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Update on the UNTOC Review Mechanism

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Part 1:

Progress made in the country reviews



Progress of the 1st thematic cluster since May

QUARTERLY PROGRESS



10

NEW REVIEWS HAVE
COMMENCED



78

NEW FOCAL POINTS &
GOV. EXPERTS NOMINATED



NEW REVMOD NOTIFICATIONS
FEATURE RECENTLY DEPLOYED

OVERALL PROGRESS



60 reviews
progressing

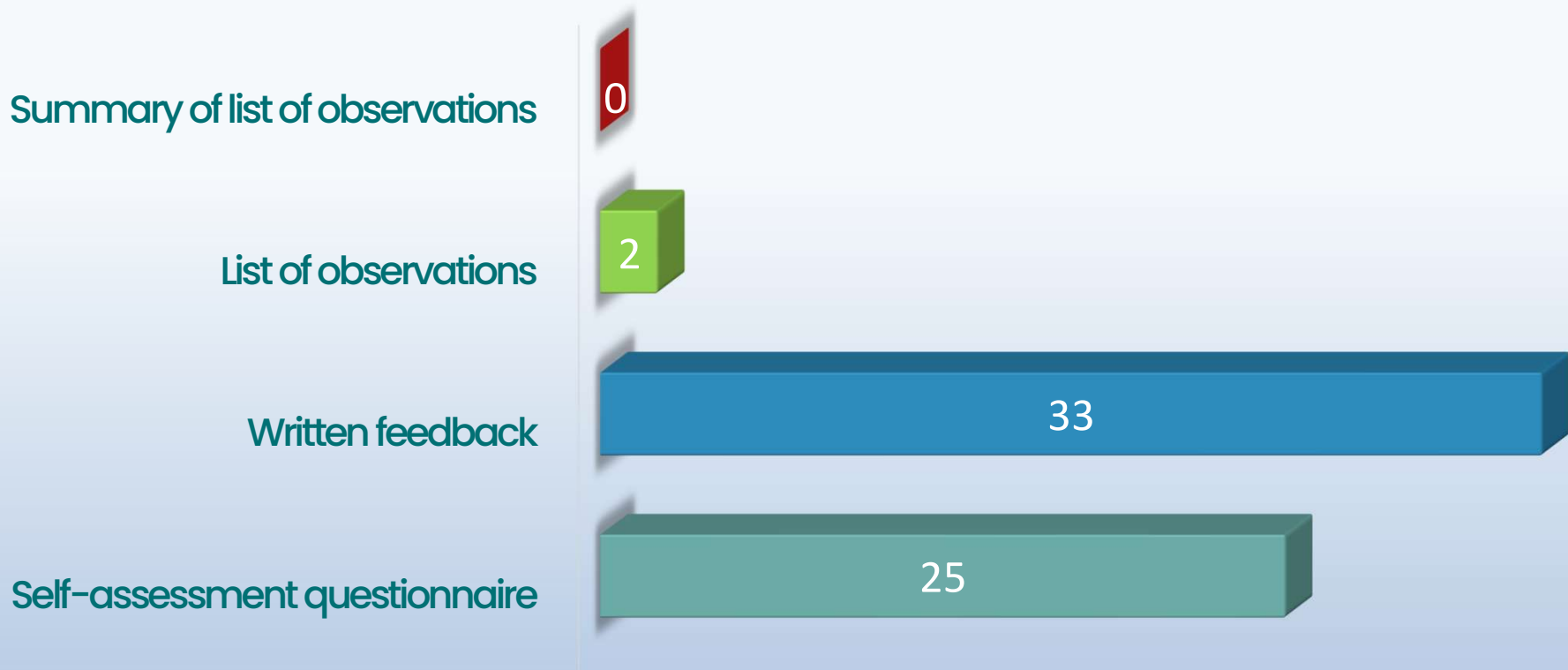
31.7%



129 reviews have
not started

68.3%

Overall progress in country reviews per step





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Part 2:

Challenges faced and assistance provided



Challenges related to nominations:

- Missing Focal Points and Experts
- Repeated change of nominated officials
- Unresponsive Focal Points



