

**First Meeting of Legal and Technical Working Groups of the Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group on Cross-Border Paperless Trade Facilitation**

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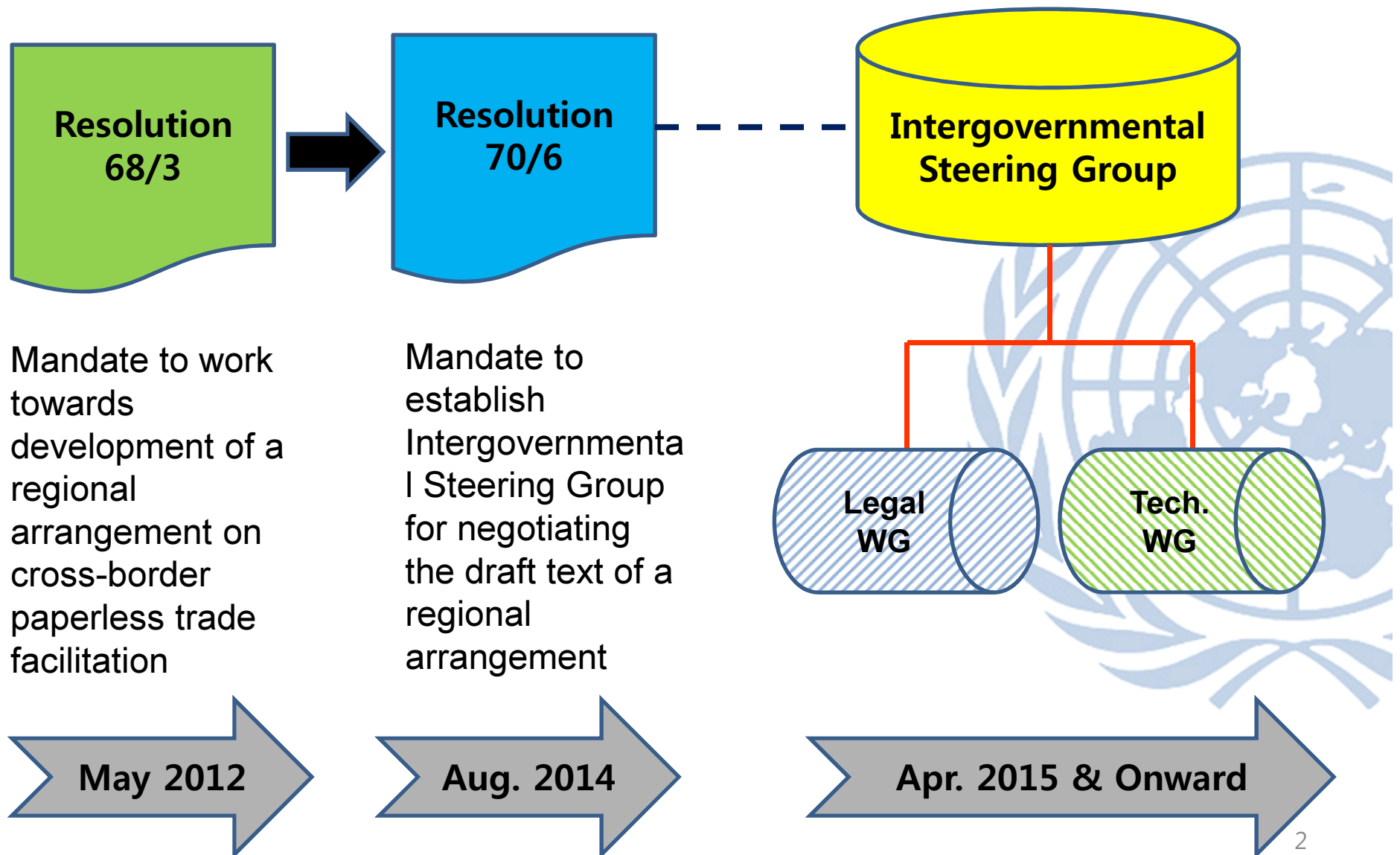
# **Introduction to Interim Intergovernmental Steering Group and mandated tasks to the Working Groups**

**9-11 September 2015  
Bangkok, Thailand**

**Trade and Investment Division  
United Nations ESCAP**



# ESCAP Resolutions 68/3 & 70/6 and Intergov. Steering Group & Working Groups



# Background for ESCAP Resolution 68/3

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ESCAP Resolution on *Enabling paperless trade and the cross-border recognition of electronic data and documents* (adopted in May 2012)

