

Framework Agreement on Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade in Asia and the Pacific (CPTA)

Update on 2022 Progress

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Introduction to the CPTA

- ❑ **Introduction**
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6mW4d9Lg3w>)
- ❑ **Explanation on the CPTA provisions**
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTPXQlr8RHU&feature=emb_imp_woyt)
- ❑ **Entry into force of the CPTA**
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDzcLwBzU3s&feature=emb_imp_woyt)



CPTA: Current Status on Participation

Participant	Signature	Ratification, Acceptance(A), Approval(AA), Accession(a)
Armenia	22-Sep-17	
Azerbaijan		2 Mar 2018 a
Bangladesh	29-Aug-17	13-Oct-20
Cambodia	29-Aug-17	
China	29-Aug-17	22 Nov 2020 AA
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	29-Sep-17	29-May-20
Mongolia		27-Jul-22a
Philippines		23 Dec 2019 a
Timor-Leste		5 Apr 2022 a
Turkmenistan		4 May 2022 a

More details: https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=X-20&chapter=10&clang=_en

Countries in an advanced stage (in domestic procedures)

- ✓ Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation

Relevant activities for CPTA implementation in 2022

- ❑ **7th Meeting of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-border Paperless Trade Facilitation**
 - ✓ 25 – 26 April 2022
 - ✓ Final meeting with completion of its mandated tasks

- ❑ **First Session of the Paperless Trade Council**
 - ✓ 27 – 29 April 2022
 - ✓ Operational rules set-up and adoption of French language treaty text

- ❑ **First Session of the Standing Committee**
 - ✓ 12 – 15 December 2022
 - ✓ Implementation of substantive provisions for action

- ❑ **Support to conducting readiness assessment:** Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Tonga, Tuvalu, etc.



For further information

- ❖ A dedicated webpage: <https://www.unescap.org/kp/cpta>
- ❖ The UN Treaty webpage:
https://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtds_g_no=X-20&chapter=10&clang=_en
- ❖ Other related references
 - ✓ CBPT Database: <https://www.digitalizetrade.org/>
 - ✓ Online Guide on Readiness Assessment for Cross-border Paperless Trade: <https://readiness.digitalizetrade.org/>
 - ✓ Cross-border Paperless Trade Toolkit:
https://www.wto.org/english/res_e/booksp_e/paperlesstrade2022_e.pdf
- ❖ Contact the ESCAP Secretariat:

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