such as the Great Barrier Reef, 7) spurring businesses, communities, households and individuals into ongoing action to reduce emissions, 8) investing in innovation and clean technology to help capture the opportunities of a cleaner future, and 9) managing climate risks by building resilience in the community, economy and environment.⁴¹⁶³

Australia has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience only on national level.

Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Arkadiy Khudyakov

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 21 June 2017, the governments of Brazil and Russia signed a bilateral agreement to cooperate on a number of issues, including combating climate change and implementing the Paris Agreement.⁴¹⁶⁴

On 8 July 2017, the United Nations contributed to the creation of EducaClima website. The UN also launched video contest for young people interested in the climate agenda. EducaClima is a website

⁴¹⁶² Review of the Emissions Reduction Fund — final report, Climate Change Authority of Australia. Access date: 29 March 2018. <http://www.climatechangeauthority.gov.au/>

⁴¹⁶³ Australia is meeting its climate change targets, improving the environment and supporting an effective international response, Department of Environment and Energy of Australian Government. Access date: 29 March 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/climate-change/government>

⁴¹⁶⁴ Governos do Brasil e Rússia assinam declaração e atos de cooperação bilateral, Portal Brasil 22 October 2017. Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/governo/planalto/governos-do-brasil-e-russia-assinam-declaracao-e-atos-de-cooperacao-bilateral>

created by Ministry of the Environment to educate on and raise public awareness of climate change. The portal was launched on 16 March 2018.⁴¹⁶⁵

On 31 July 2017, Brazil and the United Kingdom agreed to collaborate to further green finance. Both sides welcomed the partnership between the UK and Brazil, including between the City of London's Green Finance Initiative and Brazil's Council for Sustainable Market Development, convened jointly by Brazil's Business Council for Sustainable Development and the Climate Bonds Initiative.⁴¹⁶⁶

On 13 November 2017, Minister of Environment H.E. José Sarney Filho attended the G20 Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change in Bonn, Germany. At the meeting, G20 ministers underscored the importance of operationalizing the long-term vision on technology development and transfer, as set out in the Paris Agreement. They called for accelerating work and elaborating on the new Technology Framework, including its guidance on the Technology Mechanism.⁴¹⁶⁷

On 14 November 2017, the Brazilian government declared that Germany and the UK would provide a combined USD153 million to expand programs to fight climate change and deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. Approximately USD88 million will go to a program in two Brazilian states to pay indigenous peoples and farmers in exchange for maintaining forest coverage. The programs also provide funding for related sustainable economic development projects⁴¹⁶⁸

On 20 December 2017, the Brazilian government declared that Amazon Fund would receive USD271.2 million from Norway and Germany, managed by the National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES). The initiative aims to recover 3,000 hectares of the Legal Amazon. To this end, Norwegian and German investments will help to prevent, monitor, and combat the degradation of the region's vegetation.⁴¹⁶⁹

Brazil has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Logvinenko Dmitry

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

⁴¹⁶⁵ Portal reunirá dados sobre mudança do clima, Ministry of Environment, 8 July 17, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.mma.gov.br/index.php/comunicacao/agencia-informma?view=blog&id=2456>

⁴¹⁶⁶ Joint statement by the Finance Minister of Brazil and the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the 2nd UK-Brazil Economic and Financial Dialogue held in Brasília on 31 July 2017, UK government web site, 31 July 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017 https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/637058/UK-Brazil_2nd_Economic_and_Financial_Dialogue_-_Joint_Statement.pdf

⁴¹⁶⁷ Joint Statement Issued at the Conclusion of the 25th BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change — Bonn, Germany, November 13, 2017, Portal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 17 November 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/en/press-releases/17888-joint-statement-issued-at-the-conclusion-of-the-25th-basic-ministerial-meeting-on-climate-change-bonn-germany-november-13-2017>

⁴¹⁶⁸ Germany, Britain inject USD153 million in Amazon climate change fight, Reuters, November 14, 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-brazil-climatechange-funding/germany-britain-inject-153-million-in-amazon-climate-change-fight-idUSKBN1DE238>

⁴¹⁶⁹ Fundo Amazônia recebe reforço de R\$ 271,2 milhões da Noruega e da Alemanha, Portal Brasil 21 December 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017 <http://www.brasil.gov.br/meio-ambiente/2017/12/fundo-amazonia-recebe-reforco-de-r-271-2-milhoes-da-noruega-e-da-alemanha>

On 21 July 2017, the federal, provincial, and territorial Ministers of Agriculture reached an agreement on the key elements of Canada's new agricultural policy framework, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, which will include programs to support clean growth and climate change as part of a USD3 billion investment. Under the Partnership, jurisdictions will make investments to enhance carbon storage in agricultural soils, generate bioproducts and biofuels, and advance research and innovation to support greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the agricultural sector.⁴¹⁷⁰

On 29 August 2017, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna announced the launch of the Expert Panel on Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Results. The Expert Panel will advise the Government of Canada on measuring progress on adaptation and climate resilience to better understand how federal, provincial, and territorial adaptation efforts are building Canada's resilience to climate change. The Expert Panel will support the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, which implements Canada's plan to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction target, build resilience to the impacts of climate change, and create clean growth and jobs through investments in clean technology, innovation, and infrastructure.⁴¹⁷¹

On 7 November 2017, the Canadian government ratified the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, a global agreement to phase out the use of HFCs, which are potent greenhouse gases used in air conditioners and aerosols. The Canadian government also encouraged other countries to sign the amendment this fall.⁴¹⁷²

On 8 November 2017, Minister McKenna and Minister of Science Kirsty Duncan announced up to USD1.6 million in funding to support research in Canada's high Arctic. The funding will allow Canadian university scientists to carry out uninterrupted research operations and data collection at the Polar Environment Atmospheric Research Laboratory until the fall of 2019. This support contributes to Environment and Climate Change Canada's leading-edge monitoring and research in the Arctic, related to air quality, the ozone layer, and climate change. With the Arctic heating up twice as fast as the rest of the world, understanding this region is more important than ever.⁴¹⁷³

On 15 November 2017, Minister McKenna announced that the Government of Canada will invest USD1.6 million to help the four Pacific Alliance countries address climate change. Established in 2011, the Pacific Alliance is a regional initiative by Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru. The USD1.6-million project will help the Pacific Alliance reduce climate pollutants, attract investment supporting

⁴¹⁷⁰ Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change first annual report: complementary actions to reduce emissions, Government of Canada 8 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/pan-canadian-framework/first-annual-report/complementary-actions-reduce-emissions.html>

⁴¹⁷¹ The Government of Canada creates an expert panel on adapting to climate change, Government of Canada 29 August 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2017/08/the_government_ofcanadacreatesanexpertpanelonadaptingtoclimatetech.html

⁴¹⁷² Canada ratifies global agreement to reduce powerful greenhouse gases and heads to international climate change conference to urge climate action, Government of Canada 7 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2017/11/canada_ratifies_globalagreementtoreducepowerfulgreenhousegasesan.html

⁴¹⁷³ The Government of Canada announces funding for academic-led climate research in Canada's high Arctic, Cision 8 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/the-government-of-canada-announces-funding-for-academic-led-climate-research-in-canadas-high-arctic-656151373.html>

climate actions, and help create a cleaner environment for Pacific Alliance countries, as well as Canada and the rest of the world.⁴¹⁷⁴

On 16 November 2017, during the Bonn climate change conference, Canada and the United Kingdom, along with the Marshall Islands, launched the “Powering Past Coal” alliance inviting governmental entities from around the world to phase out dirty coal power plants.⁴¹⁷⁵

On 20 November 2017, Minister McKenna met with Rwandan Minister of Environment Vincent Biruta to sign a memorandum of understanding on environmental cooperation. The memorandum of understanding identifies five areas where the two countries will work together: climate change, the green economy, environmental compliance and enforcement, sustainable urban wetland management, and other environmental issues of mutual interest.⁴¹⁷⁶

On 27 November 2017, Minister McKenna confirmed that the Canadian government is ready to force polluters to pay for their carbon emissions and will introduce a new law to achieve this in 2018.⁴¹⁷⁷

On 12 December 2017, at the One Planet Summit in Paris, Canada and the World Bank announced a partnership to support effective climate action in developing countries in support of the Paris Agreement. Canada and the World Bank will support the acceleration of developing countries’ transition away from traditional coal-fired electricity toward clean energy to power their fast-growing economies. This partnership reflects the broader commitment of the World Bank and Canada to support the transition to low-carbon and climate resilient economies and to catalyze inclusive growth that works for everyone and create jobs.⁴¹⁷⁸

On 13 December 2017, Minister McKenna and French Minister of the Environment Nicolas Hulot agreed to a joint France-Canada action plan on climate to support global momentum for climate action. The France-Canada Partnership on Climate will include initiatives such as joint action at the International Maritime Organisation and International Civil Aviation Organisation to reduce international sea and air transport emissions, promoting efficient carbon pricing and greater harmonisation of practices, and promoting sustainable development in international bodies.⁴¹⁷⁹

On 21 December 2017, the Governments of Canada and Alberta renewed their commitment to continue providing clear and scientifically rigorous information on the environmental impacts of oil sands development in northeastern Alberta. This is one of the ways in which the Government of

⁴¹⁷⁴ The Government of Canada invests USD1.6 million to help Pacific Alliance countries combat climate change, Cision 15 November 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/the-government-of-canada-invests-16-million-to-help-pacific-alliance-countries-combat-climate-change-657765143.html>

⁴¹⁷⁵ Powering Past Coal alliance launched at COP23, Build UP 22 November 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.buildup.eu/en/news/powering-past-coal-alliance-launched-cop23>

⁴¹⁷⁶ Canada and Rwanda agree to cooperate on environmental protection and climate change, Cision 20 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canada-and-rwanda-agree-to-cooperate-on-environmental-protection-and-climate-change-658912313.html>

⁴¹⁷⁷ Trudeau government to introduce new law in 2018 to make polluters pay, National Observer 27 November 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/11/27/news/trudeau-government-introduce-new-law-2018-make-polluters-pay>

⁴¹⁷⁸ Canada and the World Bank Group to support the clean energy transition in developing countries and Small Island Developing States, Cision 12 December 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canada-and-the-world-bank-group-to-support-the-clean-energy-transition-in-developing-countries-and-small-island-developing-states-663626633.html>

⁴¹⁷⁹ Statement - France-Canada Climate Partnership, SYS-CON Media 13 December 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://news.sys-con.com/node/4210338>

Canada is working with provinces to act on climate change, promote economic growth, and create a cleaner environment for generations to come. Research, data, and information generated by this program will be scientifically credible and publicly available to reassure Albertans, Canadians, and the world that oil sands are being managed properly.⁴¹⁸⁰

On 3 January 2018, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Carolyn Bennett announced a new funding agreement between the federal government and the government of Nunavut. Under the new agreement, the Nunavut government will receive USD1.7 million between 2017 and 2021 to implement climate adaptation actions. These actions include reducing the impact of climate on ice-based operations and lands of traditional or recreational importance. Initiatives will also be implemented to foster youth engagement in climate change planning and knowledge transfer. Selected projects will be identified in collaboration with Indigenous and northern communities as well as the government of Nunavut.⁴¹⁸¹

Canada has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Angelina Belichenko

China: +1

China has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On July 2017, approximately 260 marine protected areas of different kinds were established at all levels, with a total area of over 120,000 square kilometres, accounting for 4.13 per cent of the total sea area under China's jurisdiction. State Oceanic Administration also issued the Guiding Opinions on Strengthening Coastal Wetland Management and Protection and, together with the Ministry of Finance, implemented the Blue Gulf Remediation and Restoration Program to support the coastal wetland restoration in Dalian and another 17 cities.⁴¹⁸²

On 10 October 2017, Vice-Minister of Agriculture Yu Kangzhen attributed the improvement to government policy and environmental protection, including payments to those involved in improvement of grasslands. The Vice-Minister also pointed out that industrialization and urbanization will pose great challenges for grasslands.⁴¹⁸³

On 4 December 2017, China-Canada Joint Statement on Climate Change and Clean Growth was published. Both countries pledged to work together with other parties to the Paris Agreement to complete the work programme on the Paris Agreement's implementation by 2018. China and Canada also agreed to set the conditions for bilateral collaboration on efforts to mitigate climate change,

⁴¹⁸⁰ Minister McKenna and Minister Phillips renew commitment to strong environmental monitoring and protection in Alberta's oil sands, Cision 21 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/minister-mckenna-and-minister-phillips-renew-commitment-to-strong-environmental-monitoring-and-protection-in-albertas-oil-sands-665747243.html>

⁴¹⁸¹ New Canada-Nunavut Funding Agreement to Strengthen Nunavut's Capacity to Address Climate Change Impacts, Cision 3 January 2018. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/new-canada-nunavut-funding-agreement-to-strengthen-nunavuts-capacity-to-address-climate-change-impacts-667904133.html>

⁴¹⁸² China's Policies and Actions for Addressing Climate Change (2017), National Development and Reform Commission. Access date: 11 August 2017. <http://en.ndrc.gov.cn/newsrelease/201711/P020171108521968689324.pdf>

⁴¹⁸³ China reports improvement in grassland environment, Xinhua 11 October 2017. http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/10/11/content_281475903511458.htm

build resilience, and support clean growth, including by sharing information on relevant domestic policies, exchanging best practices, and promoting cooperation on technology research and development.⁴¹⁸⁴

China has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tsvetkova Anna

France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 12 October 2017, the Commission on Climate Change Adaptation was installed by Minister for an Ecological and Solidarity Transition Nicolas Hulot. The first meeting of the commission was devoted to the review of the second national plan for the adaptation to climate change, the publication of which is expected before the end of 2017). The plan aims to better protect France against extreme weather events, strengthen the resilience of the main sectors of the economy (agriculture, industry, tourism) in the presence of risks posed by climate change, and rely on the protection of biodiversity to support climate change strategies.⁴¹⁸⁵

On 27 October 2017, the Agence française du développement (AFD) published an article called “Adaptation to climate change, what does it mean?” to increase public awareness. The AFD advocates for the urgent integration of adaptation into public policies of developing countries, where most adaptation actions are still on a modest scale and not sufficiently consistent with each other.⁴¹⁸⁶

On 21 November 2017, the French Adapt’Action Initiative determined its first beneficiaries: the Comoros, Niger, the Dominican Republic, Tunisia, Madagascar, and Mauritius. Adapt’Action was launched to support countries seeking technical assistance for the institutional, methodological, and operational implementation of their commitments in the fight against climate change. It aims to support climate projects that can be financed by AFD and internationally. Priority is given to adaptation to the impacts of climate change, a field for which the most vulnerable countries expressed a specific need for assistance.⁴¹⁸⁷

France has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Anastasiia Shkrebo and Ekaterina Rosolovskaya

⁴¹⁸⁴ China-Canada joint statement on climate change and clean growth, National Development and Reform Commission 4 December 2017. http://en.ndrc.gov.cn/newsrelease/201712/t20171204_869543.html

⁴¹⁸⁵ Installation d'une commission spécialisée sur l'adaptation au changement climatique, Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 17 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/installation-dune-commission-specialisee-sur-ladaptation-au-changement-climatique>

⁴¹⁸⁶ L'adaptation au changement climatique, AFD 27 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.afd.fr/fr/ladaptation-au-changement-climatique-cest-quoi>

⁴¹⁸⁷ Adapt’Action, un levier solidaire face, AFD 21 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.afd.fr/fr/adaptaction-un-levier-solidaire-face-au-changement-climatique>

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 4 November 2017, the Federal Ministry for Environment established a youth project called “Our climate! Our future!” The goal of the project is to provide a platform for 200 young people from ages 16 to 25 to discuss their ideas on preventing climate change. Their propositions will be presented to the Ministry.⁴¹⁸⁸

On 6 November 2017, the German government opened the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn by announcing an additional EUR100 million to support developing countries in climate change adaptation. The Federal Ministry of the Environment pledged EUR50 million to the Adaptation Fund. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development is also contributing another EUR50 million to the Least Developed Countries Fund, which provides targeted support in climate change adaptation to the poorest countries.⁴¹⁸⁹

On 15 November 2017, the German government, along with the UN Development Programme (UNDP), European Commission, and the Government of Spain launched a programme to support countries in making progress towards achieving their nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement. The programme will not only help developing countries to pilot climate governance, climate finance, and private sector engagement, but also encourage climate mitigation and adaptation actions. The German government is providing EUR37.5 million to UNDP’s NDC Support Programme.⁴¹⁹⁰

On 17 November 2017, the Federal Ministry for Environment gave StartGreen Awards to “green” start-ups. The awards aim to support innovative businesses whose products and services help to protect the environment and contribute to sustainable development.⁴¹⁹¹

Germany has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Alena Zhogol and Dariia Evreeva

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

⁴¹⁸⁸ “Unser Klima! Unsere Zukunft!": Jugendvertreter übergeben Empfehlungen zur Klimapolitik an Bundesumweltministerin, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 4 November 2017. Access date: 19.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/unser-klima-unsere-zukunft-jugendvertreter-uebergeben-empfehlungen-zur-klimapolitik-an-bundesumw/>.

⁴¹⁸⁹ UN Climate Change Conference begins: Germany supports developing countries in climate change adaptation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety 6 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/weltklimakonferenz-startet-deutschland-unterstuetzt-entwicklungslaender-bei-klima-anpassung/>

⁴¹⁹⁰ UNDP, Germany, Spain and EU launch EUR42 million programme at UN Climate Summit to help countries deliver on the Paris Agreement, United Nations Development Programme, 15 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/pressreleases/2017/undp-germany-spain-eu-launch-eur-42-million-programme-un-climate-summit.html>

⁴¹⁹¹ StartGreen Award 2017: Grüne Gründungen weiter im Aufwind, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 17 November 2017. Access date: 19.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/startgreen-award-2017-gruene-gruendungen-weiter-im-aufwind/>.

On 19 July 2017, the Ministry of the Environment approved three projects for climate change adaptation in three states. These new projects address a range of climate change vulnerabilities which are not addressed under the ongoing schemes of the central and state governments.⁴¹⁹²

On 27 July 2017, Accreditation Master Agreement between Green Climate Fund and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development was signed.⁴¹⁹³

India has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Shtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 28 August 2017, the United Nations Economic, Social, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Office in Jakarta, with Indonesia's UNESCO Management of Social Transformation Programme National Committee, held a workshop to kick-off an initiative to analyze Indonesia's national regulatory framework for social protection and disaster risk reduction in the coastal areas. The initiative aims to assess the degree of inclusiveness of the national laws and regulations in this area (social protection and disaster risk reduction in the coastal areas), as well as to generate policy recommendations based on the findings and enhance technical capacity and collaboration among the national stakeholders working on social protection and disaster risk reduction in the coastal areas of Indonesia.⁴¹⁹⁴

On 17 November 2017, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Senior Official-Level Forum was held in Jakarta, gathering representatives from ASEAN countries' disaster risk reduction and climate change offices, hydro-meteorological and public works agencies, and other relevant institutions. ASEAN officials in charge of disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation committed themselves to strengthening the integration of their actions in their respective agencies to effectively address disaster risk and climate change, with a particular focus on water-related disasters including floods, storms, landslides, and droughts. The forum also provided a platform to share good practices, explore inter-agency engagements, and prioritize collaborative actions to be implemented in accordance with the ASEAN Work Plan for 2018-2020.⁴¹⁹⁵

⁴¹⁹² Environment Ministry Approves Projects for Climate Change Adaptation in Three States, Press Information Bureau of Government of India 19 July 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018.
<http://www.pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1496203>.

⁴¹⁹³ India all set to access resources under the Green Climate Fund for Finance Climate Action, Press Information Bureau of Government of India 27 July 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018.
<http://www.pib.nic.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1497499>

⁴¹⁹⁴ Promoting Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation Policies in Indonesia, UNESCO 28 August 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. http://www.unesco.org/new/en/jakarta/about-this-office/single-view/news/promoting_inclusive_climate_change_adaptation_policies_in_in/

⁴¹⁹⁵ ASEAN to implement work plan for disaster risk reduction and climate change, ReliefWeb 17 November 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <https://reliefweb.int/report/world/asean-implement-work-plan-disaster-risk-reduction-and-climate-change>

On 20 November 2017, Indonesia announced that it would host the third Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit on 23-25 April 2018, which aims to strengthen the ongoing multilateral efforts to conserve and improve the quality of the region's forests.⁴¹⁹⁶

Indonesia has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 8 August 2017, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Angelino Alfano announced the approval of two initiatives aimed at mitigating climate threats posed by the El Nino phenomenon to Ethiopia. Each initiative is worth EUR2 million, provided by the Agency for Development Cooperation.⁴¹⁹⁷

On 26 October 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation allocated EUR500,000 to the World Food Programme for a program of alimentary support to Cuba. The primary goals of the program include reinforcement of the Cuban population's resilience to climate change and adaptation of its agriculture to new environmental conditions and potential risks.⁴¹⁹⁸

On 18 December 2017, during an official visit to China, Minister Alfano made a joint declaration with his Chinese counterpart and discussed climate change adaptation. The two agreed to develop an innovative partnership between Italy and China in the fight against climate change and cooperate to achieve the goals of both the Paris Agreement and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.⁴¹⁹⁹

Italy has made efforts to promote climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it is awarded a score +1.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

⁴¹⁹⁶ Indonesia to host 2018 Asia-Pacific Rainforest Summit, CIFOR 21 November 2017. Access date: 23 January 2018. <https://www.cifor.org/press-releases/indonesia-to-host-2018-asia-pacific-rainforest-summit/>

⁴¹⁹⁷ Ethiopia. Approvate due iniziative umanitarie di emergenza, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 8 August 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/08/etiopia-approvate-due-iniziative.html.

⁴¹⁹⁸ Italia e PAM per la sicurezza alimentare a Cuba, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 26 October 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/comunicati/2017/10/italia-e-pam-per-la-sicurezza-alimentare.html.

⁴¹⁹⁹ Comunicato Congiunto dell' 8a Riunione Congiunta del Comitato Governativo Italia-Cina, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs 18 December 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/sala_stampa/archivionotizie/approfondimenti/2017/12/comunicato-congiunto-dell-8a-riunione.html.