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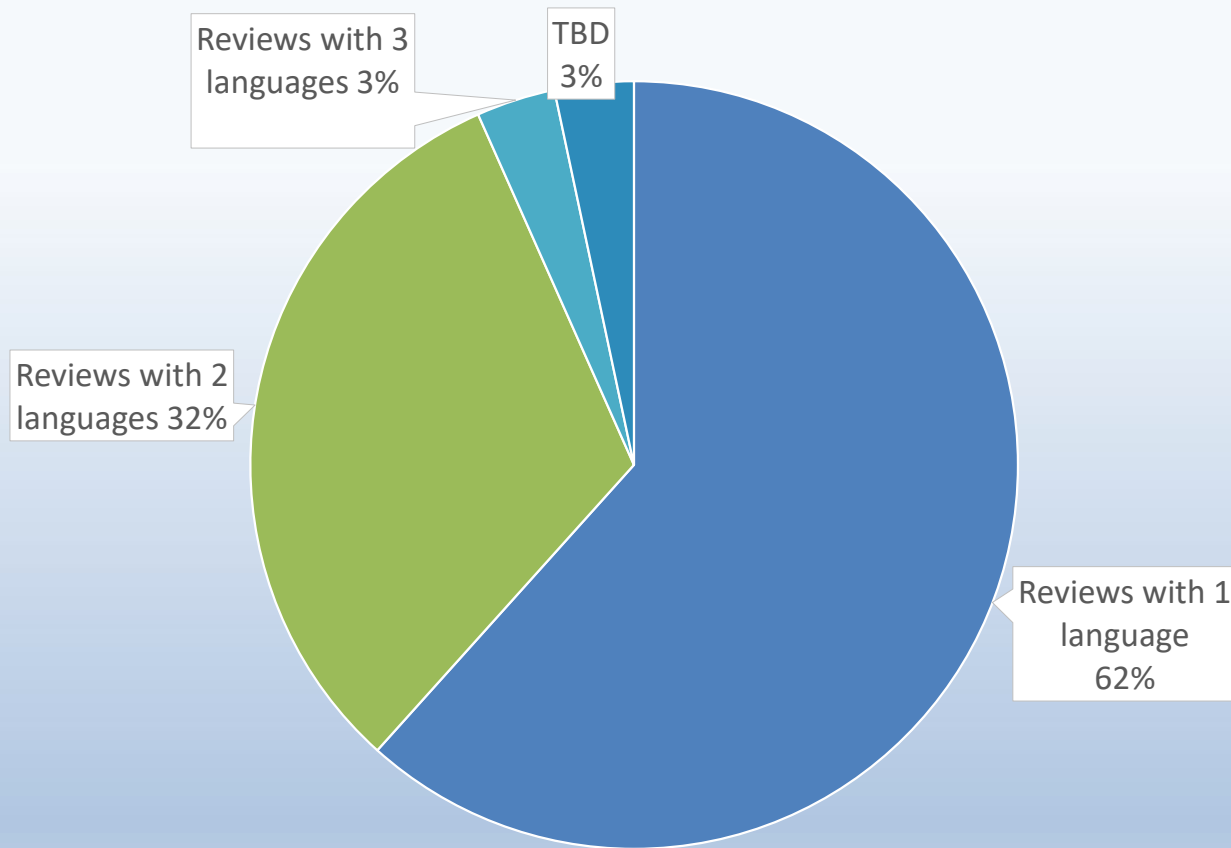
- Ensure (the nomination of) active focal points



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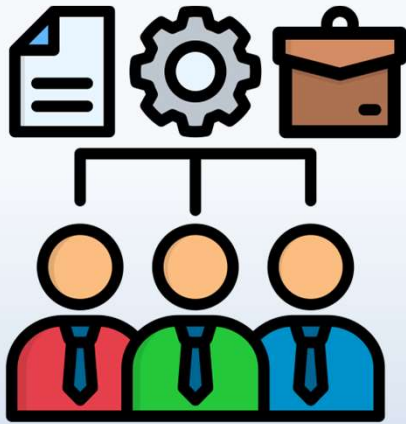
Continues follow-up with Permanent Missions, UNODC's field offices and regional offices

Languages issues



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- May wish to consider making provisions for the translation of their documentation and communications;
- May consider appointing, where possible, governmental experts and focal points with subject matter expertise and knowledge of foreign languages to enable reviews in multiple languages.



Resource constraints

Part 3:

Technical Assistance

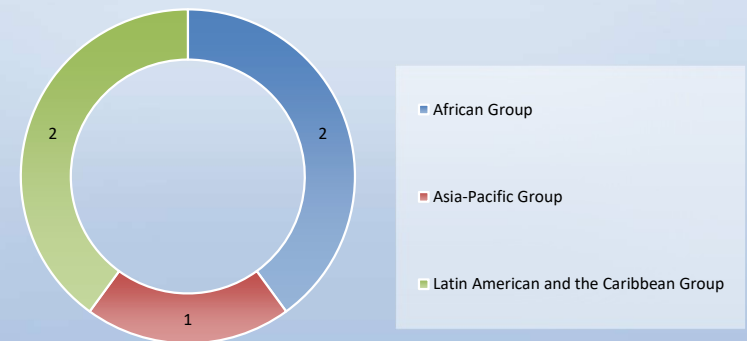
New technical assistance survey

Shared with Parties through REVMOD in July 2022 in order to identify Technical Assistance needs of Parties

Responses received from
5 PARTIES
across three geographic groups:



Survey - Results



Survey results



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Assistance requests on operation of REVMOD and/or structure of the RM



3

Requests on training on questionnaire structure



3

Requests for assistance in filling questionnaires and/or participating in other phases of review



3

Requests for pre-review workshops on legislative frameworks to implement the UNTOC



5

Requests on assistance in implementing RM observations



4

Requests on assistance in formulation of strategies and action plans against organized crime

Assistance provided by the Secretariat

**157
countries**

157 countries assisted through technical and substantive assistance on the UNTOC Review Mechanism.

**2241
officials**

2241 officials from 157 countries were assisted and trained on the UNTOC Review Mechanism and the details of the country review.

**124
briefings**

124 briefings and training sessions held since 2020 in the six official languages.



Part 4:

Matters brought to the attention of States parties

Sharing experiences



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- May continue using the Working Group meetings as opportunities to share their national experience on the review of the 1st thematic cluster;
- May consider to support the participation of designated officials engaging in the country reviews in these meetings;
- May wish to consider to make their responses to the self-assessment questionnaire available to the general public through the “**country profiles**” pages on UNODC’s website (para 41 of the procedures and rules) – in addition to para 40, which restricts the availability of the questionnaire to other Focal Points and Experts

COP 12 – Possible prospects

Advancement to the next thematic cluster



“For each group of States parties as set forth in paragraph 17, the advancement to the next review phase is conditional upon the completion of 70 per cent of the reviews foreseen at the beginning of the previous phase, unless the Conference decides otherwise” .

Para 10 Procedures and rules



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States may decide to launch the review of the next cluster before the threshold of completion within each group is reached.



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