**Legal and technical barriers in information exchange (across borders)**

**International Supply Chain Integration**

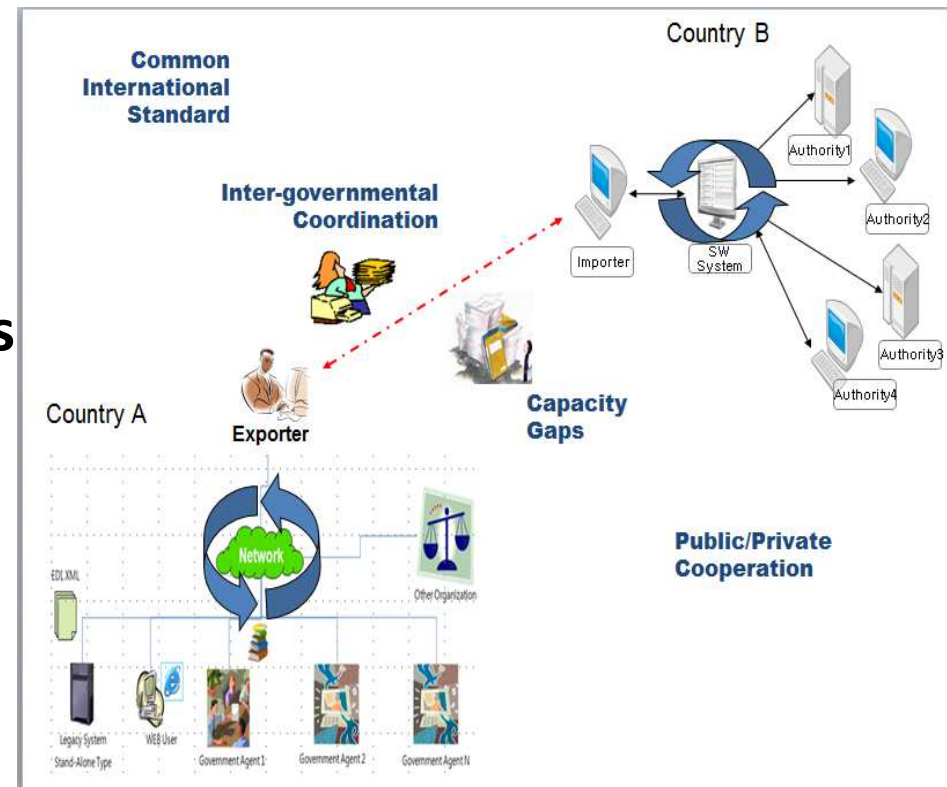
**Increased implementation of (national) single window and paperless trade systems, but...**

Rise of regional and global production networks

Need for cross-border paperless trade

# Challenges to moving forward on cross-border paperless trade

- Adoption of common International Standards
- Harmonization of legal frameworks
- Capacity gaps among the parties
- Cooperation between public and private sectors
- Lack of intergovernmental coordination mechanism



# Overview of ESCAP Resolution 68/3

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- ❖ Invites member States to work towards the development of regional arrangements on the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade
- ❖ And, request the Executive Secretary to:
  - 1) **support and facilitate the process for the development of regional arrangements on the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade, including by conducting studies, developing potential options, and and in this regard to present its results to the Committee on Trade and Investment at its third session**
  - 2) **ensure that the regional arrangements take into account and are consistent with the existing international and regional agreements, mechanisms, and undertakings...**
  - 3) **continue and further strengthen the secretariat's support for capacity-building activities**