On 25 July 2017, the Ministry of the Environment announced a basic strategy to promote Japanese environmental infrastructure overseas and contribute to environmental improvements in developing countries. The strategy intends to achieve these goals by (1) introducing Japanese environmental technologies at the top level of sales by utilizing bilateral policy dialogues and community forums, (2) delivering “packaged” support by including everything from systems to technologies and finance, highlighting the socioeconomic benefits, and implementing the initiatives strategically by sector and region, and (3) strengthening the implementation systems for the strategies within the Ministry of the Environment, and cooperate with private companies, local governments, other ministries and aid agencies from Japan and overseas.⁴²⁰⁰ The sectors for cooperation highlighted in the strategies include climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, waste and recycling, wastewater treatment systems, aquatic conservation, and environmental assessments.⁴²⁰¹

On 30 October 2017, the Ministry of the Environment announced its 2017 Assistance Initiatives to Address Climate Change to accelerate climate change measures and sustainable development, contribute to decarbonized and resilient societies in developing countries through “co-innovation” by collaboration with state and non-state actors, and uptake advanced technology and know-how to address challenges.⁴²⁰² With respect to adaptation, the initiatives include science-based development of adaptation plans and strategies, implementation of adaptation projects and promotion of adaptation actions by non-state stakeholders. For mitigation, the initiatives include capability building on development, implementation and progress management, promotion of low-carbon technology dissemination, and promotion of mitigation actions by non-state stakeholders.⁴²⁰³

On 6 November to 5 December 2017, the Ministry of the Environment conducted a public comment procedure for the revised draft of the Basic Policy for the Promotion of Contracts Considering Reduction of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases and Others by the State and Other Entities. The Basic Policy covers 6 types of contracts, including power supply, procurement and lease of automobiles, procurement of ships, energy conservation improvement, construction and waste management.⁴²⁰⁴

On 25 December 2017, the Ministry of the Environment announced its submission of the seventh National Communication (document parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change have to submit to report on the progress made on the implementation of the Convention to the Conference of the Parties) and the third Biennial Report under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change highlighting Japan’s recent and planned measures on climate change.⁴²⁰⁵

⁴²⁰⁰ Ministry Formulates Basic Strategies to Promote Japanese Environmental Infrastructure Overseas, Japan for Sustainability 18 October 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id035930.html

⁴²⁰¹ Ministry Formulates Basic Strategies to Promote Japanese Environmental Infrastructure Overseas, Japan for Sustainability 18 October 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.japanfs.org/en/news/archives/news_id035930.html

⁴²⁰² Japan's Assistance Initiatives to Address Climate Change 2017, Japan’s Ministry of Environment 30 October 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/2345.html>

⁴²⁰³ Japan's Assistance Initiatives to Address Climate Change 2017, Japan’s Ministry of Environment 30 October 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/2345.html>

⁴²⁰⁴ Invitation of public opinions in response to the revision of the 'Basic Policy for the Promotion of Contracts Considering Reduction of Emissions of Greenhouse Gases and Others by the State and Other Entities', Japan’s Ministry of Environment 6 November 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/2341.html>

⁴²⁰⁵ Submission of the 7th National Communication and the 3rd Biennial Report under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Japan’s Ministry of Environment 25 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.env.go.jp/en/headline/2351.html>

Japan has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: 0

Korea has partly complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 11-12 September 2017, the Ministry of the Environment, the Korean Environment Institute, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held a regional event on National Adaptation Plans for the first time in Asia. The event attracted representatives from more than 20 countries. The meeting was dedicated to share and improvement of national practices in the formulation and implementation of the plans.⁴²⁰⁶

Korea has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience only on international level.

Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 9 August 2017, National Commission of Natural Protected Areas announced that eight more programs dedicated to Climate Change Adaptation in Natural Protected Areas are being developed. Currently, Mexico has 10 functioning programs in this area.⁴²⁰⁷

On 13 August 2017, the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food (SAGARPA) and the US Department of Agriculture held the International Mexico-USA Workshop on Exchange of Experiences, which addressed climate change and its effects on the agricultural sector, with the aim of strengthening the productive capacity of both nations.⁴²⁰⁸

On 16 October 2017, the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change, Mexican Transparency, and the United Nations Development Programme, with participation of Collaborative Platform on Climate Change and Green Growth among Canada and Mexico, presented its study on the Multidimensional Measurement of Institutional Capacity, which fosters adaptation to climate change in Mexico.⁴²⁰⁹

⁴²⁰⁶ NAP Expo Asia. Access date: 20 December 2017. URL: <http://adaptation-undp.org/nap-expo-asia-2017>

⁴²⁰⁷ Programas de Adaptación al Cambio Climático en Áreas Naturales Protegidas, Government of Mexico 9 August 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/conanp/documentos/programas-de-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico-en-areas-naturales-protegidas>

⁴²⁰⁸ Impulsan SAGARPA y USDA a extensionistas en mitigación y adaptación al cambio climático en el sector agropecuario, Government of Mexico 13 August 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sagarpa/prensa/impulsan-sagarpa-y-usda-a-extensionistas-en-mitigacion-y-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico-en-el-sector-agropecuario?idiom=es>

⁴²⁰⁹ Presentación de la Medición Multidimensional de capacidad institucional que fomente la adaptación al cambio climático en México, Government of Mexico 16 October 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/inecc/prensa/presentacion-de-la-medicion-multidimensional-de-capacidad-institucional-que-fomente-la-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico-en-mexico>

On 24 November 2017, the Specific Organization Manual of the General Coordination of Adaptation to Climate Change was issued. The Head of the Executive Management Unit, and the General Coordinator of Adaptation to Climate Change approved and submitted for the consideration of the General Directorate, the Manual of Specific Organization of the General Coordination of Adaptation to Climate Change, which aims to serve as a reference and consultation tool.⁴²¹⁰

On 30 November 2017, the 2nd National Meeting on Responses to Climate Change addressed experiences, concepts, and tools necessary to implement an effective response to climate change. The meeting also highlighted the importance of priority areas for conservation as an effective strategy against climate change.⁴²¹¹

On 31 January 2018, the National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change published the results of research dedicated to systematization and analysis of qualitative methodologies that evaluate the social perceptions of adaptation to climate change.⁴²¹²

Mexico has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 16 October 2017, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology presented a draft regulation on emission and consumption quota of ozone-depleting substances in 2018. The regulation falls within Russia's obligations under the 1985 Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and 1987 Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, as well as relative amendments.⁴²¹³

On 29 November 2017, the Analytical Center and Ministry of Economic Development and Trade held a round table on the Expected Economic Impacts of the Implementation of Climate Policy in Russia. Participants discussed institutional, economic, environmental, social, and demographic aspects of development in a changing climate and the emergence of relevant threats.⁴²¹⁴

⁴²¹⁰ Manual De Organización Específico De La Coordinación General De Adaptación Al Cambio Climático (CGACC), Government of Mexico 24 November 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/inecc/documentos/manual-de-organizacion-especifico-de-la-coordinacion-general-de-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico-cgacc>

⁴²¹¹ Discuten expertos acerca de innovaciones, enfoques y herramientas para la adaptación al cambio climático, Government of Mexico 30 November 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/inecc/prensa/discuten-expertos-acerca-de-innovaciones-enfoques-y-herramientas-para-la-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico>

⁴²¹² Sistematización y análisis de metodologías cualitativas que permitan evaluar la percepción social sobre adaptación al cambio climático, Government of Mexico 31 January 2018. Access date: 31 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/inecc/documentos/sistematizacion-y-analisis-de-metodologias-cualitativas-que-permitan-evaluar-la-percepcion-social-sobre-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico>

⁴²¹³ The Ministry of natural resources and ecology of Russia to calculate emission and consumption quota of ozone-depleting substances in 2018. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/news/detail.php?ID=343676>

⁴²¹⁴ Experts discussed effective state measures in the field of climate, Analytical Center under the Government of the Russian Federation 29 November 2017. Access date: 29 March 2018. <http://ac.gov.ru/events/015183.html>

Russia has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: -1

Saudi Arabia has not complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

Saudi Arabia has not promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building neither unilaterally nor in international partnerships. Thus it receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Manuchekbr Mukhammedov

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 5 October 2017, the first “green bond” was issued by the city of Cape Town with the full support of the South African government as a part of complex measures to fight climate change. The bond is used to fund and re-finance green projects in local communities including Cape Town, which has become the first city to gain access to “green bonds.”⁴²¹⁵

On 4 December 2017, South Africa and Flanders reached an agreement in which Flanders provides subsidies to South Africa to raise climate change awareness. The subsidy is approximately EUR4 million and will be delivered among vulnerable communities to increase their climate change resilience.⁴²¹⁶

South Africa has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Turkey: -1

Turkey has not complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

Turkey has not promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building nor unilaterally nor in international partnerships. Thus it receives a score of -1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

United Kingdom: +1

United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

⁴²¹⁵ Cape Town addresses drought, climate change with SA’s first true green bond. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <https://www.businesslive.co.za/bd/national/2017-09-28-cape-town-addresses-drought-climate-change-with-sas-first-true-green-bond/>

⁴²¹⁶ Flanders approves climate change subsidy for South Africa. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.flandertoday.eu/politics/flanders-approves-climate-change-subsidy-south-africa>

On 12 October 2017, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy launched the Clean Growth Strategy, which outlines proposals for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy through the 2020s. It explains how the UK can benefit from low carbon opportunities, while meeting national and international commitments to tackle climate change.⁴²¹⁷

On 12 December 2017, at the One Planet Summit, the UK government announced a GBP140 million fund to tackle the effects of climate change in poorer countries.⁴²¹⁸

The UK has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships. Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Nikita Efremov and Angelina Khudoleeva

United States: +1

United States has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 3 November 2017, the Climate Science Special Report was released. The report, created by U.S. Global Change Research Program (a US government organization that coordinates and integrates federal research on changes in the global environment and their implications for society), details how climate change is affecting weather and climate across the US and how future changes in climate could play out across the country. It also outlines out the current state of science relating to climate change and its physical effects.⁴²¹⁹

On 20-24 November 2017, during the 29th meeting of the parties to the Montreal Protocol, the US and other developed countries promised to allocate USD540 million in a special fund to combat the destruction of the ozone layer. These funds are intended to finance projects of poor countries to phase out ozone-depleting hydrofluorocarbons.⁴²²⁰

The US has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships. Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Svetlana Shapovalova and Anastasia Kataeva

European Union: +1

European Union has fully complied with the commitment on climate change adaptation and resilience.

On 29 September 2017, the European Commission approved an investment package of EUR222 million to support Europe's transition to more sustainable and low-carbon future under the LIFE Programme for the Environment and Climate Action. In the area of climate action, the EU will

⁴²¹⁷ The Clean Growth Strategy, HM Government 12 October 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/651916/BEIS_The_Clean_Growth_on_line_12.10.17.pdf

⁴²¹⁸ UK pledges cash for climate change and tackling poverty, PublicFinance International, 12 December 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <http://www.publicfinanceinternational.org/news/2017/12/uk-pledges-cash-climate-change-and-tackling-poverty>

⁴²¹⁹ How Will Climate Change Affect the United States in Decades to Come? EOS. Access date: 3 November 2017. <https://eos.org/features/how-will-climate-change-affect-the-united-states-in-decades-to-come>

⁴²²⁰ Countries Commit USD540 Million for Continued Work under the Montreal Protocol on Its 30th Anniversary, UNEP 5 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://ozone.unep.org/en/countries-commit-us540-million-continued-work-under-montreal-protocol-its-30th-anniversary>

invest EUR40.2 million to support climate change adaptation, mitigation and governance, and information projects. Selected projects will support the EU's target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 per cent by 2030, compared to 1990 levels. LIFE funding will also help improve the resilience of the Scheldt Estuary in Belgium — one of Europe's busiest waterways — as well as develop tools to forecast desert dust storms and counteract the heat island effect in cities. 12 LIFE Climate Change Adaptation projects will be supported by EUR42.6 million, of which the EU will provide EUR20.6 million. These grants are awarded to projects in six thematic areas: ecosystem-based adaptation, health and wellbeing, mountain and island areas adaptation focusing on the agriculture sector, urban adaptation and planning, vulnerability assessments and adaptation strategies, and water, including flood management, coastal areas and desertification.⁴²²¹

On 27 October 2017, the European Commission launched the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, one of the main focuses of which is climate action. The proposed measures include decarbonization, the development of climate policies to build up resilience, especially in coastal cities, addressing knowledge gaps in climate science, and climate change adaptation projects.⁴²²²

From 6 to 17 November 2017, the EU and its members attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany, under the Presidency of Fiji. As a sign of climate leadership, the EU announced that it intends to deposit the ratification instruments of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol by the end of 2017. The Doha Amendment concerns the second period of the Kyoto Protocol, which requires parties to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 2020.⁴²²³

The EU has promoted climate change adaptation and resilience building unilaterally and in international partnerships. Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Karina Khasanova

⁴²²¹ Member states to benefit from €222 million investments for environment, nature and climate action, European Commission (Brussels) 28 September 2017. Access Date: 4 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/member-states-benefit-over-%E2%82%AC222-million-investments-environment-nature-and-climate-action_en.

⁴²²² Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials, European Commission (Brussels) 27 October 2017. Access Date: 4 December 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-climate_en.pdf.

⁴²²³ UN climate conference makes progress on Paris Agreement implementation, European Commission (Brussels) 18 November 2017. Access Date: 4 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/news/un-climate-conference-makes-progress-paris-agreement-implementation_en.

15. Environment: Waste Reduction

“Promote public information campaigns for citizens and businesses to reduce waste generation, to re-use and to facilitate their participation in waste collection systems and to avoid littering.”

G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia		0	
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia		0	
South Africa			+1
Turkey		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.70		

Background

The G20 first took up the issue of marine environment protection at the 2011 Cannes Summit, where leaders focused on efforts to prevent “accidents related to offshore oil and gas exploration and development, as well as marine transportation.”⁴²²⁴ However, industrial waste reduction was not addressed until the 2017 Hamburg summit, where the G20 agreed on a comprehensive Action Plan on Marine Litter.⁴²²⁵

Commitment Features

The commitment requires members to disseminate information on reducing waste generation, recycling, and waste collection systems participation among both general population and businesses.

To achieve full compliance, G20 members must:

⁴²²⁴ Cannes Summit Final Declaration — Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Centre 4 November 2011. Access date: 12 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>.

⁴²²⁵ G20 Action Plan on Marine Litter, G20 Information Centre 8 July 2017. Access date: 12 October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-marine-litter.html>.

- Conduct or participate in public awareness campaigns among the general population on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities; and
- Promote awareness on these issues among the business community and/or incentivize businesses to participate in activities aimed at reducing waste generation, recycling, and improving waste collection systems.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	Member does not promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.
0	Member promotes awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among either general population OR businesses.
+1	Member state promotes awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population AND businesses.

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 1 September 2017, the Federal Council of the Environment had a meeting to discuss a draft bill on hazardous waste to replace the current Law No. 24051. The replacement bill is being promoted by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.⁴²²⁶

On 11 September 2017, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development Sergio Bergman met with a delegation of German governmental bodies and private sector representatives to discuss waste as resources that can be used as a step to circular economy.⁴²²⁷

On 25 September 2017, Minister Bergman and Mayor of the City of Santa Fe José Manuel Corral signed a cooperation agreement within the framework of the Sustainable Cities Program. In accordance with the agreement, equipment for integral management of urban solid waste will be delivered to Santa Fe. The new equipment will help to improve the quality of life of the inhabitants and contribute to a healthy environment.⁴²²⁸

On 29 September 2017, Minister Bergman held a working meeting with the executive committee of the *PROBiogás* project to produce biogas from organic solid urban waste. The project is being implemented in the localities of Las Heras, Mendoza; Rafaela, Santa Fe; and Tapalqué and Olavarría in the province of Buenos Aires. The aim of the project is to modernize the practices of integral management of the waste implemented in the country, promote circular economy, take advantage of waste energy potential, reduce the amount of resources sent to final disposal, reduce methane

⁴²²⁶ El Consejo Federal de Medio Ambiente trabaja en un nuevo proyecto de ley de residuos peligrosos. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/el-consejo-federal-de-medio-ambiente-trabaja-en-un-nuevo-proyecto-de-ley-de-residuos-peligrosos/>.

⁴²²⁷ Bergman recibió a expertos alemanes para avanzar hacia una economía circular. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/bergman-recibio-a-expertos-alemanes-para-avanzar-hacia-una-economia-circular/>.

⁴²²⁸ Ciudades sustentables: Ambiente entrega al municipio de Santa Fe equipamiento para la gestión de residuos. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/ciudades-sustentables-ambiente-entrega-al-municipio-de-santa-fe-equipamiento-para-la-gestion-de-residuos/>.

emissions and their impact of climate change, and support the strategy for the promotion of renewable energies.⁴²²⁹

On 2 October 2017, Minister Bergman delivered a tractor with shovel and backhoe to the Municipality of Silvio Pellico in Córdoba within the framework of the Sustainable Cities Program to promote the integral management of solid urban waste and the sustainable management of resources for a healthy environment.

On 30 November 2017, Minister Bergman and Mayor of Calafate Javier Belloni signed a cooperation agreement to provide waste separation equipment for the El Calafate Environmental Center to increase coverage of final waste disposal in landfills.⁴²³⁰

On 15 December 2017, Minister Bergman met with representatives of the Civil Association Nature Applied to Technology and signed a framework cooperation agreement. The parties agreed to collaborate and implement joint actions in the sustainable development sphere, particularly recycling.⁴²³¹

During the compliance period Argentina has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: 0

Australia has partly complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 20 November 2017, the National Food Waste Strategy was launched by the Minister for the Environment and Energy at the National Food Waste Summit. The first steps will be supported by an initial funding commitment of over USD1.3 million over 24 months. This funding will be used to support: 1) an independent organization that will develop an implementation plan and a monitoring and evaluation framework for the strategy, and coordinate priority areas of work; 2) a voluntary commitment program that will initially engage businesses and industries to commit to actions that reduce food waste; and 3) the National Food Waste Baseline so that the government can monitor and track progress towards their food waste reduction goal.⁴²³²

Australia has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among businesses but no among general population.

Thus it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Arkadiy Khudyakov

⁴²²⁹ Avanza el proyecto Biogás del Ministerio de Ambiente y el PNUD. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/avanza-el-proyecto-biogas-del-ministerio-de-ambiente-y-el-pnud/>.

⁴²³⁰ El Calafate profundiza el trabajo con el programa Basural Cero. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/el-calafate-profundiza-el-trabajo-con-el-programa-basural-cero/>.

⁴²³¹ Bergman recibió a la Asociación Civil Naturaleza Aplicada a la Tecnología. Access date: 18 December 2017.

<http://ambiente.gob.ar/noticias/bergman-recibio-a-la-asociacion-civil-naturaleza-aplicada-a-la-tecnologia/>.

⁴²³² Tackling Australia's food waste, Department of the Environment and Energy 20 November 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/national-waste-policy/food-waste>

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 29 July 2017, the Brazilian government signed a sectorial agreement within the framework of the United Nations Environment Programme with 23 associations of packaging companies. The primary goal of the agreement is to engage the Brazilian population to separate dry and organic wastes for further recycle.⁴²³³

On 21 September 2017, in order to raise public awareness, the Government of Brazil joined the UN Global Clean Seas campaign to promote actions to reduce the amount of plastics in the oceans.⁴²³⁴

Brazil has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among general population but not among businesses.

Thus it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Logvinenko Dmitry

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 26 July 2017, Member of Parliament (MP) Bernadette Jordan announced a USD2.6 million investment in Sustane Technologies, a Halifax-based company that turns landfill waste into clean-burning fuel. The investment will support the construction of a new demonstration facility in Chester. At this facility, solid waste from landfills will be transformed into recyclable materials as well as high-value fuels that burn cleaner than fossil fuels. This project is being funded through Sustainable Development Technology Canada, which works with Canadian companies to bring early-stage clean technologies to market.⁴²³⁵

On 27 July 2017, MP Vance Badawey announced that a new project in Port Colborne, Ontario had been approved under the Government of Canada's Clean Water and Wastewater Fund. The Canadian government is providing up to 50 per cent of funding for the Port Colborne's wastewater treatment facility, worth approximately USD303,333. With this investment, residents of Port Colborne will benefit from an improved wastewater treatment plan. The project includes replacing aging components and introducing upgraded processes to enhance the capacity of the facility.⁴²³⁶

On 4 August 2017, Acting Minister of Public Services and Procurement Jim Carr announced the awarding of a USD12.6 million contract to the Marine Recycling Corporation from Port Colborn, for the disposal of the Royal Canadian Navy's former Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* and

⁴²³³ Campanha estimula separação do lixo em condomínios, Portal Brazil, 3 October 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/meio-ambiente/2017/08/campanha-estimula-separacao-do-lixo-em-condominios>

⁴²³⁴ Brasil adere à mobilização mundial para combater o lixo nos oceanos, Portal Brazil, 1 December 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.brasil.gov.br/meio-ambiente/2017/09/brasil-adere-a-mobilizacao-mundial-para-combater-o-lixo-nos-oceanos>

⁴²³⁵ Government of Canada invests in Nova Scotia's clean technology sector to create jobs, Cision 26 July 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-invests-in-nova-scotias-clean-technology-sector-to-create-jobs-636755853.html>

⁴²³⁶ Better wastewater treatment for Port Colborne residents, Cision 27 July 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/better-wastewater-treatment-for-port-colborne-residents-636958213.html>

Canadian Forces Auxiliary Vessel *Quest*. The dismantling, for both ships, is expected to be completed by summer 2019.⁴²³⁷

On 18-20 September 2017, the Compost Council of Canada held the National Organics Recycling Conference 2017.⁴²³⁸

On 16-22 October 2017, Waste Reduction Week took place. It focused on the principles of circular economy, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. The programme's educational resources and promotion of taking action aim to empower all Canadians to adopt more environmentally conscious choices. Waste Reduction Week further provides information and ideas to reduce waste in all facets of daily living, creating the solutions to the many environmental challenges we face including climate change, water pollution, and preservation of natural resources.⁴²³⁹

On 17 November 2017, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Amarjeet Sohi announced that Enerkem Alberta Biofuels, a subsidiary of the Montreal-based Enerkem Inc., will receive USD3.5 million from the Government of Canada through the Western Innovation Initiative to build the final phase of a facility that converts non-recyclable, non-compostable municipal solid waste into liquid biofuels and chemicals. It contributes to the City of Edmonton's goal to divert up to 90 per cent of household waste from the landfill.⁴²⁴⁰

On 1 December 2017, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna, announced that the Government of Canada will invest USD44.84 million for the Great Lakes Protection Initiative, which is part of the USD70.5 million of new funding allocated for freshwater protection in the 2017 federal budget. It will aim to reduce the release of harmful chemicals, focus on reducing toxic and nuisance algae, and strengthening the resilience of the Great Lakes coastal wetlands. The initiative will also prioritize identifying at risk nearshore waters, which are those most used by Canadians for drinking and recreation.⁴²⁴¹

On 6 December 2017, the Compost Council of Canada held a webinar "Composting in Times of Water Shortages." The webinar addressed composting, an effective method of reducing waste to landfill, in times of water shortages, when moisture levels drop too low. The presentation included a case study on composting fat trap waste and slurries in Cape Town, South Africa.⁴²⁴²

Canada has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

⁴²³⁷ Government of Canada awards contract for disposal of navy ships, Government of Canada 4 August 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/public-services-procurement/news/2017/08/government_of_canadaawardscontractfordisposalofnavyships.html?wbdisable=true

⁴²³⁸ National Organics Recycling Conference 2017 CALGARY Alberta, The Compost Council of Canada. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://www.compost.org/English/attend_events.htm#NCC

⁴²³⁹ Oct. 16 — 22, 2017, Waste Reduction Week in Canada. Access date: 19 December 2017.

<http://www.canada.ca/en/about/waste-reduction-week-canada>

⁴²⁴⁰ Investments in Alberta's Clean Technology Sector Strengthens Innovative Energy Generation, Cision 17 November 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/investments-in-albertas-clean-technology-sector-strengthens-innovative-energy-generation-658263223.html>

⁴²⁴¹ The Government of Canada invests in Great Lakes Protection Initiative, Cision 1 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/the-government-of-canada-invests-in-great-lakes-protection-initiative-661352923.html>

⁴²⁴² Composting in Times of Water Shortage, The Compost Council of Canada. Access date: 19 December 2017. http://www.compost.org/English/free_webinars.html#Webinar

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Angelina Belichenko

China: +1

China has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 23 August 2017, Head of the Department of Construction and Management at the Ministry of Water Resources Zu Leiming stated that China had appointed about 200,000 “river chiefs” at the provincial, city, county, and township levels to fight pollution. Responsibilities of the river chiefs include water resource protection, pollution control, and ecological restoration. They will also be held accountable if environmental damage occurs in the water bodies they take charge of.⁴²⁴³

On 27 July 2017, the State Council approved an action plan to ban trash imports and reform the solid waste import management system to protect the environment and improve people’s health. They also set a target to ban imports of solid waste that cause serious pollution by the end of 2017, asked enterprises to take more responsibility, and called for efforts to establish an international cooperation mechanism and explore new methods of waste recycling.⁴²⁴⁴

China has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tsvetkova Anna

France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 21 September 2017, the Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME) published online a guide called “Being an eco-citizen in the office.” The guide promotes waste recycling and encourages citizens to sort waste.⁴²⁴⁵

On 25 September 2017, the ADEME published online a guide called «Why think about waste prevention in terms of hygiene and cosmetics?» for a large audience.⁴²⁴⁶

On 28 September 2017, Secretary of State to the Minister for the Ecological and Solidary Transition Brune Poirson made a trip to Nantes to meet with leaders of the Economic and Civic Initiatives. During this trip, she visited a business incubator of the social and solidarity economy, which received

⁴²⁴³ China appoints 200,000 “river chiefs”, Xinhua 23 August 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/08/23/content_281475810113748.htm

⁴²⁴⁴ Action plan to phase out waste imports, Site of Central People’s Government of the People’s Republic of China (English version) 27 July 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/policies/latest_releases/2017/07/27/content_281475756814340.htm

⁴²⁴⁵ Pourquoi penser à la prévention des déchets sur son lieu de travail? Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 21 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/11_Papier%20de%20bureau_juin2017.pdf

⁴²⁴⁶ Pourquoi penser à la prévention des déchets en matière d’hygiène et de cosmétique? Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 25 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/4_Hygi%C3%A8ne%20et%20cosm%C3%A9tique_juin2017.pdf

support from the ADEME and demonstrates the strong intertwining between ecology and society.⁴²⁴⁷

On 2 November 2017, the Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition published online a brochure on the National Low Carbon Strategy. The brochure encourages citizens to recycle waste to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.⁴²⁴⁸

On 6 November 2017, the Ministry for an Ecological and Solidarity Transition signed a commitment with recycling enterprises to ensure flat glass recycling.⁴²⁴⁹

On 30 November 2017, an online platform was created by the Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition to encourage citizens to contribute to the creation on the Circular Economy Roadmap.⁴²⁵⁰

France has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Anastasiia Shkrebo and Ekaterina Rosolovskaya

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 20 November 2017, the Federal Ministry for Environment advocated product longevity at the start of the European Week for Waste Reduction. It also pushed Brussels to adapt the European Ecodesign Directive to reduce the unnecessary consumption of electric appliances. The Directive contained minimum requirements for energy consumption and the durability of components in relevant appliances such as vacuum cleaners and coffee machines. Products with the German government's Blue Angel eco label already goes beyond the required legal standards. According to the label's requirements, notebook and mobile phone components should be robust, long-lasting and, if possible, easy to exchange. This also applies to wood and upholstered furniture.⁴²⁵¹

On 13 September 2017 the Round Table Against Marine Litter took place for the second time in Germany. The working groups of the Round Table submitted an interim report that made recommendations on how marine litter can be integrated into business and commercial enterprises. One of the measures to combat marine litter is the Fishing for Litter Initiative, which involves distributing large bags to commercial fisheries to collect the waste caught in their nets and transport

⁴²⁴⁷ L'économie circulaire, pilier de la transition écologique. Site du Ministère de la Transition Ecologique et Solidaire, 28 September 2017. Access date: 31 November 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/leconomie-circulaire-pilier-transition-ecologique>

⁴²⁴⁸ La stratégie nationale bas-carbone (SNBC), Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 02 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/SNBC_Brochure_4p_FR_2015.pdf

⁴²⁴⁹ Le recyclage du verre plat : un engagement pour la croissance verte, Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 08 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/recyclage-du-verre-plat-engagement-croissance-verte>

⁴²⁵⁰ Les thèmes en débat, Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 30 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.consultation-economie-circulaire.gouv.fr/les-themes-en-debat>

⁴²⁵¹ It pays to repair, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 20 November 2017. Access date: 19.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/reparieren-lohnt-sich/>

it to ports. The project also hopes to raise awareness among the fishermen and be integrated as a training module at the vocational school for commercial fishers in Rendsburg.⁴²⁵²

Germany has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Alena Zhogol and daria Evreeva

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

From March 2018, the Indian government will appoint brand ambassadors to create awareness on the proposed ban on plastic carry bags and plastic water bottles in government offices and star hotels across the state.⁴²⁵³

India has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Shtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

As of 10 August 2017, Indonesia's government was considering construction of plastic-tar roads as a novel waste-disposal method that also produces cheaper and more durable roads compared to those built with conventional materials. The trial was carried out earlier at Udayana University in Bali, where a 700-meter stretch of plastic road was laid in July, and further plans include using discarded plastic in road construction in the cities of Jakarta, Bekasi, and Surabaya.⁴²⁵⁴ The project will be implemented jointly by the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Ministry of Public Works and Housing, along with the Indonesian Plastic Recycling Association to collect and sort waste in 16 large cities of Indonesia.⁴²⁵⁵

On 16 November 2017, during the discussion at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Bonn, it was noted that Indonesia's consumers

⁴²⁵² "Round Table Against Marine Litter goes into round two", the Federal Ministry for Environment 13 September 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/press/pressinformation/round-table-against-marine-litter-goes-into-round>

⁴²⁵³ State to appoint brand ambassadors to spread the word on plastic ban, The Indian Express 29 November 2017. Access date: 29 November 2017. <http://indianexpress.com/article/cities/mumbai/state-to-appoint-brand-ambassadors-to-spread-the-word-on-plastic-ban-4959586/>

⁴²⁵⁴ Plastic Fantastic? Indonesia plans to turn waste into road tar, Mongabay News 10 August 2017. Access date: 24 January 2018. <https://news.mongabay.com/2017/08/plastic-fantastic-indonesia-plans-to-turn-waste-into-road-tar/>

⁴²⁵⁵ Plastic Fantastic? Indonesia plans to turn waste into road tar, Mongabay News 10 August 2017. Access date: 24 January 2018. <https://news.mongabay.com/2017/08/plastic-fantastic-indonesia-plans-to-turn-waste-into-road-tar/>

organization Yayasan Lembaga Konsumen Indonesia supported the idea of immediate ban of plastic bag usage by Indonesia's central government.⁴²⁵⁶

On 7 December 2017, during GlobeAsia's "Beyond Profitability" Sustainable Business Seminar in Jakarta, the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry stressed that the Indonesian government should provide stronger incentives and regulations to help the private sector "to deal with the cost involved in making industries sustainable," including fiscal incentives, such as cooperation between the government and banks to provide lower interest rates and feed-in tariffs, paying particular attention to raising awareness of the sustainability related issues [including waste management] among small and medium-sized enterprises.⁴²⁵⁷

Indonesia has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 16 March 2018, the Ministry of the Environment published guidelines on the operational management of waste repositories at specialized facilities and risk prevention thereof.⁴²⁵⁸

On 21 March 2018, the Ministry of the Environment published a circular on the waste incineration plants management.⁴²⁵⁹

Italy has taken steps to disseminate information on reducing waste generation recycling, and waste collection systems participation among general population, without particular focus on businesses.

Thus, it is awarded a score of 0.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

⁴²⁵⁶ Community and local government movement in reducing plastic waste in Indonesia. SDSN Youth 16 November 2017. Access date: 24 January 2018. <http://sdsnyouth.org/blog-posts/2017/11/23/treducing-plastic-waste-in-indonesia>

⁴²⁵⁷ Private Sector Seeks Gov't Incentives to Help Them Become Sustainable

⁴²⁵⁸ Pubblicata la circolare ministeriale "Linee guida per la gestione operativa degli stoccaggi negli impianti di gestione dei rifiuti e per la prevenzione dei rischi", Italian Ministry of Environment 21 March 2018. Access date: 29 March 2018. <http://www.minambiente.it/notizie/pubblicata-la-circolare-ministeriale-linee-guida-la-gestione-operativa-degli-stoccaggi-negli>.

⁴²⁵⁹ Pubblicata la circolare ministeriale recante chiarimenti interpretativi circa la modifica delle condizioni di esercizio degli impianti di coincenerimento dei rifiuti, Italian Ministry of Environment 21 March 2018. Access date: 29 March 2018. <http://www.minambiente.it/notizie/pubblicata-la-circolare-ministeriale-recante-chiarimenti-interpretativi-circa-la-modifica>.

On 15 September 2017, the International Cooperation Agency signed a USD76 million loan agreement with India aimed to upgrade the environment management plan at the Alang-Sosiya ship recycling yards in Gujarat.⁴²⁶⁰

As of 21 December 2017, the Tokyo University of Science (public university) and Japan Plastic Industry Federation, along with the Dow Chemical Company, would implement the study titled “Assessment of River Waste Using Unmanned Monitoring Method,” which will examine the impact of waste management solutions in the surrounding of the Edogawa River, as well as provide critical data on waste volumes passing through the river to help the communities and government improve the current state.⁴²⁶¹

Japan has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 4-7 September 2017, the Ministry of Environment, in collaboration with the Korea Environmental Industry & Technology Institute, held the Global Green Hub Korea event, which was devoted to the multilateral business cooperation of environmental companies.⁴²⁶²

Korea promotes awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling and participation in waste collection activities among business enterprises but it does not relate to the general population clearly.

Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 11 July 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources published a call on citizens to separate litter and take active part in the reduction of waste generation and promotion of recycling. Since 8 July 2017, the separation of litter became obligatory for Mexico City.⁴²⁶³

⁴²⁶⁰ JICA loan to upgrade Alang-Sosiya ship recycling yards in Gujarat, The Economic Times 15 September 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/shipping/-transport/jica-loan-to-upgrade-alang-sosiya-ship-recycling-yards-in-gujarat/articleshow/60701796.cms>

⁴²⁶¹ Dow heads first quantitative study to reduce plastic waste in Japan, Asia One 21 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://www.asiaone.com/business/dow-heads-first-quantitative-study-to-reduce-plastic-waste-in-japan>

⁴²⁶² Global Green Hub Korea 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. URL: <http://eng.me.go.kr/eng/web/board/read.do?pagerOffset=0&maxPageItems=10&maxIndexPages=10&searchKey=&searchValue=&menuId=21&orgCd=&boardId=812750&boardMasterId=522&boardCategoryId=&decorator=>

⁴²⁶³ Conservemos un México limpio, separemos nuestros residuos, Mexican Government 11 July 2017. Access date: 23 April 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/conanp/articulos/conservemos-un-mexico-limpio-separemos-nuestros-residuos?idiom=es>

On 1 September 2017, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources published the list of authorized companies that can handle hazardous waste, including its collection, recycling, use, and treatment. The generators or holders of hazardous waste may consult the names, authorization number, and validity of the companies providing these services, in order to facilitate compliance with Article 42 of the General Law for the Prevention and Integral Waste Management.⁴²⁶⁴

On 8 September 2017, the National Population Council held a radio program dedicated to the importance of separation of litter. It also explained to citizens what types of waste people generate and how to separate the litter correctly.⁴²⁶⁵

On 12 September 2017, during a meeting of the Environment Executive Committee of the National Conference of Governors (Conago) in which the “Zero Waste” program was presented, Undersecretary of Environmental Promotion and Regulation Cuauhtémoc Ochoa Fernández pointed out the urgent need for municipalities to assume the integral management of their urban solid waste in a sustainable manner.⁴²⁶⁶

On 20 March 2018, the Prevention and Integral Management of Waste program was launched. The goal of the program is to promote the integral management of urban solid waste and special waste management practices in rural areas, through the financing of studies, waste collection infrastructure development, transportation and final disposal, and use of waste for energy-generation purposes.⁴²⁶⁷

Thus Mexico receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 26 October 2017, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology and SIBUR, a Russian petrochemical company, signed a cooperation agreement on household waste sorting and utilization. The agreement aims to promote further cooperation between governmental authorities and businesses in waste management in relation to the 2017 Year of Ecology in Russia, the nationwide program drawing public opinion on environmental issues.⁴²⁶⁸

On 28 October 2017, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology issued an ordinance Law No. 1310, establishing a special commission on the production and consumption waste management. The

⁴²⁶⁴Empresas autorizadas para el manejo de residuos peligrosos, Mexican Government 1 September 2017. Access date: 23 April 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/documentos/empresas-autorizadas-para-el-manejo-de-residuos-peligrosos>

⁴²⁶⁵En Zona Libre este sábado 09 de septiembre conoce más sobre la Nueva Norma Ambiental de separación de residuos de la Ciudad de México, Mexican Government 8 September 2017. Access date: 23 April 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/conapo/articulos/en-zona-libre-este-sabado-09-de-septiembre-conoce-mas-sobre-la-nueva-norma-ambiental-de-separacion-de-residuos-de-la-ciudad-de-mexico?idiom=es>

⁴²⁶⁶SEMARNAT asesora a municipios para la buena gestión de sus residuos, Mexican Government 12 September 2017. Access date: 23 April 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/prensa/semarnat-asesora-a-municipios-para-la-buena-gestion-de-sus-residuos-126273?idiom=es>

⁴²⁶⁷Programa para la Prevención y Gestión Integral de Residuos, Mexican Government 20 March 2018. Access date: 23 April 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/semarnat/acciones-y-programas/programa-para-la-prevencion-y-gestion-integral-de-residuos>

⁴²⁶⁸The Ministry of natural resources and ecology has signed a cooperation agreement with SIBUR on processing of household waste. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/news/detail.php?ID=343711>

commission can monitor the development of waste processing infrastructure, enhance legal frameworks governing waste management, and promote public-private partnerships in this sphere.⁴²⁶⁹

On 12-15 December 2017, the National Congress on Natural Environment Protection was held in Moscow under the auspices of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology, United Nations Development Programme and World Wildlife Fund. At the meeting, participants discussed several issues including the consolidation of environment protection activities conducted by the Russian government, business community, and environmental institutions. The congress was concluded with a resolution communiqué that focuses on the facilitation of a nationwide public-private platform to reduce ecosystem load and preserve biodiversity.⁴²⁷⁰

On 20 December 2017, the State Duma approved several amendments to the Federal Law No. 22886-7 regulating waste collection, delivery to processing facilities, and procedure of collection of ecological dues. The amendments undertake Eurasian Economic Union producers to pay ecological dues for package utilization. The fee was formerly obligatory for import products only. Under the law, individuals are given a free hand to personally deliver household waste to retail stores and other specialized areas for waste collection and processing.⁴²⁷¹

On 22 December 2017, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology presented a list of objects of accumulated environmental damage of Golden Horn Bay in the Primorye Territory. In doing so, the local government plans to capture the attention of the Russian authorities and general public to the environmental issues of the Far East region.⁴²⁷²

Russia has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling and participation in waste collection activities among both the general population and business.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: 0

Saudi Arabia has partially complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 17 October 2017, the Public Investment Fund, the biggest sovereign wealth fund of Saudi Arabia, announced its intention to create a new waste management company. The company would operate projects designed to increase landfill diversion rates and establish closer ties with private entities participating in waste-management activities.⁴²⁷³

Saudi Arabia has promoted participation in waste collection activities among businesses but no facts proving its promotion of awareness on reducing waste among general population were registered.

⁴²⁶⁹ Governmental commission on production and consumption waste management. Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/docs/29989/>

⁴²⁷⁰ V National environment congress participants to discuss founding of a public-private environment-oriented platform in Russia. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/news/detail.php?ID=344075>

⁴²⁷¹ Producers to exploit retail stores to facilitate system of recyclable materials collection. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/news/detail.php?ID=344126>

⁴²⁷² The Ministry of natural resources and ecology of Russia prepares the program aimed at liquidation of the object of accumulated environmental damage in Gold Horn bay. Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://www.mnr.gov.ru/news/detail.php?ID=344129>

⁴²⁷³ Saudi fund to set up new waste management company. Access date: ... URL: http://www.tradearabia.com/news/CONS_331664.html

Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

South Africa: +1

South Africa has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 6 December 2017, the Department of Environmental Affairs published a government notice calling on the paper and packaging, electrical and electronic, and lightning industries to prepare and submit industry waste management plans for approval. This is a regular measure to promote proper conduction of mandatory actions imposed on industrial companies regarding waste management and reduction.⁴²⁷⁴

On 8 December 2017, the Department of Environmental Affairs hosted an awareness session devoted to the issue of coastal clearance. The meeting was announced as a measure to draw public attention to the problem of maintenance of recreation zones that are to be used in ecological sustainable manner for the benefit of the people.⁴²⁷⁵

South Africa has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling and participation in waste collection activities among both the general population and business.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Turkey: 0

Turkey has partially complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

In December 2017, the Turkish Statistical Institute announced the waste disposal and recovery facilities statistics for 2016. According to the findings, a total of 1,698 these facilities were in operation in 2016, more than twice as many as in 2015.⁴²⁷⁶

On 27 December 2017, Aklease, part of Turkey's Akbank, joined the Sustainable Energy Financing Facility, a program for sustainability implemented by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as the first leasing partner to supply leased equipment for energy efficiency, waste management, and renewable energy.⁴²⁷⁷

⁴²⁷⁴ National Environmental Management: Waste Act (59/2008): Call on the Paper and Packaging Industry, Electrical and Electronic Industry and the Lighting Industry to prepare and submit industry waste management plans to the Minister for approval (GN 41303). Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: https://www.environment.gov.za/sites/default/files/gazetted_notices/nemwa59of2008_paperandpackagingindustry_electricalandelectronicindustry_gn41303.pdf

⁴²⁷⁵ DEA hosts beach clean-up as part of coastal awareness campaign. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: https://www.environment.gov.za/mediarelease/cleanup_coastalawarenesscampaign

⁴²⁷⁶ Waste disposal and recovery facilities nearly doubled in 2016, Daily Sabah 31 December 2017. Access date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/environment/2018/01/01/waste-disposal-and-recovery-facilities-nearly-doubled-in-2016>

⁴²⁷⁷ First lessor joins EBRD's sustainability programme in Turkey, Leasing Life 27 December 2017. Access date: 16 January 2018. <https://www.verdict.co.uk/leasing-life/news/contract-news/first-lessor-joins-ebd-s-sustainability-programme-turkey/>

Turkey has promoted participation in waste collection activities among businesses but no facts proving its promotion of awareness on reducing waste among general population were discovered.

Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 21 July 2017, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs updated the Litter Strategy for England. Under the updated version of the strategy, the UK government aims to encourage businesses to work with others to address local litter problems and ask businesses to think about designing their products and packaging in ways that will reduce litter.⁴²⁷⁸

On 2 October 2017, Environment Secretary Michael Gove introduced new reward and return schemes for drinks containers. For every bottle or can handed in for recycling, people will receive monetary payments.⁴²⁷⁹

On 9 March 2018, a range of innovative projects to tackle litter louts in local communities were awarded funding by the UK government. The first round of funding sees a number of councils, charities, businesses, and public projects awarded almost GBP125,000 to take innovative steps to tackle littering in their communities.⁴²⁸⁰

The United Kingdom has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Nikita Efremov

United States: +1

United States has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 12 July 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that Vorbeck Materials Corp. will pay a USD28,200 penalty and donate over USD46,000 in emergency response and communications equipment to a local fire department to settle alleged violations of hazardous waste regulations made at its facility in Jessup, Maryland.⁴²⁸¹

⁴²⁷⁸ Litter Strategy for England, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs 21 July 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/litter-strategy-for-england#history>

⁴²⁷⁹ Views on thought of reward and return schemes for drinks containers, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs 2 October 2017. Access: 20 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/views-sought-on-reward-and-return-schemes-for-drinks-containers>

⁴²⁸⁰ Litter Innovation Fund: Government backs new community projects, UK Government 9 March 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/litter-innovation-fund-government-backs-new-community-projects>

⁴²⁸¹ Vorbeck Materials Corp. Resolves Hazardous Waste Violations At Jessup, Md. Facility, Donates Equipment to First Responders, EPA. Access date: 12 July 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/vorbeck-materials-corp-resolves-hazardous-waste-violations-jessup-md-facility-donates>

On 13 July 2017, the EPA announced an agreement with Jubilant Cadista Pharmaceuticals Inc. to resolve alleged violations of hazardous waste regulations at the company's pharmaceutical manufacturing facility in Salisbury, Maryland. The agreement addresses compliance with environmental regulations that help to protect communities and the environment from potential exposure to hazardous waste. As part of the agreement, Jubilant Cadista Pharmaceuticals Inc. will pay a USD35,000 penalty.⁴²⁸²

On 3 October 2017, the EPA finalized its clean-up plan to address contaminated soil and sediment at the Diamond Head Oil Refinery Superfund site in Kearny, New Jersey. The EPA's record of decision amends a 2009 clean-up plan to increase the effectiveness of the planned clean-up at the site. Soil and sediment at the site are contaminated with PCBs, dioxin, and volatile organic compounds resulting from decades of operation by a defunct oil recycling facility at the site. The Superfund Program is a cornerstone of the work that EPA performs for citizens and communities across the US. On 25 July 2017 Administrator Pruitt accepted recommendations from the task force established on 22 May 2017 to revitalize the program.⁴²⁸³

On 25 October 2017, the EPA announced a settlement with Macy's Retail Holdings, Inc. over violations of hazardous waste regulations. In addition to correcting the violations, Macy's will also develop a program with the capacity to train 400 retailers in Oklahoma and Texas, and conduct third-party audits at 11 of its largest facilities within Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New Mexico, among other required actions. The company will also pay a USD375,000 civil penalty within 30 days of the effective date of the settlement and must comply with all other requirements within one year.⁴²⁸⁴

As of 20 November 2017, EPA Region 10 reached a settlement with Emerald Services, Inc., a hazardous waste storage and treatment facility in Tacoma, Washington, over violations of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the facility's permit. Emerald Services manages large volumes of hazardous waste, solvents, and antifreeze, and re-refines used oil at the Tacoma facility. However, the company failed to maintain adequate third-party liability insurance coverage of the facility for the past six years. As part of the settlement, Emerald Services agreed to pay a USD125,800 penalty and amend its current insurance policy to comply with its permit.⁴²⁸⁵

On 21 November 2017, the EPA honoured two Massachusetts organizations for their work in keeping food waste out of landfills and incinerators, and putting them to better use. Another 24 organizations across New England received certificates recognizing their work for reducing food waste as part of the EPA's Food Recovery Challenge. Food Waste is the single largest type of waste discarded each year in daily trash, equaling roughly 73 billion pounds of food discarded as trash each year. The Food Recovery Challenge is part of the EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, which seeks to reduce the environmental impact of all kinds of materials. The EPA recognizes the

⁴²⁸² EPA Works with Rhode Island Company to Reduce Risks from Hazardous Materials, EPA. Access date: 13 July 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/jubilant-cadista-pharmaceuticals-settles-hazardous-waste-violations-salisbury-md>

⁴²⁸³ EPA to Clean up Hazardous Waste Site in Kearny, N.J., EPA. Access date: 3 October 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-clean-hazardous-waste-site-kearny-nj>

⁴²⁸⁴ EPA Announces Settlement with Macy's over Hazardous Waste Violations, EPA. Access date: 25 October 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-settlement-macys-over-hazardous-waste-violations>

⁴²⁸⁵ EPA settlement with Emerald Services, Inc. in Tacoma helps protect community from hazardous waste, EPA. Access date: 20 November 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-settlement-emerald-services-inc-tacoma-helps-protect-community-hazardous-waste>

participants and supporters of the Food Recovery Challenge with awards in two categories: data-driven and narrative.⁴²⁸⁶

As of 27 November 2017, the EPA is working with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Government of Puerto Rico and its municipalities, as well as residents, to protect people and prevent hazardous materials from reaching landfills. The EPA is assisting the Government of Puerto Rico and its municipalities in the collection of household hazardous waste and electronic, abandoned, or “orphan” containers, which include drums, tanks, containers, and cylinders that were found floating in or near water bodies. In Puerto Rico, almost 8,000 drums, propane tanks, cylinders, and other containers were collected to this date and prevented from reaching landfills as a final destination.⁴²⁸⁷

As of 1 December 2017, the EPA is working with local governments and residents in St. Croix, St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island, in the US Virgin Islands, to keep hazardous materials out of the environment and minimize the amount of waste going to landfills through household hazardous waste collection events. According to EPA Regional Administrator Pete Lopez, the response is “part of our continuing response to Hurricanes Irma and Maria ... we want to protect people and their families from potential dangers of hazardous items such as batteries, motor oil, old paint and pesticides.” These items “pose a threat to people and to the environment, so it’s important that they are disposed of properly. EPA’s goal is to help residents protect themselves and their community by separating potentially hazardous products from their regular trash.”⁴²⁸⁸

On 3 January 2018, the EPA released options to recycle electronics to encourage consumers to donate or recycle their used electronic goods.⁴²⁸⁹

The US has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

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European Union: +1

European Union has fully complied with the commitment to promote awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities.