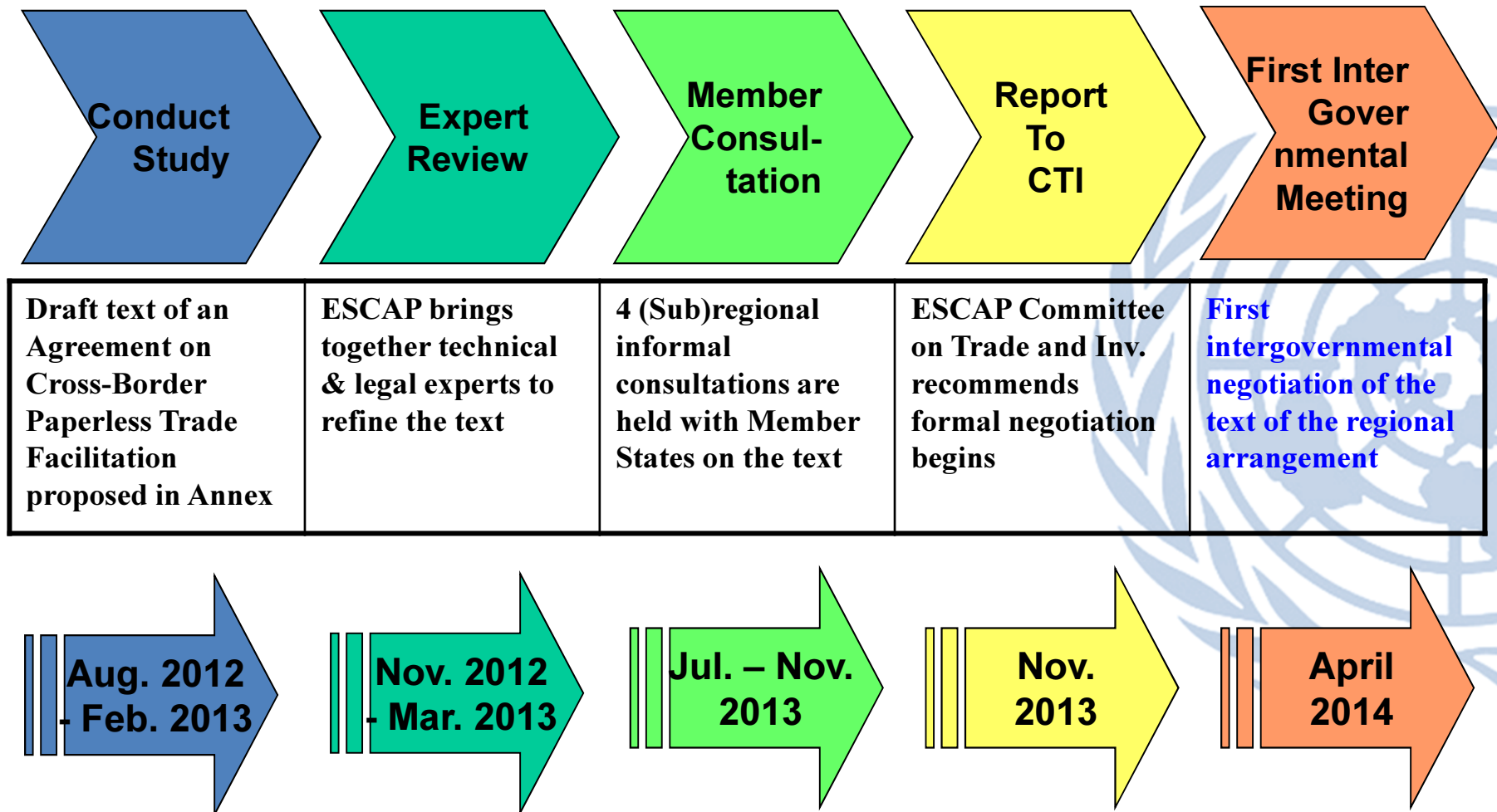
# Progress in Implementing ESCAP Resolution 68/3

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- ❖ **36 members and associate members have nominated focal points to support implementation (as of February 2015)**
- ❖ **Designated webpage for implementation: to maximize transparency and availability of information related to implementation progress (to be updated)**  
<http://unnext.unescap.org/reso683.asp>
- ❖ **Members are kindly requested to update existing national focal points or nominate new ones**



# Progress in Implementing ESCAP Resolution 68/3



\* ERM: Expert Review Meeting  
 7 EGM: Expert Group Meeting



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# Regional Connectivity: Towards a Regional Arrangement of Cross-border Paperless Trade, Studies in Trade Law No. 78

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

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## FACT

The principal aim of this publication is to analyze the current status of paperless trade facilitation in the region and assess a practical approach to the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade in the Asia-Pacific region, as this will contribute to regional connectivity. With world-leading paperless trade systems already in place in several parts of Asia and the Pacific, including a few cases of successful cross-border paperless trade exchange, the region is fast moving towards a paperless trade environment. The basic cross-border nature of international trade has resulted in increasing demand for facilitation of cross-border paperless trade, as more and more countries in the region adopt this approach. However, facilitating cross-border paperless trade poses more challenges than those involved in implementing paperless trade at the national level, because it requires the coordination and harmonization of different legal, regulatory and technical requirements in two or more countries. While the private sector can facilitate cross-border paperless trade through innovations in business practices, the procedure for coordinating and harmonizing the legal, regulatory and technical requirements ultimately has to rely on an intergovernmental mechanism. This increasing demand for facilitation of cross-border paperless trade and the necessity for an

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