On 16 October 2017, the European Commission published a new brochure on Public Procurement for a Circular Economy, a regenerative system in which resource input and waste, emission, and energy leakage are minimized by slowing, closing, and narrowing material and energy loops. The brochure provided introductory guidance and good practice on the points where public procurement can be used to support the transition to a circular economy. In addition to considering the policy framework and strategies such as strategic thinking and engaging the market, the brochure provides guidance on identifying where and how to make a purchase more circular according to the principles

⁴²⁸⁶ New England Organizations Honored Nationally by EPA for Reducing Food Waste Sent to Landfills, EPA. Access date: 21 November 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/new-england-organizations-honored-nationally-epa-reducing-food-waste-sent-landfills>

⁴²⁸⁷ EPA Helps Collect Hazardous Household Materials in Puerto Rico, EPA. Access date: 27 November 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-helps-collect-hazardous-household-materials-puerto-rico>

⁴²⁸⁸ EPA Helps Collect Hazardous Household Materials in the U.S. Virgin Islands, EPA. Access date: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-helps-collect-hazardous-household-materials-us-virgin-islands>

⁴²⁸⁹ Give Old Electronics New Life through E-cycling this Holiday Season. Access date: 3 January 2018. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/give-old-electronics-new-life-through-e-cycling-holiday-season>

of reduce, reuse, recycle, and recover. Alongside each of these sections, good practice examples are also provided, demonstrating how circular economy principles are already being implemented across Europe.⁴²⁹⁰

On 18 November 2017, the European Week for Waste Reduction started in Europe. The project is co-financed by the European Commission's LIFE+ programme and aims to encourage actions to create awareness among the general public about sustainable resource and waste management. The thematic focus of the week was "Reuse and Repair: Give it a new life!" to inspire appreciation for products and resources and add new value to old things.⁴²⁹¹ Businesses also took part.⁴²⁹²

The EU has promoted awareness on reducing waste generation, recycling, and participation in waste collection activities among both general population and businesses.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Karina Khasanova

⁴²⁹⁰ Green Public Procurement, European Commission 16 October 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/environment/gpp/index_en.htm.

⁴²⁹¹ European Week for Waste Reduction 2017, REFRESH — EU research project 26 November 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <http://eu-refresh.org/european-week-waste-reduction-2017>.

⁴²⁹² European Week for Waste Reduction 2017, REFRESH — EU research project 26 November 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <http://eu-refresh.org/european-week-waste-reduction-2017>.

16. Food and Agriculture: Information and Communications Technologies

“Promote information and communication technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture to strengthen productivity and efficiency in the value chain.”

Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil		0	
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy			+1
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia	-1		
South Africa		0	
Turkey	-1		
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.65	

Background

G20 leaders first addressed the problem of food security and agriculture at the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit. The Declaration held that “sustained funding and targeted investments were urgently needed to improve long-term food security.”⁴²⁹³ G20 leaders thus supported a food security initiative announced in L’Aquila and “efforts to further implement the Global Partnership for Agriculture and Food Security and to address excessive price volatility.”⁴²⁹⁴ They also committed to supporting innovative bilateral and multilateral efforts to improve global nutrition and build sustainable agricultural systems, including programs like those developed through the Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Program.

In fulfillment of the G20 Pittsburgh commitment on food security, the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program was launched to further implement the Global Partnership for Agriculture and Food Security. In Toronto in 2010, G20 leaders committed to “exploring innovative, results-based

⁴²⁹³ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

⁴²⁹⁴ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>

mechanisms to harness the private sector for agricultural innovation.”⁴²⁹⁵ The Declaration also underscored the importance of accelerating research and development to close agricultural productivity gaps, including through regional and South-South cooperation amidst growing demands and mounting environmental stresses, particularly in Africa. G20 leaders thus committed to “exploring the potential of innovative, results-based mechanisms such as advance market commitments to harness the creativity and resources of the private sector in achieving breakthrough innovations in food security and agriculture development in poor countries.”⁴²⁹⁶

The 2010 Seoul Summit launched the Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, which document a special section dedicated to food security and agriculture. G20 leaders underlined “the need to fulfill... existing commitments on food security and sustainable agricultural development.”⁴²⁹⁷ They also called for support to build capacity in tropical agriculture technologies and productive systems, and emphasized that the actions’ focus must be on “harnessing the potential of the agriculture sector to advance sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction, enhanc[ing] engagement with the private sector and strengthen North-South, South-South, and triangular cooperation.”⁴²⁹⁸

At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders agreed to mobilize G20 capacities to address these key challenges in food security and agriculture, in close cooperation with relevant international organisations and in consultation with producers, civil society, and the private sector. G20 Agriculture Ministers also met for the first time in Paris on 22-23 June 2011 and adopted the Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture, which has five objectives: (1) improving agricultural production and productivity, (2) increasing market information and transparency, (3) reducing the effects of price volatility for the most vulnerable, (4) strengthening international policy coordination, and (5) improving the functioning of agricultural commodity derivatives’ markets.⁴²⁹⁹ At the 2012 Los Cabos Summit, G20 Leaders affirmed their on-going commitment to improving domestic food and agricultural practices, with a particular focus on adapting agriculture so as to mitigate its contributions to climate change.

In 2013 in St. Petersburg, G20 leaders acknowledged that food security and nutrition should remain a top priority on the G20 agenda. They recognized the importance of “boosting agricultural productivity, investment and trade to strengthen the global food system to promote economic growth and job creation” and promised to encourage all “efforts in the agricultural sector to further reduce hunger, under-nutrition and malnutrition, through increased coordination in the G20 to promote the identification and implementation of effective actions in support of production and productivity growth as well as enhancement of food security and nutrition for vulnerable population through, among others, nutrition sensitive policies and comprehensive social protection systems, with particular emphasis on low income countries.”⁴³⁰⁰ G20 leaders thus reaffirmed their

⁴²⁹⁵ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

⁴²⁹⁶ The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/to-communique.html>

⁴²⁹⁷ Seoul Summit Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-development.html>

⁴²⁹⁸ Seoul Summit Multi-Year Action Plan on Development, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul-development.html>

⁴²⁹⁹ Cannes Summit Final Declaration — Building Our Common Future: Renewed Collective Action for the Benefit of All, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>

⁴³⁰⁰ G20 Leaders' Declaration St-Petersburg, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>

determination to implement all previous G20 commitments and initiatives, the 2011 Action Plan on Food Price Volatility and Agriculture.

The 2014 Brisbane Summit saw the launch of the G20 Food Security and Nutrition Framework, which builds on previous work of international organizations and the broader G20 agenda in this area. The framework provides a basis for the G20 to take a long-term, integrated, and sustainable “food systems” approach to guide future action on food security and nutrition. It recognized that actions within and beyond the agricultural sector are needed to maximize future opportunities and reduce the risk of future crises. The framework set out three priority objectives to integrate work on food security and nutrition with the G20 work streams: 1) increasing responsible investment in food systems, 2) increasing incomes and quality employment in food systems, and 3) increasing productivity sustainably to expand the food supply.⁴³⁰¹

Furthermore, in 2015 in Antalya, G20 leaders adopted the G20 Action Plan on Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems. It outlined actions to promote responsible investment in agriculture and food systems, improve market transparency for food security, support human resource development, foster sustainable productivity growth, and reduce food loss and waste.⁴³⁰²

At the 2016 Hangzhou Summit, the G20 also committed to continue prioritizing food security, nutrition, sustainable agricultural growth, and rural development as a significant means of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. G20 leaders thus supported increasing efforts by the agricultural scientific and private sectors and welcomed the opening of the first G20 Agricultural Entrepreneurs Forum.⁴³⁰³

At the most recent G20 Summit in Hamburg in 2017, G20 Leaders emphasized the need to promote food security, water sustainability, and rural youth employment. Thus, they committed to “increase[ing] agricultural productivity and resilience in a sustainable manner, while aiming to protect, manage and use efficiently water and water-related ecosystems.”⁴³⁰⁴ G20 leaders also stressed the need for “strengthened cooperation on ICT in agriculture and underline the importance of access to high-speed digital services for farmers and of adequately serving rural areas.”⁴³⁰⁵ The 2017 Hamburg Summit also saw the launch of the G20 Initiative for Rural Youth Employment in developing countries, particularly those in Africa. The initiative will help to create 1.1 million new jobs by 2022 and provide innovative skills development programmes for at least 5 million young people over the next five years.⁴³⁰⁶

⁴³⁰¹ G20 Food Security and Nutrition Framework, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/g20_food_security_nutrition_framework.pdf

⁴³⁰² G20 Action Plan on Food Security and Sustainable Food Systems, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/G20-Action-Plan-on-Food-Security-and-Sustainable-Food-Systems.pdf>

⁴³⁰³ G20 Leaders' Communiqué: Hangzhou Summit, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/160905-communique.html>

⁴³⁰⁴ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

⁴³⁰⁵ G20 Leaders' Declaration: Shaping an Interconnected World, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-G20-leaders-declaration.html>

⁴³⁰⁶ G20 Initiative for Rural Youth Employment: Supporting the "Next Generation" in Rural Development, Agriculture and Food Security in Developing Countries, G20 Information Center University of Toronto. Access date: 30 March 2018. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2017/2017-g20-rural-youth-employment.html>

Commitment Features

The commitment requires G20 members to promote information and communication technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture to strengthen productivity and efficiency in the value chain. Thus, the commitment has two major aspects: 1) the promotion of ICT application in agricultural sector, and 2) ICT-related skills development. To achieve full compliance with this commitment, G20 members must promote ICT application in agriculture and contribute to ICT skills development. Both national and international actions count for compliance.

Part One: ICT Application

To promote ICT application in the agricultural sector, G20 members can: launch different government projects, encourage private companies to conduct research and development programmes in ICT for agriculture, finance programmes to increase internet coverage in rural areas, finance programmes to increase the number of personal computers and other devices in rural areas, and take other steps to promote ICT application in the agricultural sector.

Part Two: ICT Skills Development

To promote ICT skills development the agricultural sector, G20 members can: launch vocational programmes for people living in rural areas, organize special short and long courses in ICT for people living in rural areas, launch educational programmes in rural schools, encourage small farmers to use ICT more actively, provide scholarships for ICT development research in rural areas, and take other steps to promote skills development the agricultural sector.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	G20 member NEITHER promotes application of information and communications technology (ICT) in agriculture, NOR contributes to ICT skills development
0	G20 member EITHER promotes ICT application in agriculture, OR contributes to ICT skills development
+1	G20 member promotes ICT application in agriculture AND contributes to ICT skills development

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 23 October 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness launched a new application, Rural Change, that makes it possible to prepare technical reports on tasks, visits, and meetings for agricultural producers from mobile devices. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play.⁴³⁰⁷

On 30 October to 16 November 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness organized a special mission for seven representatives from Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Saint Lucia, Antigua, and Barbuda to develop their skills in development and the use of biotechnologies. The delegation visited the Santa

⁴³⁰⁷ Cambio Rural lanza nueva aplicación para realizar informes técnicos desde dispositivos móviles. Access date: 18 December 2017.
http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171023142009.

Rosa Agricultural Experimental Farm in Salta, which develops complex programs concerning genetic improvements of sugarcane with the use of ICT.⁴³⁰⁸

On 7 November 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness launched the Integrated System of Management of the Argentine Dairy, a new resource for obtaining bank loans. Through the system, Argentinian banks can find information on producers' billing, production, and stock data to facilitate decisions on credit-granting.⁴³⁰⁹

On 9 November 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness launched the testing of the Electronic Faena Controller System. The system will be obligatory starting from 1 January 2018. The equipment installed in farms will be online and can more efficiently control the number and pace of slaughtered animals.⁴³¹⁰

On 16 November 2017, Argentina made a global presentation of its agricultural products through Alibaba.com, the biggest online platform in China, to an audience of millions of online visitors. For 24 hours, Alibaba.com provided Argentina with a special web-page to present Argentine agricultural products that are sold online at the Chinese market. The next step will include creating first "Latin American pavilion" at Alibaba.com to increase and diversify the online sales of Argentinian products in China. These activities follow from a prior memorandum of understanding signed the Ministry of Agribusiness and Alibaba.com last year.⁴³¹¹

On 23 November 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness and University of Wageningen co-organized an international seminar on Modern Horticulture: Innovation and Development in Agro-Logistic in the Central Market of Buenos Aires. The event discussed the adaptation of ICT technologies, promotion of fruit and vegetable consumption, and reduction of food losses.⁴³¹²

In December 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness provided distance training for over 5,000 students from Argentina and 27 other countries representing food manufacturing small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).⁴³¹³ The courses focus on manufacturing in the food industry, labeling of packaged foods, hazard analysis and critical control point systems, and geographical indications and designations of origin in Argentina. Once all the modules were completed and the exams were satisfactorily completed, an electronic certificate is issued. The distance training aims to support food manufacturing SMEs to train their staff to increase the quality of their products using ICT.

On 7 December 2017, Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Agribusiness Santiago del Solar Dorrego participated in a panel on innovation as an engine of agro-industrial progress within the framework of the Agro 2030: Innovation for Development, organized by the Cabinet of Ministers through the Argentina 2030 Program, National Agricultural Technology Institute, and the Ministries of Science,

⁴³⁰⁸ Técnicos de África y el Caribe se capacitaron con expertos nacionales en el desarrollo y uso de la biotecnología. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171116140355.

⁴³⁰⁹ Nueva herramienta para mejorar accesibilidad a créditos para el sector lácteo. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171107183210.

⁴³¹⁰ Comenzó la primera etapa del Controlador Electrónico de Faena. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171109153622.

⁴³¹¹ Argentina presente en el mayor evento de promoción online en China. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171116140051.

⁴³¹² Seminario Internacional "Horticultura Moderna: Innovación y Desarrollo en Agrologística". Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171123182944.

⁴³¹³ Capacitación a distancia para PyMEs alimentarias. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171214192021.

Technology, and Productive Innovation, and Agribusiness. The event was attended by more than 400 Argentinian and international farmers and experts.⁴³¹⁴

On 12 December 2017, the Ministry of Agribusiness organized Innovation and Rethinking Agricultural Education Day in Buenos Aires, which drew participation from teachers from rural Buenos Aires schools.⁴³¹⁵ The event aimed to demonstrate agricultural innovative technologies to the educational authorities of the province. The participants discussed topics including the application of electronics and robotics in agriculture, present and future jobs, concepts of production and sustainability, and training of agricultural staff on a constant base to align with sector needs. The day's activities allowed participants to understand the importance of innovation in agriculture.

During the compliance period Argentina has taken actions to promote ICT application in agriculture and contribute to ICT skills development.

Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 31 July 2017, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization and Ruralco, a private agricultural company, announced a partnership to promote digital technologies in agriculture. The parties agreed to support the further implementation of digital solutions such as drones, robotic facilities, and data analytic applications in Australia.⁴³¹⁶

On 17 November 2017, the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Promoting Rural Incomes Through Support for Markets in Agriculture was presented. The program uses the market systems development approach to support inclusive economic growth in Indonesia's agriculture, horticulture, livestock and aquaculture sectors. It focuses on introducing ICT in the agricultural sector and bridging skills gaps.⁴³¹⁷

Australia has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Alexander Ignatov and Irina Popova

Brazil: 0

Brazil has partially complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

⁴³¹⁴ Pensando la Agricultura y la Agroindustria al 2030. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171207183441.

⁴³¹⁵ Se realizó con éxito la Jornada "Innovar y Repensar la Educación Agraria". Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171212101844.

⁴³¹⁶ CSIRO and Ruralco partnership to drive digital farming, CSIRO 31 July 2017. Access date: 28 March 2013.

<https://www.csiro.au/en/News/News-releases/2017/CSIRO-and-Ruralco-partnership-to-drive-digital-farming>

⁴³¹⁷ Australia-Indonesia Partnership for "Promoting Rural Incomes through Support for Markets in Agriculture", Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australian Government 17 November 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/business-opportunities/tenders/Documents/aip-prisma-2-idd-17-nov-2017.pdf>

On 4 August 2017, the Governments of Brazil and Pakistan agreed to cooperate in agriculture technology. They also discussed the possibility of cooperation in other key areas including citrus and grape harvest, bio-fuel production, mechanized cotton planting, soybeans processing, and post-harvest technologies. Pakistan and Brazil aspire to benefit from each other's experience in agriculture research, biotechnology, innovation, techniques for increasing per-acre yield, and agro cooperatives.⁴³¹⁸

On 3 October 2017, the Brazilian Development Bank and Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovation, and Communications presented the results of a study on the Internet of things (IoT): An Action Plan for Brazil. The study will subsidize the development of the IoT National Plan and includes proposals focused health, smart cities, industry, and the rural environment. The Ministry also stated that in rural areas, Brazil will highlight initiatives such as Fazenda Tropical 4.0, which increases the productivity and quality of Brazilian rural production using data that, for example, helps to accurately monitor biological assets.⁴³¹⁹

On 14 November 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food Supply stated their plans to launch an Animal Health app that breeders, authorities, and veterinarians can use to share information on breed health. The app will also offer information, manuals, and health codes issued by both the Government Brazil and World Organization for Animal Health.⁴³²⁰

Brazil has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture, but hasn't contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Logvinenko Dmitriy

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 21 July 2017, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay reached agreement on the key elements of a new federal, provincial, and territorial agricultural policy framework. The Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, USD3 billion investment, came into effect on April 1, 2018. Under the Partnership, the Canadian government will target investments with a focus on growing trade and expanding markets, innovative and sustainable growth of the sector, and supporting diversity and a dynamic and evolving agricultural sector.⁴³²¹

On 3 November 2017, Minister MacAulay announced a USD3 million investment in the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association to help exporters develop and expand new markets for Canadian

⁴³¹⁸ Pakistan, Brazil agree to cooperate in agriculture technology, PakistanToday, 4 August 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <https://profit.pakistantoday.com.pk/2017/08/04/pakistan-brazil-agree-to-cooperate-in-agriculture-technology/>

⁴³¹⁹ BNDES and MCTIC launch a National Study of the Internet of Things (IoT) BNDES web site, 3 October 2017, Access Date 26 December 2017. https://www.bndes.gov.br/SiteBNDES/bndes/bndes_en/Institucional/Press/Noticias/2017/20171003_bndes_and_mctic.html

⁴³²⁰ App will help farmers ensure health of their herds, Portal Brazil 29 November 2017, Access Date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/11/app-will-help-farmers-ensure-health-of-their-herds>

⁴³²¹ New Canadian Agricultural Partnership to Help Position Canada as a Leader in the Global Economy, Government of Canada 21 July 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2017/07/new_canadian_agriculturalpartnershiptohelppositioncanadaasaleade.html

livestock genetics. More Canadian livestock will be raised outside of Canada using prized Canadian genetics.⁴³²²

On 16 November 2017, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and Member of Parliament Joël Lightbound announced up to USD437,562 to the University of Laval for the production of a new version of the Simulovins software, which will facilitate decision-making for sheep farmers and steer them toward the most profitable models and production techniques.⁴³²³

On 17 November 2017, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Carla Qualtrough announced a USD1.8 million investment in the University of British Columbia to determine carbon sequestration and greenhouse gas emissions and develop beneficial management practices for increasing the efficiency of fertilizer use in blueberry, potato, and forage crops. The project is one of 20 new research projects supported by the USD27 million Agricultural Greenhouse Gases Program, a government partnership with Canadian universities and conservation groups. The program supports research into greenhouse gas mitigation practices and technologies that can be adopted on the farm.⁴³²⁴

On 24 November 2017, Member of Parliament Jati Sidhu announced a USD124,000 investment for the British Columbia Agriculture Council to develop a generic risk assessment framework that could be adapted and used by different commodity sectors to identify risks, potential mitigation strategies, and tools for each unique sector. Using feedback from commodity organizations, the project will examine the economic impact of various risks and demonstrate the use of that risk assessment tool on sectors including greenhouse, nursery, cattle, grain, and blueberry.⁴³²⁵

On 1 December 2017, Canada launched the ASEAN-Canada Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development, a scholarship program for students to study in Canada in areas related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including climate-smart agriculture, in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) region.⁴³²⁶

On 12 December 2017, Minister of International Trade François-Philippe Champagne and Minister MacAulay announced that Canada signed the Joint Ministerial Statement on Trade in Food and Agricultural Products. The statement re-affirms the central importance of science and risk analysis to protect public health while enabling the safe use of pesticides.⁴³²⁷

Canada has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and has contributed to ICT skills development.

⁴³²² Investing in New Markets for Canadian Livestock Genetics, Cision 3 November 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/investing-in-new-markets-for-canadian-livestock-genetics-654959143.html>

⁴³²³ Accessible and user-friendly software for improved risk management in the sheep sector, Cision 16 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/accessible-and-user-friendly-software-for-improved-risk-management-in-the-sheep-sector-658033413.html>

⁴³²⁴ Government of Canada Supports Innovative Research into Sustainable Agriculture, Cision 17 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/agriculture-agri-food/news/2017/11/government_of_canadasupportsinnovativeresearchintosustainableagr0.html

⁴³²⁵ Helping British Columbia Farmers Identify and Manage Risk, Cision 24 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/helping-british-columbia-farmers-identify-and-manage-risk-659800903.html>

⁴³²⁶ Canada launches SEED scholarship programme, Borneo Bulletin 1 December 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/canada-launches-seed-scholarship-programme/>

⁴³²⁷ Canada supports agricultural trade at WTO, Global Affairs Canada. Access date: 12 December 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2017/12/canada_supports_agriculturaltradeatwto.html

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Angelina Belichenko and Uliana Koptukh

China: +1

China has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 10 July 2017, Premier Li Keqiang visited an agricultural high-tech industrial zone in Northwest China's Shaanxi province and encouraged farmers to learn advanced agricultural technology and start their own business. There are now over 80 farmers being trained in the industrial park to become more knowledgeable about starting businesses back in their hometowns.⁴³²⁸

On 13 December 2017, the State Council called for more efforts to foster new types of agricultural businesses in China. According to a statement following a State Council meeting chaired by premier Li, projects will be launched to support diverse business entities that integrate different industries and link to the Internet Plus Strategy. Training plans will also be started to cultivate new types of professional farmers to spur entrepreneurship and innovation in rural areas to lift more people out of poverty.⁴³²⁹

Also on 13 December 2017, Premier Li stated at a State Council executive meeting that the development of new-type agricultural businesses should rely more on reform and the market rather than on government support such as demonstration bases. At the meeting, the State Council decided to implement projects to cultivate new types of business entities, support businesses featuring industrial integration, diversified operation and Internet Plus, and carry out training projects for professional farmers and rural entrepreneurs.⁴³³⁰

China has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tsvetkova Anna

France: +1

France has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture

On 21 September 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture announced that the French Research Institute for the Exploitation of the Sea acquired a new supercomputer, Datarmor. Equipped with computing and storage capacities tenfold compared to the previous possibilities, the supercomputer at the service of

⁴³²⁸ Premier encourages farmers to innovate, Site of Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China (English version) 10 July 2017. http://english.gov.cn/premier/news/2017/07/10/content_281475719589790.htm

⁴³²⁹ China stresses modern agriculture development, Xinhua 14 December 2017. http://english.gov.cn/premier/news/2017/12/14/content_281475976104616.htm

⁴³³⁰ Premier Li urges new-type agricultural businesses to rely more on market, Site of Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China (English version) 20 December 2017. http://english.gov.cn/premier/news/2017/12/20/content_281475983370560.htm

big data in the marine sector aims to accelerate marine research and refine oceanic and fisheries forecasting models.⁴³³¹

On 25 September 2017, Prime Minister Édouard Philippe presented the main points of a EUR57 billion investment plan to be implemented from 2018 to 2022. The plan aims to consolidate the link between public research and private research and encourage risk-taking in sectors like artificial intelligence, big data exploitation, nanotechnology, and cybersecurity. Agriculture, fishing, agri-food, and forestry are considered to be the essential sectors because they contribute positively to the balance of trade and influence of France in the world. France will invest EUR5 billion in these sectors to accelerate the adaptation of tools and practices, better respond to climate challenges, strengthen the competitiveness of these sectors, and support research and innovation.⁴³³²

On 17 November 2017, the Rural Network Seminar, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture in partnership with the Regional Council of Brittany in Rennes, was attended by more than 150 participants. The seminar discussed the prospects for a rural development policy after 2020 and illustrated the potential of digital technologies for reducing inequalities between territories.⁴³³³

On 30 November 2017, Minister of Agriculture Stéphane Travert travelled to Montpellier to the International Exhibition of Equipment and Know-How for vineyard-wine, olive, and fruit-vegetable production (SITEVI). The Minister also visited a demonstration platform for digital agriculture called The Mas Numérique, which opened on 12 October 2017 in Villeneuve les Maguelone. In Villeneuve les Maguelone, companies in digital agriculture services demonstrate innovative and operational solutions available for farming. The platform, which is actively promoted by the French government, enables agronomists to come together for information, training, and to identify and anticipate digital progress related to their activities.⁴³³⁴

On 6 December 2017, Minister Travert attributed awards to several agricultural journalists. In particular, Yannick Groult received a prize for research on digital technologies in the agricultural sector. Without denying the growing importance of these new tools in the everyday routine of farmers, the author highlights that the access to new technologies is still expensive and offers some practical recommendations.⁴³³⁵

On 12 December 2017, during the One Planet Summit, France and the European Commission initiated a financing programme of USD650 million to boost the transfer of agronomy innovations on the ground, notably for smallholder farmers in developing countries. The initiative is based on the

⁴³³¹ Datarmor : supercalculateur au service du big data marin, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation 21 September 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/datarmor-supercalculateur-au-service-du-big-data-marine>

⁴³³² Grand Plan d'Investissement: 5 milliards d'euros pour l'agriculture. Site du Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation, 26 September 2017. Access date: 29 November 2017. <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/grand-plan-dinvestissement-5-milliards-deuros-pour-lagriculture>

⁴³³³ Séminaire du Réseau rural français à Rennes, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation 17 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/seminaire-du-reseau-rural-francais-rennes>

⁴³³⁴ Le Mas numérique : inauguration d'un dispositif au service d'une viticulture connectée, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation 12 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/le-mas-numerique-inauguration-dun-dispositif-au-service-dune-viticulture-connectee>

⁴³³⁵ Presse agricole : Yannick Groult et Marion Coisne reçoivent les prix 2017 de l'AFJA, Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation 06 December 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/seminaire-du-reseau-rural-francais-rennes>

realization that while research in the field of agronomy is producing excellent results, its transfer can sometimes take decades.⁴³³⁶

France has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Ekaterina Rosolovskaya and Anastasiia Shkrebo

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 20 July 2017, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) organized a conference with politicians, economists, and civil society representatives to discuss the implementation of information technology in agriculture to maintain competitiveness in the industry.⁴³³⁷

On 17 August 2017, BMEL published the Programme for the Future Digital Policy in Agriculture. The programme states that new technologies in agriculture require a high level of qualification and ICT skills.⁴³³⁸

On 29 November 2017, the Thünen Institut für Ländliche Räume, which is financed by BMEL, created a diverse databank called Agrar GIS for land use. All information concerning the regions, digital landscape models, soil, natural conservation areas, and climate is combined in a large set of digital data with maps and statistics.⁴³³⁹

On 14 December 2017, BMEL decided to invest EUR1.5 million in agricultural research to find out how to apply the available satellite data for agricultural planning.⁴³⁴⁰

Germany has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Dariia Evreeva and Alyona Zhogol

⁴³³⁶ 12 International Commitments: One Planet Summit. France Diplomatie, 12 December 2017. Access date: 1 December 2017. https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/oneplanetsummit-dp-engagements-en_cle88d5e4.pdf

⁴³³⁷ Schmidt: Breitband gehört zur Grundversorgung, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft 20 July 2017. Access date: 15 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/063-Digitalisierung.html>.

⁴³³⁸ 12 International Commitments: One Planet Summit. France Diplomatie, 12 December 2017. Access date: 1 December 2017. https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/oneplanetsummit-dp-engagements-en_cle88d5e4.pdf

⁴³³⁹ Das Thünen-Agrar-GIS - eine georeferenzierte Datenbank mit Informationen zur Landnutzung in Deutschland, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft 29 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. https://www.bmel.de/DE/Landwirtschaft/Pflanzenbau/Boden/_Texte/ThuenenAgrarGIS.html.

⁴³⁴⁰ Satellitengestützte Information zur Grünlandbewirtschaftung (SattGrün), Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft 14 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/107-Grünlandbewirtschaftung.html>.

India: +1

India has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

As of 31 October 2017, 470 Mandis across 14 states were integrated in the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). 90 commodities are also being traded on a pan-India electronic trading portal launched by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to facilitate farmers, traders, buyers, exporters, and processors with a common platform for trading commodities.⁴³⁴¹

On 3 December 2017, the Government of India increased the budget of Agricultural Education by 47.4 per cent this financial year, compared to 2013-2014.⁴³⁴² One of the major goals of the Agricultural Education programme is to facilitate the necessary skills development for further introduction of modern technologies (information technology (IT) among most important) to the sector.

On 3 December 2017, the Minister of Agriculture stated that in order to adopt quality and holistic approaches to higher agricultural education, the Fifth Dean Committee Report was implemented in all agricultural universities. The goal is to provide adequate strengthening of agricultural education to maximize the use of advanced IT technologies.,⁴³⁴³

India has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Shtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

In August 2017, the Government of Indonesia adopted the 2017-2019 Roadmap for the National Electronic Commerce System. There are eight major components to the roadmap: funding, taxation, consumer protection, education and human resources, communication infrastructure, logistics, cybersecurity, and the implementing organization. These components cover the agricultural sector, among others.⁴³⁴⁴

On 17 November 2017, the Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Promoting Rural Incomes Through Support for Markets in Agriculture was presented. The program will use the market systems development approach to support inclusive economic growth in Indonesia's agriculture, horticulture,

⁴³⁴¹ National agriculture market, Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India 31 October 2017. Access date: 31 October 2017. <http://www.enam.gov.in/NAM/home/faq.html#>

⁴³⁴² Centre increases the agricultural education budget this year by 47.4 percent as compared to the financial year 2013-14: Agriculture Minister, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture 3 December 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=174064>

⁴³⁴³ Centre increases the agricultural education budget this year by 47.4 percent as compared to the financial year 2013-14: Agriculture Minister, Press Information Bureau Government of India Ministry of Agriculture 3 December 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <http://pib.nic.in/newsite/PrintRelease.aspx?relid=174064>

⁴³⁴⁴ Roadmap for the National Electronic Commerce System for 2017 — 2019, American Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://www.amcham.or.id/images/Roadmap.pdf>

livestock, and aquaculture sectors. The partnership focuses on the introduction of ICT in agricultural sector and bridging skills gaps.⁴³⁴⁵

On 21 November 2017, the Ministry of Communications and Information set a target to get 1 million fishermen and farmers online by 2019 to increase their market access. To reach the target, the Ministry will work with the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Ministry and start-up businesses.

Indonesia has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Italy: +1

Italy has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 22 December 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies issued decree No. 33671, approving the Guidelines for the Development of Precision Agriculture in Italy.⁴³⁴⁶ The guidelines provide for the comprehensive introduction and integration of ICT in national agricultural management systems, as well as education and skills development in this sector.⁴³⁴⁷

On 29 December 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies announced the allocation of EUR500,000 for innovative agricultural projects in accordance with previously introduced legislation on food waste reduction. One of the projects, NetFood or Networking for Food Challenge, provides for the creation of an information platform for accounting, distribution, and utilization of surplus agricultural products. The project will receive up to EUR50,000 in financing from the Italian government.⁴³⁴⁸

Italy has taken actions to promote ICT application and ICT related skills development in agricultural sector.

Thus, Italy receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

⁴³⁴⁵ Australia-Indonesia Partnership for "Promoting Rural Incomes through Support for Markets in Agriculture", Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australian Government 17 November 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/business-opportunities/tenders/Documents/aip-prisma-2-idd-17-nov-2017.pdf>

⁴³⁴⁶ Prot. DG DISR n. 33671 del 22/12/2017, Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies 22 December 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeAttachment.php/L/IT/D/2%252F5%252F4%252FD.a478e4163e1e38fcd2f/P/BLOB%3AID%3D12069/E/pdf>.

⁴³⁴⁷ Linee Guida per lo Sviluppo Dell'agricoltura di Precisione In Italia, Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies 22 December 2015. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeAttachment.php/L/IT/D/f%252F2%252Ff%252FD.908249e56b5ec6753a1f/P/BLOB%3AID%3D12069/E/pdf>.

⁴³⁴⁸ Assegnati 500 mila euro per finanziare progetti innovativi contro lo spreco alimentare, Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies 29 December 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/12088>.

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 29 August 2017, it was reported Japan's major telecom operator NTT Docomo Inc (30% of the shares are owned by the Government). would launch a service available via smartphones to provide aquaculture operators with sea data, including water temperatures, collected with the use of special buoys equipped with information and communications technologies; the service is expected to be used widely by fisheries cooperatives others across the country for reinvigorating the industry, helping sea farmers to better prepare for their work and save time going out to sea for checking water conditions.⁴³⁴⁹

On 18 December 2017, the Japan International Cooperation Agency signed a grant agreement with the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt to provide grant aid of up to JPY993 million for the Project for Procurement of Education and Research Equipment for the Faculty of Engineering of Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology Borg El Arab, Alexandria Governorate.⁴³⁵⁰

Japan has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture, and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, Japan has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

From 11-13 October 2017, the Ministry of Science and ICT of the Republic of Korea in cooperation with the Korea IoT Association (Internet of Things Association) hosted the IoT Korea Exhibition 2017. The key exhibits on the margins of the event were devoted to the IoT application in various spheres including manufacturing, home appliances, health and medical care, energy and also in agriculture, aquafarm environment, livestock management services, etc.⁴³⁵¹

Korea promoted ICT application in agriculture and but no actions on ICT skills development were found during compliance period.

Thus, Korea has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with the commitment on ICT applications and skills in agriculture.

⁴³⁴⁹ NTT Docomo to launch data service for aquaculture farmers, Japan Times 29 August 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/08/29/business/ntt-docomo-launch-data-service-aquaculture-farmers/#.WISiJ1VI-pp>

⁴³⁵⁰ Signing of Grant Agreement with Egypt: Strengthening practical education at the Egypt-Japan University of Science and Technology through the provision of education and research equipment, Japan International Cooperation Agency 22 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171222_01.html

⁴³⁵¹ IoT Korea Exhibition & International Conference 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. URL: <http://www.iotkorea.or.kr/2017/eng/index.asp#>

On 5 September 2017, the first Agrotechnology, Energy and Social Entrepreneurship Forum was held at the Tecnológico de Monterrey Campus Santa Fe, organized by the Capitalization and Investment Fund of the Rural Sector (FOCIR) (a government body) and the EGADE Business School of Tecnológico de Monterrey. The aim of the forum was to promote the ICT application in the agricultural sector as well as to discuss the entrepreneurial skills needed to develop the technologies for the agriculture.⁴³⁵²

On 17 November 2017, FOCIR participated in the panel “Agritech: Innovation For Food of The Future” where the representatives of the fund presented the information regarding the use of technology and innovation to incorporate added value in agriculture, livestock, forestry, fishing and aquaculture, among others.⁴³⁵³

On 13 December 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food signed a collaboration agreement with the Universidad Tecnológica de Oriental with the objective of promoting technical assistance and training for agricultural producers who are members of the Livestock and Agricultural Product Systems Committees. The agreement is intended to increase the competitiveness of each of the producers that make up the various links in the production chains.⁴³⁵⁴

On 16 February 2018, during the First Regular Session of FOCIR in 2018 the launch of the Capital Investment Fund in Agribusiness 4 was authorized by the government, with an investment objective of MXP1,000 million.⁴³⁵⁵

Mexico has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture, and has contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, Mexico has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Russia: +1

Russia has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 25 August 2017, the Government of the Russian Federation approved the Federal program of scientific and technical development of agriculture in Russia for 2017-2025.⁴³⁵⁶ The program is

⁴³⁵² Se llevó a cabo el Primer Foro de Agrotecnología, Energía y Emprendimiento Social, Government of Mexico 7 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/focir/es/articulos/se-llevo-a-cabo-el-primer-foro-de-agrotecnologia-energia-y-emprendimiento-social?idiom=es>

⁴³⁵³ FOCIR participará en la 5ª Edición del Festival de Emprendimiento INCmty 2017, Government of Mexico 9 November 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/focir/articulos/focir-participara-en-la-5-edicion-del-festival-de-emprendimiento-incmty-2017?idiom=es>

⁴³⁵⁴ Firma convenio de colaboración SAGARPA y la Universidad Tecnológica de Oriental, Government of Mexico 13 December 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sagarpa/tlaxcala/articulos/firma-convenio-de-colaboracion-sagarpa-y-la-universidad-tecnologica-de-oriental?idiom=es>

⁴³⁵⁵ lanzamiento del Fondo de Inversión de Capital en Agronegocios 4, Government of Mexico 7 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/focir/archivo/articulos?idiom=es>

⁴³⁵⁶ Federal program of scientific and technical development of agriculture in Russia for 2017-2025. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://government.ru/docs/29004/>

focused on further stable growth of agricultural production and enhancing national food security by means of incorporation of advance sciences into process of production.⁴³⁵⁷

On 24 November 2017, Igor Kozubenko, the Director of Department of Development and Management of Public and Information Resources of the Agricultural Sector of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation took part in a business meeting with his German counterparts on the margins of the XVI Forum “Peterburgsky Dialog” in Berlin.⁴³⁵⁸ The meeting was devoted to bilateral exchanges of technologies and expertise in the sphere of information technology in agriculture.⁴³⁵⁹

On 15 December 2017, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation and the Russian Academy of Sciences signed a mutual cooperation agreement.⁴³⁶⁰ The two institutions look forward to establishing closer ties to promote wider use of high-tech innovations in agriculture including better staff skill training, economic expertise and general academic support.⁴³⁶¹

Russia has promoted ICT application in agriculture and contributed to ICT skills development.

Thus, Russia has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: –1

Saudi Arabia has not complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 17 October 2017, within the framework of the project “Innovate, Disrupt and Transform” Saudi Arabia held the International Data Corporation IT Forum.” It attracted more than 1500 high-level information technology managers to the events held in the Middle East and Africa in 2017. Among the topics participants discussed the application of IT and other innovations in agricultural sector.⁴³⁶²

Saudi Arabia has taken no steps to promote ICT application in agriculture, and has not contributed to ICT skills development in this sphere.

Thus, Saudi Arabia has received a score of –1.

Analyst: Manuchekhr Mukhammedov

⁴³⁵⁷ Federal program of scientific and technical development of agriculture in Russia for 2017-2025. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://government.ru/docs/29004/>

⁴³⁵⁸ Igor Kozubenko took part in the XVI Forum “Peterburgsky Dialog” in Berlin. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://mcx.ru/press-service/news/igor-kozubenko-prinyal-uchastie-v-khvi-forume-peterburgskiy-dialog-2017-v-berline/>

⁴³⁵⁹ Igor Kozubenko took part in the XVI Forum “Peterburgsky Dialog” in Berlin. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://mcx.ru/press-service/news/igor-kozubenko-prinyal-uchastie-v-khvi-forume-peterburgskiy-dialog-2017-v-berline/>

⁴³⁶⁰ The minister of agriculture and the President of Russian Academy of Sciences signed a mutual cooperation agreement. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://mcx.ru/press-service/news/minselkhoz-rossii-i-ran-podpisali-soglashenie-o-sotrudnichestve/>

⁴³⁶¹ The minister of agriculture and the President of Russian Academy of Sciences signed a mutual cooperation agreement. Access date: 10 January 2018. URL: <http://mcx.ru/press-service/news/minselkhoz-rossii-i-ran-podpisali-soglashenie-o-sotrudnichestve/>

⁴³⁶² ICT Experts to Explore Saudi Arabia's Digital Transformation Landscape at IDC's 'IT Forum 2017' in Jeddah & Riyadh, IDC Analyze the future 10 October 2017. Access date: ... URL: <https://www.idc.com/getdoc.jsp?containerId=prCEMA43146217>

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 1 December 2017, Business Connexion Group, a full-subsiary of the Telecom SOP (a state-controlled, digital industrial company) announced its intention to provide end-to-end digital technology for agri-processing needs.⁴³⁶³ The product was named “The Digital Farm” and will allow the fulfilling of various tasks in the agricultural process.⁴³⁶⁴

South Africa has taken steps to promote ICT application in agriculture, but has not contributed to ICT skills development in this sphere.

Thus, South Africa has received a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Turkey: -1

Turkey has not complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

Turkey’s Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock Strategic Plan for 2013-2017 prioritizes (among other things):

- Development of the Agricultural Parcel Information System to collect agricultural data under one system and to ensure easy access. Based on the analysis of the agricultural data, it is also planned to determine the development indices of villages and districts, conduct their needs analyses and adopt respective support measures for agriculture development;⁴³⁶⁵
- Establishment of agribusiness Marketing Information System;⁴³⁶⁶
- Enhancement of the efficiency of Farm Accounting Data Network System, and Geographical Information Systems and remote sensing technologies;⁴³⁶⁷
- Activation of local resources in rural areas through trainings.⁴³⁶⁸

The Strategic Plan also highlights a number of ICT-related performance indicators, namely:⁴³⁶⁹

⁴³⁶³ BCX, GE co-creates Digital Farm solution tailored for SA and African agriculture. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/707/170663.html>

⁴³⁶⁴ BCX, GE co-creates Digital Farm solution tailored for SA and African agriculture. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.bizcommunity.com/Article/196/707/170663.html>

⁴³⁶⁵ Strategic Plan for 2013-2017, Turkey’s Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock 2015. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.tarim.gov.tr/SGB/Belgeler/Stratejik%20Plan%202013-17-EN.pdf>

⁴³⁶⁶ Strategic Plan for 2013-2017, Turkey’s Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock 2015. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.tarim.gov.tr/SGB/Belgeler/Stratejik%20Plan%202013-17-EN.pdf>

⁴³⁶⁷ Strategic Plan for 2013-2017, Turkey’s Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock 2015. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.tarim.gov.tr/SGB/Belgeler/Stratejik%20Plan%202013-17-EN.pdf>

⁴³⁶⁸ Strategic Plan for 2013-2017, Turkey’s Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock 2015. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.tarim.gov.tr/SGB/Belgeler/Stratejik%20Plan%202013-17-EN.pdf>

⁴³⁶⁹ Strategic Plan for 2013-2017, Turkey’s Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock 2015. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.tarim.gov.tr/SGB/Belgeler/Stratejik%20Plan%202013-17-EN.pdf>

- With respect to food safety and security — the number of fishing vessels covered by remote sensing Vessel Monitoring System (inspection, control, data collection);
- With respect to development of agricultural infrastructure services — total area with land use planning, total area on which detailed soil surveys are performed, and ratio of registered/defined plots;
- With respect to utilizing products on-site and increasing their added value — completion rate of the marketing information system (per cent);
- With respect to increasing living standards in rural areas and ensuring rural development — the number of beneficiaries trained, certified, and authorized (persons), the number of enterprises receiving agricultural consultancy services, the number of enterprises covered by the Farm Accounting Data Network System.

However, no actions were found during compliance period.

Turkey has taken no steps to promote ICT application in agriculture, and has not contributed to ICT skills development in this sphere during the compliance period.

Thus, Turkey has received a score of -1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 29 July 2017, the UK announced funding for rural businesses.⁴³⁷⁰ Funding will be available to support new rural broadband projects, and provide significant amounts of funding to on-farm businesses to invest in new infrastructure such as new buildings and machinery.⁴³⁷¹

On 7 February 2018, Farming Minister George Eustice announced new GBP60 million grants scheme where farmers can bid for cash to buy new farm equipment.⁴³⁷² Farmers can apply online to the Countryside Productivity Small Grant Scheme, requesting a grant between GBP3,000 and GBP12,000 towards the costs of farm equipment.⁴³⁷³

On 16 February 2018, the Association of Public Analysts Educational Trust and the Government Chemist Programme in British company LGC organized an annual Royal Society of Chemistry-

⁴³⁷⁰ GBP200 million boost for rural England, Government of the United Kingdom 29 July 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/200-million-boost-for-rural-england>

⁴³⁷¹ GBP200 million boost for rural England, Government of the United Kingdom 29 July 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/200-million-boost-for-rural-england>

⁴³⁷² GBP60m farming productivity fund launched at Dairy-Tech, Government of the United Kingdom 8 February 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/60m-farming-productivity-fund-launched-at-dairy-tech>

⁴³⁷³ GBP60m farming productivity fund launched at Dairy-Tech, Government of the United Kingdom 8 February 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/60m-farming-productivity-fund-launched-at-dairy-tech>

approved, fully residential week long postgraduate course on the analysis and examination of food and feed. The course will take place from 16 to 20 April 2018.⁴³⁷⁴

The United Kingdom has promoted ICT application in agriculture and contributes to ICT skills development.

Thus, the UK has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 24 July 2017, the US government agency Agricultural Research Service announced that its engineers created a sensor network that monitors temperatures and humidity levels inside the semitrailers and the kernel moisture content.⁴³⁷⁵ A weather station also tracks outdoor air temperatures, humidity levels and wind speed—which all can affect the peanut drying rate.⁴³⁷⁶

On 23 October 2017, the Agricultural Research Service launched a newly designed website that improves access to information about its research.⁴³⁷⁷ The new site features mobile responsiveness allowing users to better navigate and view information on both mobile and desktop devices.⁴³⁷⁸

On 23 August 2017, US Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue unveiled a new mobile application for Apple and Android devices to provide Executive Branch employees answers to questions about government ethics issues.⁴³⁷⁹ The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Ethics App is the first of its kind in the federal government and reaffirms Perdue's commitment to applying President Trump's government-wide ethics standards to the department.⁴³⁸⁰

⁴³⁷⁴ GC offers APA validated postgraduate residential course, Government of the United Kingdom 16 February 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/gc-offers-apa-validated-postgraduate-residential-course>

⁴³⁷⁵ New Sensor System for Improved Peanut Drying, USDA. Access date: 24 July 2017. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2017/new-sensor-system-for-improved-peanut-drying/>

⁴³⁷⁶ New Sensor System for Improved Peanut Drying, USDA. Access date: 24 July 2017. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2017/new-sensor-system-for-improved-peanut-drying/>

⁴³⁷⁷ New ARS Website Enhances Access to Scientific Information, USDA. Access date: 23 October 2017. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2017/new-ars-website-enhances-access-to-scientific-information/>

⁴³⁷⁸ New ARS Website Enhances Access to Scientific Information, USDA. Access date: 23 October 2017. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2017/new-ars-website-enhances-access-to-scientific-information/>

⁴³⁷⁹ Perdue Unveils New USDA Ethics App for Executive Branch Employees, USDA. Access date: 23 August 2017. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2017/08/23/perdue-unveils-new-usda-ethics-app-executive-branch-employees>

⁴³⁸⁰ Perdue Unveils New USDA Ethics App for Executive Branch Employees, USDA. Access date: 23 August 2017. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2017/08/23/perdue-unveils-new-usda-ethics-app-executive-branch-employees>

On 6 November 2017, Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett announced that USDA invested more than USD200 million in infrastructure projects to bring broadband to hundreds of unserved and underserved rural communities.⁴³⁸¹

On 14 December 2017, the USDA introduced its new information technology operating model to increase efficiency in serving its customers.⁴³⁸²

On 13 December 2017, the Agricultural Research Service announced that its scientists are saving water in California's vineyards by using satellite data and computer models to better manage water resources.⁴³⁸³

On 18 December 2017, Agricultural Research Service announced that its scientists and collaborators are using 3-D imaging to protect newborn piglets by monitoring adult female pigs' behavior.⁴³⁸⁴

The United States promotes ICT application in agriculture and contributes to ICT skills development.

Thus, the US has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Svetlana Shapovalova

European Union: 0

The European Union has partially complied with the commitment on information and communications technology (ICT) applications and skills in agriculture.

On 24 November 2017, ICT-AGRI Conference on ICT and Robotics for a Sustainable Agriculture was held in Copenhagen, Denmark as a ERA-NET (instrument designed to support public-public partnerships in their preparation, establishment of networking structures, design, implementation and coordination of joint activities as well as topping up of single joint calls and of actions of a transnational nature) activity. One of the Projects approved during the conference is the project "ICT and Automation for Low Input & Reduced Traffic Agriculture in Irregular Sloped Pastures." It targeted to implement a pilot project to increase animal production and accelerate rural socio-economic development by precision (low input & reduced traffic) fertilization of irregular sloped mountainous pastures by using ICT and automation. The Project is expected to start on 1 January 2018.⁴³⁸⁵

On 27 October 2017, the European Commission launched the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020.⁴³⁸⁶ With the Investment of EUR1.3 billion this Programme responded to some key global

⁴³⁸¹ USDA Invests in Broadband Infrastructure in Unserved and Underserved Rural Areas, USDA. Access date: 6 November 2017. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2017/11/06/usda-invests-broadband-infrastructure-unserved-and-underserved>

⁴³⁸² USDA Announces New IT Operating Model, USDA. Access date: 14 December 2017. <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2017/12/14/usda-announces-new-it-operating-model>

⁴³⁸³ Bringing Space Technology to Water Needs in California Vineyards. Access date: 13 December 2017. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2017/bringing-space-technology-to-water-needs-in-california-vineyards/>

⁴³⁸⁴ High-Tech Camera Helps Protect Sows and Piglets. Access date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.ars.usda.gov/news-events/news/research-news/2017/high-tech-camera-helps-protect-sows-and-piglets/>

⁴³⁸⁵ ICT and Automation for Low Input and Reduced Traffic Agriculture in Irregular Sloped Pastures, ICT-AGRI era-net 24 November 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. <http://ict-agri.eu/node/38664>.

⁴³⁸⁶ Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy, European Commission 27 October 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-food_en.pdf.

challenges, including ensuring food security and agricultural development.⁴³⁸⁷ The program listed a number of projects to be launched, among which are:

- a) European Joint Programme on agricultural soil management that suggested developing new ICT tools, this could help farmers to protect and manage soils in line with current scientific understanding of processes;⁴³⁸⁸
- b) ERANET's in agri-food, which stated that ICT-enabled agri-food systems should be introduced in agriculture. The agri-food sector needs to take more advantage of the potential of digital technologies. Relevant technologies may include Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data technologies, remote and localized sensing;⁴³⁸⁹
- c) Blue Bioeconomy Public-Public Partnership that suggested addressing research and innovation gaps such as achieving zero waste by optimizing the use of underutilized and waste material from fisheries and aquaculture and apply biotechnology and ICT in the blue bioeconomy.⁴³⁹⁰
- d) ICT Innovation for agriculture — Digital Innovation Hubs for Agriculture that called for promoting Digital Innovation Hubs in agriculture. It shall address the adoption of ICT-based solutions for more productive and sustainable agriculture systems. The expected impact of this project includes attracting a significant number of new users of ICT in the agricultural sector and creating a critical mass of pan-European experiments that explore new application areas for ICT in agriculture in general.⁴³⁹¹

On 11 October 2017, the Agri-Innovation Summit started in Lisbon, Portugal. One of the aims of the summit was to provide a platform for a stimulating debate on innovation and digitization in agriculture and rural areas, now and after 2020. The AIS 2017 was a joint initiative of a Portuguese consortium, the Portuguese Government, the EIP-AGRI network and the European Network for Rural Development.⁴³⁹² It gathered around 500 farmers, rural businesses, startups, Rural Development Programmes managing authorities, national rural networks, Horizon 2020 multi-actor projects, LEADER Local Action Groups, advisors and non-governmental organizations throughout the EU with the aim of raising awareness about innovation and digitization (ICT introduction)

⁴³⁸⁷ Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy, European Commission 27 October 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-food_en.pdf.

⁴³⁸⁸ Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy, European Commission 27 October 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-food_en.pdf.

⁴³⁸⁹ Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy, European Commission 27 October 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-food_en.pdf.

⁴³⁹⁰ Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy, European Commission 27 October 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-food_en.pdf.

⁴³⁹¹ Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020, Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy, European Commission 27 October 2017. Access date: 30 November 2017. http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-food_en.pdf.

⁴³⁹² Agri-Innovation Summit Lisbon 2017, European Commission 12 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/agri-innovation-summit-lisbon-2017>

opportunities for agriculture and rural economies and how these may be supported under on-going Rural Development Programmes among other agendas.⁴³⁹³

On 29 November 2017, the European Commission prepared a report about the further development of common agricultural policy after 2020. The report underlined the importance of digitalization and technological development within the agricultural policy.⁴³⁹⁴

The European Union promotes ICT application in agriculture and contributes to ICT skills development.

Thus, the EU has received a score of +1.

Analyst: Karina Khasanova

⁴³⁹³ Agri-Innovation Summit Lisbon 2017, European Commission 12 October 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/agri-innovation-summit-lisbon-2017>

⁴³⁹⁴ Schmidt: Diskussion zur zukünftigen GAP nimmt Fahrt auf!, Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft 29 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <https://www.bmel.de/SharedDocs/Pressemitteilungen/2017/104-GAP.html>.

17. Energy: Sustainable Energy

“Foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.”

Hamburg Update: Taking Forward the G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda

Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China			+1
France			+1
Germany			+1
India			+1
Indonesia			+1
Italy		0	
Japan			+1
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia		0	
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa		0	
Turkey		0	
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average	+0.75		

Background

The G20 leaders made their first commitment to develop energy efficiency and clean energy technologies at the 2009 London Summit.⁴³⁹⁵ Since then, energy has been a constant element of every subsequent summit agenda.

At the 2009 Pittsburgh Summit, G20 leaders reiterated their commitment to stimulate investment in clean energy, renewables, and energy efficiency, as well as to provide financial and technical support for such projects in developing countries.⁴³⁹⁶ This commitment was reiterated at the 2010 Seoul Summit.⁴³⁹⁷ At the 2011 Cannes Summit, G20 leaders developed the commitment further by referencing the UN Secretary General’s Sustainable Energy for All Initiative.⁴³⁹⁸ At the 2013 St.

⁴³⁹⁵ Global Plan for Recovery and Reform, G20 Information Center 2 April 2009. Access date: 10October 2017.<http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0402.html>.

⁴³⁹⁶ G20 Leaders Statement: The Pittsburgh Summit, G20 Information Center 25 September 2009. Access date: 10October 2017.<http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2009/2009communique0925.html>.

⁴³⁹⁷ The G20 Seoul Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Center 12 November 2010. Access date: 10October 2017.<http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2010/g20seoul.html>.

⁴³⁹⁸ Cannes Summit Final Declaration: Building Our Common Future, G20 Information Center (Toronto) 4 November 2011. Access date: 10October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2011/2011-cannes-declaration-111104-en.html>.

Petersburg Summit, G20 leaders again reaffirmed their commitment to cleaner and more efficient technologies, but also highlighted the importance of enhancing the efficiency of markets and shifting towards a more sustainable energy future.⁴³⁹⁹

In Brisbane in 2014, G20 leaders adopted the Action Plan for Voluntary Collaboration on Energy Efficiency, which addressed related issues including “vehicles performance, networked devices; buildings; industrial processes; and electricity generation; as well as work on financing for energy efficiency.”⁴⁴⁰⁰ At the 2015 Antalya Summit, the G20 committed to increase investments in clean energy technologies and support research in this field.⁴⁴⁰¹ Under the Chinese presidency in 2016, G20 leaders in Hangzhou adopted the Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which expressed their “vision of a world of sustainable energy for all” and pledged to ensure universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy services while promoting “investment in innovative energy technologies including clean energy technologies.”⁴⁴⁰²

Commitment Features

The G20 commitment requires G20 members to promote investment in sustainable energy projects and ensure their integration into regional efforts including through existing institutions and programs.

Thus, to achieve full compliance with this commitment, G20 members must:

- a) Direct public funds towards projects which foster sustainability of energy sector (increasing energy efficiency, reducing residual waste, and/or promoting the use of renewables) domestically and/or internationally, and/or provide incentives to private investors to do so; and
- b) Participate in regional initiatives which promote sustainable use of energy resources on bilateral, multilateral, or institutional basis.

Scoring Guidelines

-1	Member does not provide/stimulate investment in sustainable energy projects and does not participate in regional initiatives to that end.
0	Member provides/stimulates investment in sustainable energy projects OR participates in regional initiatives to that end.
+1	Member provides/stimulates investment in sustainable energy projects AND participates in regional initiatives to that end.

Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

⁴³⁹⁹ St. Petersburg Summit Leaders’ Declaration, G20 Information Center 6 September 2013. Access date: 10October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2013/2013-0906-declaration.html>.

⁴⁴⁰⁰ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué Brisbane, G20 Information Center 16 November 2014. Access date: 10October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2014/2014-1116-communique.html>.

⁴⁴⁰¹ G20 Leaders’ Communiqué Antalya, G20 Information Center 16 November 2015. Access date: 10October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>.

⁴⁴⁰² G20 Action Plan on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, G20 Information Center 8 September 2016. Access date: 10October 2017. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2016/g20-action-plan-on-2030-agenda.pdf>.

On 22 August 2017, the Ministry of Energy published regulations on renewable energy contracts to simplify the signing process between large electric power users, customers, and producers.⁴⁴⁰³

On 31 August 2017, the Biomasa Pindó Project in Puerto Esperanza, Misiones began its operations. The 2 MegaWatt project was awarded in Round 1 of the RenovAr Program and will deliver energy produced from forest biomass to the National Interconnected System. The system was financed by the national company Pindó S.A. The total sum of investment was more than USD5 million.⁴⁴⁰⁴

On 20 October 2017, Minister of Energy and Mining Juan J. Aranguren and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development Sergio Bergman participated in the procedure of opening of offers of Round 2 of the RenovAr program. 228 bids were submitted for a total capacity of 9403 MW. The process of national and international selection of renewable generation electric energy projects (RenovAr Round 2 Program) had been launched on August 17, 2017 by Resolution 275.⁴⁴⁰⁵

On 1 November 2017, the Chamber of Renewable Energies (CADER) and Embassy of Belgium organized a seminar to study policies that promote the development of renewable technologies. The event was attended by more 30 key Argentinian bio-energy producers, representatives of the Embassy of Belgium, and CADER. The synergy between the Argentinian and Belgian producers was noted for its importance in building partnerships.⁴⁴⁰⁶

On 1 December 2017, over 90 projects in the renewable energy sphere that are receiving contributions from the Sustainable Environmental Management Funds, provided by the Unit for Rural Change, were presented. The projects will be co-financed by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).⁴⁴⁰⁷

On 4-7 December 2017, Argentina hosted Energy Week in Buenos Aires. Events throughout the week aimed to exchange experiences and knowledge in the energy sector to contribute to sub-regional and regional integration in energy transition. The event was organized by the Latin American Energy Organization (OLADE), Ministry of Energy and Mining, and IDB. The week concluded with the OLADE XLVII Meeting of Ministers that brought together 27 energy ministers from Latin America and the Caribbean.⁴⁴⁰⁸ Executive Secretary Alfonso Blanco also made a speech that briefly reviewed Argentina's progress and transformation in the energy sector, particularly in the framework of RenoVar program to increase national energy efficiency.⁴⁴⁰⁹

⁴⁴⁰³ El Ministerio de Energía publicó reglamentación sobre contratos de energías renovables. Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.cader.org.ar/el-ministerio-de-energia-publico-reglamentacion-sobre-contratos-de-energias-renovables/>.

⁴⁴⁰⁴ Entró en operaciones el primer proyecto de biomasa forestal del programa "RenovAr". Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.cader.org.ar/entro-en-operaciones-el-primer-proyecto-de-biomasa-forestal-del-programa-renovar/>.

⁴⁴⁰⁵ Se presentaron ofertas por 9.403 MW en la licitación de energías renovables "Ronda 2". Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.cader.org.ar/se-presentaron-ofertas-por-9-403-mw-en-la-licitacion-de-energias-renovables-ronda-2/>.

⁴⁴⁰⁶ Empresarios y funcionarios analizaron el potencial del biogás en Argentina: proponen construir 10.000 plantas. Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.cader.org.ar/empresarios-y-funcionarios-analizaron-el-potencial-del-biogas-en-argentina-proponen-construir-10-000-plantas/>.

⁴⁴⁰⁷ Los productores se interesan en financiamiento para promover gestión ambiental sustentable. Access date: 18 December 2017.

http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/sitio/areas/prensa/index.php?accion=noticia&id_info=171201143228.

⁴⁴⁰⁸ SEMANA DE LA ENERGÍA. Access date: 26 December 2017. <https://semanadelaenergia.olade.org/>.

⁴⁴⁰⁹ XLVII Reunión de Ministros encuentro de 21 delegaciones de Países Miembros de Olade. Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.olade.org/noticias/xlvii-reunion-ministros-encuentro-18-delegaciones-paises-miembros-olade/>.

During the compliance period Argentina has provided investment in sustainable energy projects and participated in regional initiatives in the sustainable energy sphere. Thus, it has been awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Elizaveta Safonkina

Australia: +1

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 6 October 2017, the government-owned Clean Energy Finance Corporation announced a USD750,000 investment from the Clean Energy Innovation Fund in Melbourne to start up a business, Relectrify, for its new ground-breaking technology to repurpose used batteries from electric vehicles for extended use, including in behind-the-meter household energy storage.⁴⁴¹⁰

On 14 November 2017, the Australian Government, through the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA), provided USD5 million to support information sharing on renewable energy technology with researchers and industry leaders from around the world. Funding had been awarded to activities that helped to create, collect, analyze, and store knowledge, as well as strengthen industry partnerships and collaboration through the Mission Innovation and International Energy Agency.⁴⁴¹¹

On 13 December 2017, ARENA announced it had awarded USD29.2 million for 20 research projects to propel the development of solar photovoltaic (PV) technology. ARENA's third round of funding for research and development supports early-stage research to reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of solar PV, from creating flexible solar devices to making semi-transparent, high-efficiency solar cells for integrating into windows.⁴⁴¹²

Australia has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Arkadiy Khudyakov

Brazil: +1

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 1 September 2017, Chairman of the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization Liu Zhenya and the President of China Electricity Council met with Minister of Ministry of Minerals and Energy Fernando Coelho Filho. The parties signed a joint statement of cooperation to promote renewable energy exploitation and sustainable energy development.⁴⁴¹³

⁴⁴¹⁰ Innovation Fund backs second life for electric vehicle batteries, Clean Energy Finance Corp 4 October 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.cefc.com.au/media/files/innovation-fund-backs-second-life-for-electric-vehicle-batteries.aspx>

⁴⁴¹¹ Taking Australian clean energy expertise to the world, Australian Renewable Energy Agency 14 November 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <https://arena.gov.au/news/taking-australian-clean-energy-expertise-world/>

⁴⁴¹² Funding boost for world-leading solar PV research, Australian Renewable Energy Agency 13 December 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <https://arena.gov.au/news/solar-pv-funding-boost/>

⁴⁴¹³ Deepen China-Brazil Cooperation and Promote Renewable Energy Development, GEIDCO, 5 September 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. http://www.geidco.org/html/qqnhyhlwen/col2017080776/2017-10/13/20171013163726852830321_1.html

On 13 November 2017, the Central Bank announced that it will change the National Bank for Economic and Social Development's (BNDES) rates on its long-term loans in order to end the bank's subsidized lending, improve Brazil's money supply, and encourage alternative project financing for energy projects. Banco do Nordeste do Brazil provides financing for renewable energy projects.⁴⁴¹⁴

On 27 November 2017, BNDES announced new financing conditions for energy auctions. The new financing conditions for electric power generation (A-4 and A-6) and transmission projects that win the public auctions to be held by the Brazilian government in December 2017 can already be found on the BNDES website. The new rules bring changes that offer more flexibility in the financing structuring to entrepreneurs.⁴⁴¹⁵

On 5 December 2017, the National Agency for Oil, Natural Gas, and Biofuels announced the areas for the exploration and production of oil and natural gas to be made available as part of a new, permanent-offer system.⁴⁴¹⁶

On 5 December 2017, Bolivian President Evo Morales met with President Michel Temer in Brasilia to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries. The main trade agreement between the two countries concerns Brazil's import of Bolivian natural gas.⁴⁴¹⁷

Brazil has stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Dmitriy Logvinenko

Canada: +1

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 21 July 2017, Minister of Natural Resources Jim Carr announced a call for expressions of interest for funding to drive an innovative and sustainable economy. Natural Resources Canada received funding in the 2017 federal budget to implement new national programs, including projects to support next-generation smart grid systems, reduce the reliance of northern and Indigenous communities on diesel fuel, increase the number of electric vehicle stations, and help build new net-zero buildings across Canada.⁴⁴¹⁸

⁴⁴¹⁴ Brazil International Renewable Energy Congress — Financing in the spotlight, IHS Markit, November 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <https://technology.ihs.com/596977/brazil-international-renewable-energy-congress-financing-in-the-spotlight>

⁴⁴¹⁵ BNDES announces new financing conditions for energy auctions, BNDES Portal, 27. November 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017

https://www.bndes.gov.br/SiteBNDES/bndes/bndes_en/Institucional/Press/Noticias/2017/20171127_bndes_energy.html

⁴⁴¹⁶ Brazil opens areas for exploration and production of oil and gas, MercoPress, 5 December 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://en.mercopress.com/2017/12/05/brazil-opens-areas-for-exploration-and-production-of-oil-and-gas>

⁴⁴¹⁷ Brazil and Bolivia to strengthen strategic partnership in energy, Portal Brazil, 5 December 2017, Access date: 26 December 2017. <http://www.brazilgovnews.gov.br/news/2017/12/brazil-and-bolivia-to-strengthen-strategic-partnership-in-energy>

⁴⁴¹⁸ Government Advances Clean Growth Economy With Call for Expressions of Interest for Next-Generation Clean Energy Infrastructure Projects, Natural Resources Canada. Access date: 21 July 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-advances-clean-growth-economy-with-call-for-expressions-of-interest-for-next-generation-clean-energy-infrastructure-projects-635832813.html>

On 31 August 2017, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Navdeep Bains, who is also responsible for Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, announced an investment of USD467,200 to support a feasibility study to assess the potential for natural gas development in the Beaufort Delta region of the Northwest Territories.⁴⁴¹⁹

On 18 September 2017, the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service held a webinar on market information and intelligence, which prepared participants to take advantage of the 2017-2018 request for proposals procurement programme and opportunities in the Jamaican renewable energy market. The target audience was Canadian companies who are either active or interested in exporting to the Jamaican market and/or attending the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum in October 2017.⁴⁴²⁰

On 6 November 2017, engineering partner PurLucid Treatment Solutions was awarded a non-repayable contribution of up to CAD8.2 million in federal government funding to support the commercialization of a low energy water treatment system for the oil and gas industry. Specifically, Sustainable Development Technology Canada and Emissions Reduction Alberta agreed to fund up to CAD3.2 million and CAD5 million, respectively.⁴⁴²¹

On 20 November 2017, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna met with Rwandan Minister of Environment Vincent Biruta to sign a memorandum of understanding on environmental cooperation. The memorandum identifies five areas where the two countries will work together: climate change, the green economy, environmental compliance and enforcement, sustainable urban wetland management, and other environmental issues of mutual interest.⁴⁴²²

On 16 November 2017, Minister Bains announced a USD2.4 million investment in clean ocean technology to provide sustainable power solutions.⁴⁴²³

On 27 November 2017, the Sustainable Development Technology Canada announced the investment of CAD9.5 million in two Toronto companies for the development of solar power and energy storage technologies. The investment will go towards products by Morgan Solar Inc., based on the company's planar optical technology, which reduces the amount of expensive material needed in solar panels. One such product is a translucent high-efficiency solar panel for buildings, and

⁴⁴¹⁹ Government of Canada supports clean energy feasibility study, Inuvik, NT — Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor). Access date: 31 August 2017. https://www.canada.ca/en/northern-economic-development/news/2017/08/government_of_canadasupportscleanenergyfeasibilitystudy.html

⁴⁴²⁰ Renewable Energy Procurement Opportunities in Jamaica, The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service 13 September 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://tradecommissioner.gc.ca/webinars-webinaires/0000362.aspx?lang=eng>

⁴⁴²¹ MGX Minerals Engineering Partner PurLucid Awarded CUSD8.2M to Manufacture and Deploy Wastewater Treatment Systems Central to MGXs Petrolithium Recovery Process, MGX Mineral Inc. 6 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <https://www.mgxminerals.com/investors/news/2017/288-mgx-minerals-engineering-partner-purlucid-awarded-c-8-2m-to-manufacture-and-deploy-wastewater-treatment-systems-central-to-mgx-petrolithium-recovery-process.html>

⁴⁴²² Canada and Rwanda agree to cooperate on environmental protection and climate change, Cision 20 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/canada-and-rwanda-agree-to-cooperate-on-environmental-protection-and-climate-change-658912313.html>

⁴⁴²³ Investing in clean energy technology to create jobs and help the environment, Cision 16 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/investing-in-clean-energy-technology-to-create-jobs-and-help-the-environment-658033873.html>

another could become the lowest cost panel globally for utility-scale plants. The other company to receive funding is NRStor Inc., which proposed to store energy as compressed air and heat.⁴⁴²⁴

On 12 December 2017, Minister Carr announced the creation of a diverse, 14-member Generation Energy Council to provide recommendations on how Canada can prepare for a reliable, affordable, and low-carbon economy in the future. The Council's work will be informed by the takeaways from October's two-day Generation Energy Forum in Winnipeg, which was the culmination of a six-month engagement with more than 380,000 people through online participation, in-person panels, workshops, and the Citizen Dialogues on Canada's Energy Future, run by Simon Fraser University.⁴⁴²⁵

On 15 December 2017, Minister McKenna announced that the Government of Canada will provide over USD1 billion from the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund over the next five years to the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. The Low Carbon Economy Fund is an important investment under Canada's clean growth and climate plan, which will help Canada hit its 2030 Paris Agreement target. The fund has two components: 1) a USD1.4 billion Leadership Fund, which will help provinces and territories deliver on their commitments to reduce carbon pollution as part of Canada's climate plan, and 2) the Low-Carbon Economy Challenge, which will support ambitious projects that can be submitted by all provinces and territories, as well as municipalities, Indigenous governments and organizations, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations.⁴⁴²⁶

On 22 December 2017, CanNor announced USD950,000 to foster renewable energy source and offset the use of diesel in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. CanNor's investment will assist with the design, engineering, and geotechnical work related to the potential installation of commercial-size turbines at High Point, located ten kilometers outside of Inuvik. It is also supporting consultations with local stakeholders, including the Mayor and Council, the Gwich'in Tribal Council, and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.⁴⁴²⁷

On 1 December 2017, Canada launched the ASEAN-Canada Scholarships and Educational Exchanges for Development (SEED), a scholarship programme for students to study areas related to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including renewable energy, in Canada.⁴⁴²⁸

Canada has provided and stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Angelina Belichenko and Uliana Koptukh

⁴⁴²⁴ Canadian govt invests USD7.5m in solar, energy storage tech, Renewables Now 27 November 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <https://renewablesnow.com/news/canadian-govt-invests-usd-75m-in-solar-energy-storage-tech-592486/>

⁴⁴²⁵ Generation Energy Council Created to Give Shape to Canada's Energy Future, Markets Insider 12 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <http://markets.businessinsider.com/news/stocks/Generation-Energy-Council-Created-to-Give-Shape-to-Canadas-Energy-Future-456302>

⁴⁴²⁶ The Government of Canada announces new funding for energy efficiency and climate action in six provinces, Cision 15 December 2017. Access date: 19 December 2017. <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/the-government-of-canada-announces-new-funding-for-energy-efficiency-and-climate-action-in-six-provinces-664402123.html>

⁴⁴²⁷ Canada supports wind-energy study in its arctic, Windpower 22 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://www.windpowerengineering.com/financing/canada-supports-wind-energy-study-arctic/>

⁴⁴²⁸ Canada launches SEED scholarship programme, Borneo Bulletin 1 December 2017. Access date: 4 December 2017. <https://borneobulletin.com.bn/canada-launches-seed-scholarship-programme/>

China: +1

China has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 9 July 2017, China completed a 60-day trial of mining gas hydrates, commonly known as combustible ice, in the South China Sea, marking breakthroughs in human's search for alternative clean energy sources.⁴⁴²⁹

On 3 August 2017, China started construction on the Baihetan project, the world's soon-to-be second-largest hydropower station. The power station is located on the lower reach of the Jinsha River.⁴⁴³⁰

On 8 August 2017, the China-Africa Renewable Energy Cooperation and Innovation Alliance (CARECIA) was established to boost cooperation between China and Africa on clean energy. It implies wider application of Chinese standards in Africa that will promote renewable energy in both China and Africa.⁴⁴³¹

On 13 September 2017, the National Development and Reform Commission and National Energy Administration (NEA) stated that China plans to use ethanol gasoline across the country by 2020. According to a senior NEA official, "the plan was unveiled as the country is pushing the use of biofuel, which is renewable, applicable, environmentally friendly and tech-savvy. It is an ideal alternative to fossil fuel."⁴⁴³²

China has provided or stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Tsvetkova Anna

France: +1

France has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 6 September 2017, the Minister of the Ecological and Solidary Transition presented a draft bill to the Council of Ministers to end to the research and exploitation of conventional and unconventional hydrocarbons. Specifically, the bill prohibits the research and exploitation of shale gas and lays the groundwork for eliminating oil and gas production in France by 2040.⁴⁴³³

On 26 September 2017, Prime Minister Édouard Philippe presented the 2018-2022 investment plan. The plan recognizes the fact that buildings are responsible for 20 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, it will launch a major thermal renovation project aimed at building renovation.

⁴⁴²⁹ China wraps up combustible ice mining trial, setting world records, Xinhua 10 July 2017.
http://english.gov.cn/state_council/ministries/2017/07/10/content_281475718743236.htm

⁴⁴³⁰ China starts work on world's second-largest hydropower station, Site of Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China (English version) 3 August 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/08/03/content_281475769180534.htm

⁴⁴³¹ China, Africa to strengthen cooperation, innovation on renewable energy, Xinhua 8 August 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/08/08/content_281475776986433.htm

⁴⁴³² China plans nationwide use of bioethanol fuel by 2020, Xinhua 13 September 2017.

http://english.gov.cn/news/top_news/2017/09/13/content_281475855558766.htm

⁴⁴³³ Plan Climat. Le site du Gouvernement français, 21 September 2017. Access date: 29 November 2017.

<http://www.gouvernement.fr/action/plan-climat>

EUR9 billion will be mobilized to improve the energy efficiency of low-income housing and public buildings. One-quarter of the public buildings will be upgraded to meet environmental standards.⁴⁴³⁴

On 13 October 2017, Minister for an Ecological and Solidarity Transition Nicolas Hulot welcomed the European Union Environment Council's progress in implementing the Paris Agreement, which largely focused on switching to renewable energy.⁴⁴³⁵

On 13 October 2017, Secretary of State Sebastien Lecornu inaugurated the first French floating wind turbine in Saint-Nazaire. The turbine will produce the equivalent of annual electrical consumption of 5000 inhabitants. The energy produced will be injected into the electricity grid. The Floatgen wind project is the result of a collaboration between seven European partners, three of which are French: Idéol, a start-up company specializing in offshore wind turbines that designed the floating foundation; Bouygues Travaux Publics, which led to the construction of the floating foundation in the form of a square concrete ring; and the Central School of Nantes, a public engineering school.⁴⁴³⁶

On 19 October 2017, the French government created the Label for the Energy and Ecological Transition to ensure that investment funds contribute to the financing of energy and ecological transition. The label comprises demanding list of specifications and constitutes a benchmark for investors wishing to participate in financing the green economy. Complementing the range of financing tools provided by the Law of 17 August 2015 on energy transition for green growth, the TEEC label aims to increase investments that benefit the ecological transition and the fight against pollution. It will be done either by highlighting existing green investment funds or by creating new ones. 15 investment funds have already been created.⁴⁴³⁷

On 12 December 2017, President Emmanuel Macron organized the One Planet Summit in Paris. The event was organized around 4 discussion panels, the second of which focused on the importance of involving all finance actors in the fight against climate change and transition towards an economy emitting less greenhouse gases.⁴⁴³⁸

On 10-19 July 2017, France took part at high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. At the forum

⁴⁴³⁴ Grand Plan d'Investissement: 5 milliards d'euros pour l'agriculture. Site du Ministère de l'Agriculture et de l'Alimentation, 26 September 2017. Access date: 29 November 2017. <http://agriculture.gouv.fr/grand-plan-dinvestissement-5-milliards-deuros-pour-lagriculture>

⁴⁴³⁵ Conseil des ministres européens de l'Environnement : Nicolas Hulot rappelle que l'ambition c'est la solution, Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 13 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/conseil-des-ministres-europeens-lenvironnement-nicolas-hulot-rappelle-lambition-cest-solution>

⁴⁴³⁶ Inauguration de « Floatgen », la première éolienne flottante française, Ministère de la Transition écologique et solidaire 13 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/inauguration-floatgen-premiere-eolienne-flottante-francaise>

⁴⁴³⁷ Label Transition Énergétique et Ecologique pour le Climat pour les investisseurs qui s'engagent. Site du Ministère de la Transition Ecologique et Solidaire, 19 October 2017. Access date: 29 November 2017. <https://www.ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/Le%20label%20transition%20énergétique%20et%20écologique%20pour%20le%20climat%20pour%20les%20investisseurs%20qui%20s'engagent.pdf>

⁴⁴³⁸ One Planet Summit. France Diplomatie, 12 December 2017. Access date: 1 December 2017. <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/climate/one-planet-summit/>

France presented its action plan for implementing Sustainable Development Goals. France also stated it invest up to EUR6 million in renewable energy programs in Africa.⁴⁴³⁹

France has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Ekaterina Rosolovskaya and Anastasiia Shkrebo

Germany: +1

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 7 August 2017, the Federal Ministry for the Environment sanctioned a project on the use of the energy surplus in Landsberg am Lech. Under the project, a mobile system of energy supply, which was designed in the form of containers functioning on energy surplus, will provide public institutions in the region with energy. The Ministry provided EUR1.3 million from the National Initiative on Environmental Protection to implement this project.⁴⁴⁴⁰

On 30 August 2017, the Governments of India and Germany agreed to collaborate on enhancing India's ability to absorb renewable power under the Indo-German Energy Programme — Green Energy Corridors.⁴⁴⁴¹

On 7 September 2017, the Federal Ministry for Environment agreed to provide 1100 extra electric cars for the German public mail service to help deliver mail, to be used primarily in cities with the highest levels of air pollution. The budget of the program was also increased from EUR7.7 million to EUR17 million.⁴⁴⁴²

On 13 September 2017 the Round Table Against Marine Litter took place for the second time in Germany. The working groups of the round table made recommendations on how responsible action on marine litter can be integrated into business and commercial enterprises. One of the measures to combat marine litter is the Fishing for Litter Initiative, which involves distributing large bags to commercial fisheries to collect the waste caught in their nets and transporting it to the ports. The project also intends to raise awareness among the fishermen and be integrated as a training module at the vocational school for commercial fishers in Rendsburg.⁴⁴⁴³

On 18 September 2017, the Federal Ministry for the Environment supported the project of the Gelinova GmbH company in Heidelberg. The project assumes the production of bio-packaging from agar-agar and gelatin with the help of a new technology, which saves on energy and resources,

⁴⁴³⁹ Point d'étape de la France dans la mise en œuvre des ODD à l'occasion du Forum politique de haut niveau à l'ONU en juillet 2017, Gouvernement français July 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. https://ecologique-solidaire.gouv.fr/sites/default/files/ODD_Point%20d%27%C3%A9tape%20HLPF%202017.pdf

⁴⁴⁴⁰ Wärme wird mobil, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 7 August 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/waerme-wird-mobil/>.

⁴⁴⁴¹ Germany and India connect on renewable grid integration project, PV Tech 30 August 2017. Access date: 30 August 2017. <https://www.pv-tech.org/news/germany-and-india-connect-on-renewable-grid-integration-project>

⁴⁴⁴² Emissionsfreie Post- und Paketzustellung für Städte mit hoher Luftbelastung, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 7 September 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/emissionsfreie-post-und-paketzustellung-fuer-staedte-mit-hoher-luftbelastung/>.

⁴⁴⁴³ "Round Table Against Marine Litter goes into round two", the Federal Ministry for Environment 13 September 2017. Access date: 5 January 2018. <https://www.umweltbundesamt.de/en/press/pressinformation/round-table-against-marine-litter-goes-into-round>

particularly water. The application of the gelatin technology made it possible to save an extra 93,000 kilowatts of energy and almost 62 tons of gas per year. Gelinova received EUR2.3 million budget to help implement the project.⁴⁴⁴⁴

On 13 November 2017, Germany supported the Marshall Islands to develop ships with low gas emissions. Marshall Islands are among the countries most affected by climate change, and their greatest energy consuming branch of industry is shipping. The essence of Germany's support is for a project to reduce the use of coal for energy production in navigation. The project is a part of the initiatives developed at the Bonn Climate Conference. The Federal Ministry for Environment provided EUR9.5 million to support the project.⁴⁴⁴⁵

On 18 November 2017, the European Week for Waste Reduction took place in Germany with the motto "Giving objects a new life — encouraging repair in Germany." The week sought to raise awareness among all Germans to be more mindful in their consumption of appliances and resources to avoid waste, where possible. Germany financed the campaign with funds from the European Climate Initiative.⁴⁴⁴⁶

On 27 November 2017, at the invitation of the Federal Minister for Environment Barbara Hendricks, G20 met in Berlin to attend the first meeting of the G20 Resource Efficiency Dialogue. The new dialogue platform aims to develop the efficient ways to use resources, including energy. According to the propositions made at the meeting, by 2050 it will be possible to reduce resource consumption by 28 per cent, while simultaneously increasing economic efficiency by 1 per cent.⁴⁴⁴⁷

On 13 December 2017, the Federal Ministry of Finance announced the prolongation of an initiative to reduce taxes on companies reducing energy consumption, as based on a report conducted by the RWI - Leibniz-Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung e. V.⁴⁴⁴⁸

Germany has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Alena Zhogol and Dariia Evreeva

India: +1

India has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

⁴⁴⁴⁴ Energiesparende Gelatineproduktion, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 18 September 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/energiesparende-gelatineproduktion/>.

⁴⁴⁴⁵ Deutschland unterstützt Marshall Islands bei der Entwicklung von emissionsarmer Seeschifffahrt, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 13 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/deutschland-unterstuetzt-marshall-islands-bei-der-entwicklung-von-emissionsarmer-seeschifffahrt/>.

⁴⁴⁴⁶ "It pays to repair", Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety 20 November 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/en/pressrelease/reparieren-lohnt-sich/>

⁴⁴⁴⁷ Erstes G20-Treffen zur Ressourceneffizienz, Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz, Bau und Reaktorsicherheit 27 November 2017. Access date: 19.12.2017. <https://www.bmub.bund.de/pressemitteilung/erstes-g20-treffen-zur-ressourceneffizienz/>.

⁴⁴⁴⁸ Unternehmen sparen erneut Energie und erhalten eine Teilentlastung von Strom- und Energiesteuer, Bundesministerium der Finanzen 13 December 2017. Access date: 13 December 2017. <http://www.bundesfinanzministerium.de/Content/DE/Pressemitteilungen/Finanzpolitik/2017/12/2017-12-13-PM24.html>.

On 30 August 2017, the Governments of India and Germany agreed to collaborate on enhancing India's ability to absorb renewable power under the Indo-German Energy Programme — Green Energy Corridors.⁴⁴⁴⁹

On 16 August 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi proposed building model cities where power demand is met only by solar energy, and further stated that bio-ethanol refinery projects should be accelerated to control India's dependency on fossil fuels.⁴⁴⁵⁰

On 6 October 2017, the EU-India Leaders' Statement on Energy and Climate was issued. The statement underlined the EU and India's resolve to promote global clean and low greenhouse gas emissions energy transition towards sustainable, affordable, reliable, and modern energy services. The EU and India claimed to be committed to jointly further the objectives of the International Solar Alliance, including through synergies with other international initiatives to promote renewable energy under the framework of the International Renewable Energy Agency.⁴⁴⁵¹

India has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Polina Shtanko

Indonesia: +1

Indonesia has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

As of 15 September 2017, the Asian Development Bank approved two loans jointly worth USD1.1 billion to finance projects increasing access to renewable-energy sources in eastern Indonesia.⁴⁴⁵² With these loans, the Indonesian government will develop various reforms to improve fiscal sustainability, such as rationalizing tariffs, introduce measures to improve private investment in electricity and gas and support the scale-up of renewable energy and energy efficiency measures.

In October 2017, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources announced that the Indonesian government would not approve any new coal-fired power plants on Java in an effort to open more opportunities for the development of renewable energy and gas-fired power plants.⁴⁴⁵³

On 23 December 2017, the House of Representatives Energy Commission called for elaborating on a specific law on renewable energy, since current law on renewable energy development is based on the 2007 Energy Law and 2014 Government Regulation on the National Energy Policy. This elaboration will help to boost the share of renewable energy sources electricity generation and enable

⁴⁴⁴⁹ Germany and India connect on renewable grid integration project, PV Tech 30 August 2017. Access date: 30 August 2017. <https://www.pv-tech.org/news/germany-and-india-connect-on-renewable-grid-integration-project>

⁴⁴⁵⁰ Prime Minister of India proposed building model cities where power demand is met only by solar energy, Embassy of India in Tokyo 16 August 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. [https://www.indembassy-tokyo.gov.in/pdf/Newsletter%20\(September%202017\)%20-%20EOI%20Tokyo%20\(2\)%20-.pdf](https://www.indembassy-tokyo.gov.in/pdf/Newsletter%20(September%202017)%20-%20EOI%20Tokyo%20(2)%20-.pdf)

⁴⁴⁵¹ EU-India joint statement on clean energy and climate change, European Commission 6 October 2017. Access date: 2 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/sites/clima/files/news/20171006_statement_en.pdf

⁴⁴⁵² ADB to boost Indonesia's energy sector, spur renewable-energy access with over US\$1 billion in loans, PV Tech 15 September 2017. Access date: 24 January 2018. <https://www.pv-tech.org/news/adb-to-boost-indonesias-energy-sector-spur-renewable-energy-access-with-ove>

⁴⁴⁵³ Corporate demands as starting point for renewable energy revolution, Jakarta Post 1 November 2017. Access date: 24 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/academia/2017/11/01/corporate-demands-as-starting-point-for-renewable-energy-revolution.html>

Indonesia to meet its commitment on cutting greenhouse gas emissions under the Paris Agreement.⁴⁴⁵⁴

As of 4 January 2018, the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources intended “to immediately use the loan funds disbursed by the World Bank [...] for the development of renewable energy.” The World Bank has allocated approximately USD600 million in “soft loans” with a 1.5 per cent interest rate to develop five geothermal working areas in different regions of the country.⁴⁴⁵⁵

Indonesia has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Italy: 0

Italy has partially complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 10 November 2017, the Ministers of Economic Development and the Environment and Economy approved the 2017 National Energy Strategy. One of the strategy’s primary objectives is to make the national energy system more sustainable by increasing energy efficiency. The quantitative goals set by the strategy include reducing of Italy’s total energy consumption from 118 million tonnes of oil equivalent (Mtoe) to 108 Mto and increase the renewable energy sources share in energy mix to 28 per cent by 2030.⁴⁴⁵⁶

On 22 December 2017, the Ministers of Economic Development and the Environment and Economy signed a decree on the National Fund for Energy Efficiency.⁴⁴⁵⁷ The fund will attract both government and private finance for energy efficiency projects in Italy. The Ministry of Economic Development allocated an initial EUR150 million for the fund with additional EUR35 million annually from 2018 to 2020.⁴⁴⁵⁸

On 2 March 2018, the Ministry of Economic Development issued decrees on the promotion of biomethane use in transportation and the benefits for natural gas consumption by businesses. The decree on biomethane aims to achieve a 10 per cent share of renewable energy sources in the transportation sector by 2020.⁴⁴⁵⁹

⁴⁴⁵⁴ Indonesia needs renewable energy law, lawmaker says, Jakarta Post 23 December 2017. Access date: 24 January 2018. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/12/23/indonesia-needs-renewable-energy-law-lawmaker-says.html>

⁴⁴⁵⁵ Five projects of up to 370 MW to profit from World Bank funding in Indonesia, Think GeoEnergy 4 January 2018. Access date: 24 January 2018. <http://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/five-projects-of-up-to-370-mw-to-profit-from-world-bank-funding-in-indonesia/>

⁴⁴⁵⁶ Ecco la Strategia Energetica Nazionale 2017, Ministry of Economic Development 10 November 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/194-comunicati-stampa/2037349-ecco-la-strategia-energetica-nazionale-2017>.

⁴⁴⁵⁷ Decreto 22 dicembre 2017 Modalita' di funzionamento del Fondo nazionale per l'efficienza energetica, Ministry of Economic Development 22 December 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://www.gazzettaufficiale.it/eli/id/2018/03/06/18A01498/sg>.

⁴⁴⁵⁸ Fondo nazionale per l'efficienza energetica: firmato il decreto attuativo, Ministry of Economic Development 28 December 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/198-notizie-stampa/2037585-fondo-nazionale-per-l-efficienza-energetica-firmato-il-decreto-attuativo>.

⁴⁴⁵⁹ Firmati decreti su uso biometano e agevolazioni imprese “gasivore”, Ministry of Economic Development 2 March 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <http://www.sviluppoeconomico.gov.it/index.php/it/194-comunicati-stampa/2037831-firmati-decreti-su-uso-biometano-e-agevolazioni-imprese-gasivore>.

Italy has taken steps to promote sustainable energy domestically, however, no information on new regional initiatives involving Italy initiated during the monitoring period has been registered. Thus, Italy receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Andrei Sakharov

Japan: +1

Japan has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 29 June 2017, the Development Bank of Japan and the US GE Energy Financial Services established a fund for investments in operating solar power plants, which is expected to become Japan's largest fund in the domain.⁴⁴⁶⁰

On 9 November 2017, a memorandum of cooperation in the energy field was signed between the Governments of Japan and Vietnam, establishing a joint Energy Working Group to exchange information and hold discussions concerning cooperation on energy policies, data and statistics, coal, liquefied natural gas, grid development, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and conservation.⁴⁴⁶¹

On 22 November 2017, the Japanese government signed a grant agreement with the Marshall Islands in which Japan will contribute to a stable supply of power and reduced fuel consumption in the Marshall Islands by supporting the introduction of a solar power generation system.⁴⁴⁶²

On 23 November 2017, the Japanese government signed an official development assistance loan agreement with Jamaica to promote energy conservation through improvements in public facilities with energy-saving devices.⁴⁴⁶³

On 11 December 2017, the Japanese government signed corporate finance loan agreement with Indonesia to support the development of renewable energy and infrastructure acceleration facilities.⁴⁴⁶⁴

On 24 December 2017, Japan and China signed agreements to promote cooperation in 23 energy saving and environment preservation projects.⁴⁴⁶⁵

⁴⁴⁶⁰ Japan state-backed bank, GE team on solar power fund, Nikkei Asian Review 29 June 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. <https://asia.nikkei.com/Business/Deals/Japan-state-backed-bank-GE-team-on-solar-power-fund>

⁴⁴⁶¹ Japan and Viet Nam Signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on Energy Fields, Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry 9 November 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. http://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2017/1109_001.html

⁴⁴⁶² Signing of Grant Agreement with the Marshall Islands: Contributing to a stable supply of power and reduced fuel consumption through the introduction of a solar power generation system, Japan International Cooperation Agency 7 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171207_02.html

⁴⁴⁶³ Signing of Dollar-Denominated Japanese ODA Loan Agreement with Jamaica: Contributing to the promotion of energy conservation through improvements to public facilities with energy-saving devices, Japan International Cooperation Agency 24 November 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171124_01.html

⁴⁴⁶⁴ Signing of Private Sector Investment Finance (Corporate Finance) Loan Agreement for "Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Acceleration Facilities" in the Republic of Indonesia, Japan International Cooperation Agency 11 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.jica.go.jp/english/news/press/2017/171211_01.html

⁴⁴⁶⁵ Japan and China sign 23 energy-saving, environmental cooperation projects at Tokyo meet, Japan Times 24 December 2017. Access date: 10 January 2018. https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2017/12/24/national/japan-china-sign-23-energy-saving-environmental-cooperation-projects-tokyo-meet/#.WlTV_IVI-po

Japan has taken steps to boost investment in sustainable energy both at home and abroad. Thus, Japan is awarded a score of +1.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

Korea: 0

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 14 December 2017, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy presented the Eighth Basic Plan for Electricity Supply and Demand for 2017-2031 during a session of the National Assembly. The new plan prioritizes the development of liquefied natural gas as a substitute for coal due to lower development costs and more comparative pricing.⁴⁴⁶⁶

Korea stimulates investment in sustainable energy projects but does not participate in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Mexico: +1

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 13 September 2017, the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Secretariat of Energy (SENER) agreed to expand cooperation and promote energy efficiency to achieve an inclusive and sustainable industrial development. SENER and UNIDO will establish a general framework to disseminate best practices for the development of renewable energy and energy efficiency policies in the industrial sector, taking advantage of existing policies and programs in Mexico, as well as the services offered by UNIDO to its member countries in this field.⁴⁴⁶⁷

On 16 November 2017, evaluations of the economic offers made at the 2017 Third Long Term Electric Auction occurred. The auction aimed to encourage investment in new sources of electricity generation in Mexico as well as to promote the increased production of clean energy and internationally competitive prices.⁴⁴⁶⁸

On 19 December 2017, the Secretary of Energy presented a proposal for the New Project for Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency. The project will be funded with World Bank resources to promote the use of renewable energy, provide energy efficiency, and increase the competitiveness of the agri-food sector.⁴⁴⁶⁹

⁴⁴⁶⁶ LNG as a substitute for coal...Major changes in development policy. Access date: 18 December 2017. URL: http://www.keei.re.kr/main.nsf/index_mobile.html?open&p=%2Fweb_keei%2Fd_dataroom.nsf%2F0%2F19AFEB3EAE1A48C3492581F70001C157&s=%3FOpenDocument%26is_popup%3D1

⁴⁴⁶⁷ La ONUDI y la Secretaría de Energía fortalecen la cooperación en materia de energía sostenible, Government of Mexico 13 September 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sener/prensa/la-onudi-y-la-secretaria-de-energia-de-mexico-fortalecen-la-cooperacion-en-materia-de-energia-sostenible>

⁴⁴⁶⁸ Anuncian SENER y CENACE, resultados preliminares de la Subasta de Largo Plazo de 2017, Government of Mexico 16 November 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sener/prensa/anuncian-sener-y-cenace-resultados-preliminares-de-la-subasta-de-largo-plazo-de-2017>

⁴⁴⁶⁹ Proyecto de Agro-Energía para la Sostenibilidad, Government of Mexico 19 December 2017. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sener/documentos/marco-de-gestion-ambiental-y-social-y-evaluacion-de-impacto-ambiental-paes>

On 17 February 2018, Mexico became the 30th member country of the International Energy Agency Membership when the Mexican Senate signed, ratified, and deposited the Agreement on an International Energy Program.⁴⁴⁷⁰

Mexico has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

Russia: 0

Russia has partially complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 11 December 2017, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology issued Ordinance No. 2770-p concerning the construction of the liquified natural gas terminal in the seaport of Vysotsk, Leningradsky. For the further development of industry, the ordinance re-allocates that 57 hectare must be used as a producing area, thus creating a legal basis for construction.⁴⁴⁷¹

Russia has stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects but has not participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Saudi Arabia: +1

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 24 August 2017, Head of the Ministry of Energy's Renewable Energy Project Development Office Turki al-Shehri said that Saudi Arabia aims to exceed its target to generate 9.5 gigawatts (GW) of electricity from renewable energy annually. The Saudi Arabian government plans to generate 9.5 GW of electricity from renewable sources annually by 2023 through 60 projects, involving an estimated investment of between USD30 billion and USD50 billion.⁴⁴⁷²

On 16 January 2018, Saudi Arabia announced that it expects to start up to USD7 billion of renewable energy projects in 2018, primarily using solar plants. Tenders will be issued in 2018 for eight projects totaling 4.125 GW of capacity. The cost of the projects will be between USD5 billion to USD7 billion.⁴⁴⁷³

On 9 March 2018, Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom signed a memorandum of understanding on clear energy. The parties agreed to promote development of technologies to reduce harmful

⁴⁴⁷⁰ México se une oficialmente a la Agencia Internacional de Energía (AIE) como el 30º país miembro, Government of Mexico 18 February 2018. Access date: 30 March 2018. <https://www.gob.mx/sener/prensa/mexico-se-une-oficialmente-a-la-agencia-internacional-de-energia-aie-como-el-30-pais-miembro>

⁴⁴⁷¹ Facilitating construction of a producing and charging LNG terminal in the sea port of Vysotsk (Leningradsky district). Access date: 09 January 2018. URL: <http://government.ru/docs/30814/>

⁴⁴⁷² Saudi Arabia aims to exceed renewable energy target, Reuters 24 August 2017. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.reuters.com/article/saudi-renewable/saudi-arabia-aims-to-exceed-renewable-energy-target-idUSL8N1LA456>

⁴⁴⁷³ Saudi Arabia Plans Up to USD7 Billion of Renewable Energy Projects This Year, Bloomberg 16 January 2018. Access date: 28 March 2018. <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-01-16/saudi-arabia-plans-up-to-7-billion-of-renewables-this-year>

carbon emissions. The two countries will also exchange expertise and knowledge on smart grids, electric vehicles, and Carbon Capture Usage and Storage techniques.⁴⁴⁷⁴

Saudi Arabia has provided or stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analyst: Irina Popova

South Africa: 0

South Africa has partially complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 20 July 2017, Minister of Energy Mmamoloko Kubai held a meeting with the Board of Governors of the South African Petroleum Industry Association (SAPIA) to discuss key industry issues including supply security, climate change, and clear fuels to ensure the provision of secure, sustainable, and affordable energy.⁴⁴⁷⁵

On 10 October 2017, the Department of Energy hosted the Policy Group and Expert Group meeting on the margins of the Generation IV International Forum in Cape Town. The meeting was devoted to the development of nuclear energy, in terms of efficiency and safety. Participants discussed various issues including nuclear fuel utilization, financial planning, risk management, and physical protection.⁴⁴⁷⁶

On 7-8 December 2017, the Department of Energy hosted the Energy Indaba in Johannesburg, a formal meeting gathering key stakeholders and experts in energy policy to discuss ways to drive energy efficiency development and ensure economic growth. The meeting was attended by President Jacob Zuma, who addressed the participants by drawing attention to the necessity of improving the National Energy Strategy to advance overall energy efficiency and investment activity.⁴⁴⁷⁷

South Africa has stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects but has not participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Alexander Ignatov

Turkey: 0

Turkey has partially complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

⁴⁴⁷⁴ UK and Saudi Arabia sign memorandum of understanding on clean energy. Access date: ... URL: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-and-saudi-arabia-sign-memorandum-of-understanding-on-clean-energy>

⁴⁴⁷⁵ Minister of Energy, Ms Mmamoloko Kubayi, met with the South African Petroleum Industry Association to strengthen stakeholder relations on 17 July 2017. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/pr/2017/MediaRelease-Minister-of-Energy-met-with-the-SA-PIA-to-strengthen-stakeholder-relations.pdf>

⁴⁴⁷⁶ MEDIA STATEMENT 44th Policy Group and 38th Expert Group meetings of the Generation IV International Forum, Cape Town, South Africa. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/media/pr/2017/MediaStatement-44thPolicy-Group-38th-Expert-Group-meetings-of-GenerationIV-04Oct2017.pdf>

⁴⁴⁷⁷ Address by President Jacob Zuma at the Energy Indaba, Gallagher Convention Centre, Midrand, Johannesburg. Access date: 11 December 2017. URL: <http://www.thepresidency.gov.za/speeches/address-president-jacob-zuma-energy-indaba%2C-gallagher-convention-centre%2C-midrand%2C>

On 3 August 2017, Turkey's first wind tender within the framework of the Renewable Energy Resource Zone Project (YEKA) was held. Wind turbines will be built in five regions in Turkey. Factories will require over USD100 million in investments and have a production capacity of at least 150 units per year to activate at least 50 megawatts in each of the five regions.⁴⁴⁷⁸

As of 21 December 2017, Turkey's total investment in wind energy in 2017 reached around USD5 billion, while wind energy accounts for 8 per cent of Turkey's generation.⁴⁴⁷⁹

Additionally, on 21 December 2017, a ceremony for Turkey's first integrated solar module, cell, and panel production factory was held in Ankara within the framework of YEKA. The project attracted USD500 million in private investment and will produce components for Turkey's biggest solar plant facility, the YEKA project in Karapınar in the Konya province. It will serve the energy needs of over 600,000 households.⁴⁴⁸⁰

On 25-29 December 2017, the Turkish Government-owned Electricity Transmission Company held another bidding procedure for wind power tenders for plants in eight regions of Turkey, with a capacity of 430 megawatts generation.⁴⁴⁸¹

In 2017, Turkey became the world's fourth largest installed geothermal power capacity, which was achieved through total USD1.4 billion investment in facilities that generate around 640 megawatts.⁴⁴⁸²

On 12 January 2018, the Turkish government endorsed the National Energy Efficiency Action Plan, which was developed and will be implemented with support from the European Union and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.⁴⁴⁸³ Under the plan, Turkey will invest USD11 billion in 2018 to 2023 to reduce primary energy consumption by 14 per cent by 2023. The main focus areas include increased use of renewable energy and district heating in buildings and in use of combined heat and power across all industries. A national energy efficiency financing mechanism and regulatory framework for the creation of a heating and cooling market will also be developed. Turkey's energy efficiency standards will also be brought into compliance with that of the EU's.⁴⁴⁸⁴

Turkey stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects but did not participate in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of 0.

Analyst: Pavel Doronin

⁴⁴⁷⁸ Turkish-German consortium awarded USD1B worth wind power plant contract, Daily Sabah 3 August 2017. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/08/03/turkish-german-consortium-awarded-1b-worth-wind-power-plant-contract>

⁴⁴⁷⁹ Turkey's wind energy sector lures USD12 billion in investments in 11 years, Hurriyet Daily News 21 December 2017. Access date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkeys-wind-energy-sector-lures-12-billion-in-investments-in-11-years-124533>

⁴⁴⁸⁰ Turkey launches first solar cell integrated factory, Hurriyet Daily News 22 December 2017. Access date: 15 January 2018. <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkey-launches-first-solar-cell-integrated-factory-124575>

⁴⁴⁸¹ 2,130 MW wind power plants to be established in 32 locations across Turkey, Daily Sabah 25 December 2017. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2017/12/26/2130-mw-wind-power-plants-to-be-established-in-32-locations-across-turkey>

⁴⁴⁸² Turkey ranks fourth in global geothermal power, Daily Sabah 11 January 2018. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.dailysabah.com/energy/2018/01/11/turkey-ranks-fourth-in-global-geothermal-power>

⁴⁴⁸³ Turkey invests USD11bn in energy efficiency, Metering and Smart Energy International 12 January 2018. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.metering.com/news/turkey-energy-efficiency-action-plan/>

⁴⁴⁸⁴ Turkey invests USD11bn in energy efficiency, Metering and Smart Energy International 12 January 2018. Access date: 15 January 2018. <https://www.metering.com/news/turkey-energy-efficiency-action-plan/>

United Kingdom: +1

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 26 September 2017, the National Grid announced that the electricity powering the UK's homes and businesses in the summer of 2017 was the greenest ever and the UK set a new landmark for clean energy. The record came just as the first subsidy-free large solar power project opened in the UK, in what the UK government described as a significant moment for the energy sector.⁴⁴⁸⁵

On 11 October 2017, Minister of Energy Richard Harrington confirmed that up to GBP557 million will be made available for less-established renewable electricity projects as part of the UK government's Clean Growth Strategy to drive economic growth and clean the energy system.⁴⁴⁸⁶

On 1 November 2017, the UK-based solar power developer Lightsource partnered with UK Climate Investments, a joint venture between the Green Investment Bank and Department for Energy and Climate Change, to expand into India's solar power market. UK Climate Investments will provide funds to Lightsource to set up its first solar power project in India.⁴⁴⁸⁷

On 17 November 2017, the UK government committed USD773 million in funding in 2019 to develop less-established green projects, such as wave energy.⁴⁴⁸⁸

On 30 November 2017, the UK government confirmed that Coventry will be the home of the UK's first battery development facility, which will help make the UK a world leader in EV technology and innovation.⁴⁴⁸⁹

The United Kingdom has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

Analysts: Nikita Efremov and Angelina Khudoleeva

United States: +1

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

In 2017, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy announced its investment in the Argonne National Laboratory project in Illinois, called Market and Reliability Opportunities for Wind on the Bulk Power System. The goal of the project is to create a multi-timescale market and

⁴⁴⁸⁵ This summer was greenest ever for energy, says National Grid, The Guardian 26 September 2017. Access date: 18 December 2017. <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2017/sep/26/summer-green-energy-national-grid-carbon-emissions-solar-uk>

⁴⁴⁸⁶ Government confirms up to £557 million for new renewable energy projects, press release of Energy Minister Richard Harrington 11 October 2017. Access date: 3 December 2017. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-confirms-up-to-557-million-for-new-renewable-energy-projects>

⁴⁴⁸⁷ UK Climate Investments To Help Lighthouse Expand Into Indian Solar Market, Clean Technica, 13 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://cleantechnica.com/2017/11/13/uk-climate-investments-help-lightsource-expand-indian-solar-market/>

⁴⁴⁸⁸ Wave power is a largely untapped source of green energy, Born2Invest, 30 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://born2invest.com/articles/wave-power-source-green-energy/>

⁴⁴⁸⁹ Coventry to host UK's first EV battery research centre, Edie.net, 30 November 2017. Access date: 12.12.2017. <https://www.edie.net/news/8/Coventry-to-host-the-UK-s-first-battery-technology-facility/>

reliability modeling framework to better understand the impacts of wind on the electric power system as it is operated today and in the future transition to a modern, clean, and flexible power system.⁴⁴⁹⁰

On 12 July 2017, the Department of Energy announced USD46.2 million for 48 projects as part of its SunShot Initiative to develop innovative, early-stage solar power technologies, by lowering costs and improving reliability and efficiency.⁴⁴⁹¹

On 17 July 2017, Secretary of Energy Rick Perry announced USD40 million for the establishment of four DOE Bioenergy Research Centers (BRCs) to provide the scientific breakthroughs for a new generation of sustainable, cost-effective bioproducts and bioenergy.⁴⁴⁹²

On 20 September 2017, Secretary Perry announced that the Department of Energy selected eight projects to receive up to USD15 million to optimize integrated biorefineries. These projects will work to solve critical research and developmental challenges encountered for the successful scale-up and reliable operations of integrated biorefineries, decrease capital and operating expenses, and focus on the manufacture of advanced or cellulosic biofuels and higher-value bioproducts. These investments support the development of bioproducts, a workforce in bioenergy, and help to spur the creation of a sustainable domestic bioeconomy.⁴⁴⁹³

On 27 September 2017, the Department of Energy announced new funding to develop revolutionary solar desalination technologies that will help create freshwater from otherwise unusable waters. The Solar Energy Technologies Office expects to provide USD15 million for 7 to 10 projects exploring early-stage technologies with the prospect of significantly reducing the cost of desalination through solar thermal energy.⁴⁴⁹⁴

On 5 October 2017, Deputy Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette kicked off the highly anticipated Solar Decathlon in Denver, Colorado. This international competition shows consumers how to save money and energy with affordable energy products. Hundreds of collegiate students from the US and Europe assembled to showcase their energy-efficient, innovation-packed solar houses for competition. The Solar Decathlon challenges students to think creatively about energy innovation in the future through design. According to Deputy Secretary Brouillette, “students are actively addressing global energy challenges such as reliability, resiliency, and security by incorporating the use of innovative energy and water efficiency technologies into their professional projects.”⁴⁴⁹⁵

On 17 October 2017, the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy announced a new floating, vertical-axis wind turbine platform design to enable offshore wind developers in the US to

⁴⁴⁹⁰ Wind Energy Technologies Office Projects Map, U.S. Department of Energy. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://energy.gov/eere/wind/wind-energy-technologies-office-projects-map>

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⁴⁴⁹⁵ U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy Dan Brouillette Kicks Off Solar Decathlon 2017, Department of Energy. Access date: 5 October 2017. <https://energy.gov/articles/us-deputy-secretary-energy-dan-brouillette-kicks-solar-decathlon-2017>

access the country's vast deep-water offshore wind resource. The Department of Energy's Wind Vision Report and National Offshore Wind Strategy explore a scenario in which 86 gigawatts of offshore wind turbines will be installed by 2050.⁴⁴⁹⁶

On 25 October 2017, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez announced that it installed 4,788 photovoltaic panels at their campus in Edison, New Jersey. The solar array system will generate enough electricity to power 45 per cent of the campus' electrical demand, based on annual consumption.⁴⁴⁹⁷

On 1 November 2017, the Department of Energy, in partnership with the Israeli Ministry of Energy and Israel Innovation Authority, announced USD4.8 million for five energy projects as part of the Binational Industrial Research and Development (BIRD) Energy Program. The projects leverage cost-share for a total project value of USD10.5 million in the areas of hydrogen storage, advanced biofuels, sustainable transportation, and energy efficiency. The announcement represents the ninth annual selection of BIRD Energy projects, which promote energy innovation, economic security, and bilateral cooperation.⁴⁴⁹⁸

On 9 November 2017, EPA announced USD25,000 for a project to reduce respiratory health problems for residents in northern Berkshire County of Massachusetts through energy efficiency improvements.⁴⁴⁹⁹

On 19 December 2017, the Department of Energy announced USD12 million in new funding for eight projects to advance predictive modeling capabilities for solar generation. These models will provide more accurate forecasts of solar generation levels, enabling utilities to better manage the variability and uncertainty of solar power and improve grid reliability.⁴⁵⁰⁰

On 12 December 2017, Secretary Perry announced USD18.5 million in funding for an offshore wind research and development consortium to conduct US-specific research to reduce the cost of offshore wind in the US. The consortium will be a cooperative private-public innovation hub addressing topics including wind plant technology advancement, resource and physical site characterization, installation, operations and maintenance, and supply chain technology solutions.⁴⁵⁰¹

The US has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

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⁴⁴⁹⁶ Offshore Floating Vertical-Axis Wind Turbine Project Identifies Promising Platform Design, U.S. Department of Energy 17 October 2017. Access date: 20 December 2017. <https://energy.gov/eere/wind/articles/offshore-floating-vertical-axis-wind-turbine-project-identifies-promising>

⁴⁴⁹⁷ Solar Farm Powers EPA Environmental Center, EPA. Access date: 25 October 2017. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/solar-farm-powers-epa-environmental-center>

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⁴⁵⁰⁰ Program teams to partner with system operators to validate new solar forecasting technologies. Access date: 19 December 2017. <https://energy.gov/articles/department-energy-announces-12-million-advance-early-stage-solar-research>

⁴⁵⁰¹ Secretary of Energy Rick Perry Announces USD18.5 Million for Offshore Wind Research. Access date: 12 December 2017. <https://energy.gov/articles/secretary-energy-rick-perry-announces-185-million-offshore-wind-research>

European Union: +1

European Union has fully complied with its commitment to foster investment in sustainable energy projects and better regional connection with existing and well-established institutions and programs.

On 28 September 2017, the Central and South-Eastern Europe Gas Connectivity High Level Group, which consists of EU members representatives and the European Commission, agreed to extend its geographical scope to cover the entire Western Balkans region and focus on building an interconnected market for electricity, boosting investment in renewables and energy efficiency. Due to support from the Connecting Europe Facility, the first gas interconnector between Romania and Bulgaria was substantially improved.⁴⁵⁰²

On 6 October 2017, the EU-India Leaders' Statement on Energy and Climate was published. The statement underlined the EU and India's resolve to promote global clean and low greenhouse gas emissions energy transition towards sustainable, affordable, reliable, and modern energy services. The EU and India claimed to be committed to jointly further the objectives of the International Solar Alliance, including through synergies with other international initiatives to promote renewable energy under the framework of the International Renewable Energy Agency.⁴⁵⁰³

On 13 November 2017, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the Province of Limburg signed a EUR30 million loan agreement to support investments in regional sustainability projects. The loan will be channeled to the Limburgs Energie Fonds (LEF), a fund established by the Province of Limburg and managed by Finquiddity, which invests in small to medium sized projects in Limburg. With these funds, the LEF will boost its financing capacity, allowing it to accelerate the innovative sustainable energy market. EUR9.6 billion has been made available for sustainable projects in the energy sector thus far.⁴⁵⁰⁴

On 7 November 2017, the EIB signed a EUR180 million financing agreement with a project company sponsored by GE and Green Investment Group Ltd. The agreement supports the construction and operation of the largest onshore wind farm in the EU thus far. Under the agreement, 179 wind turbines will be built near the Northern Swedish city of Piteå, close to the Arctic Circle.⁴⁵⁰⁵

The EU has provided/stimulated investment in sustainable energy projects and has participated in regional initiatives to that end. Thus, it receives a score of +1.

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⁴⁵⁰² Third Report on the State of the Energy Union, European Commission 23 November 2017. Access date: 2 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/sites/beta-political/files/third-report-state-energy-union_en.pdf.

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⁴⁵⁰⁴ Investment Plan supports sustainable investments in Limburg, European Commission 13 November 2017. Access date: 2 December 2017. https://ec.europa.eu/commission/news/investment-plan-supports-sustainable-investments-limburg-2017-nov-13_en.

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