

# **Global Trade Facilitation and Paperless Trade Implementation Survey 2017: Highlights from Latin America and the Caribbean**



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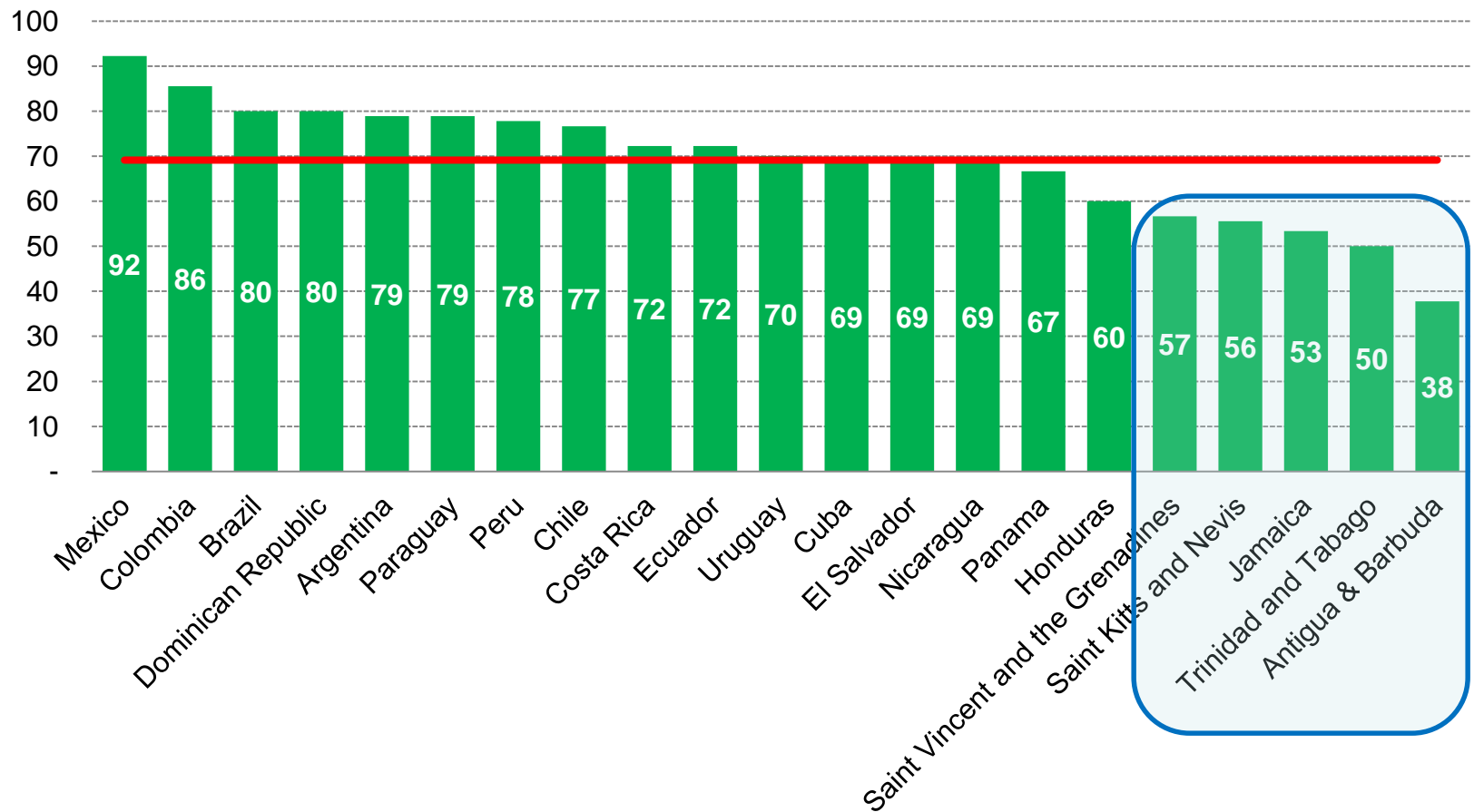


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# The 21 participating countries obtained a 69% average implementation rate (world average 60%)

## Overall implementation rates of trade facilitation and paperless trade measures in 21 LAC countries, 2017

(In percentages of the maximum possible score)



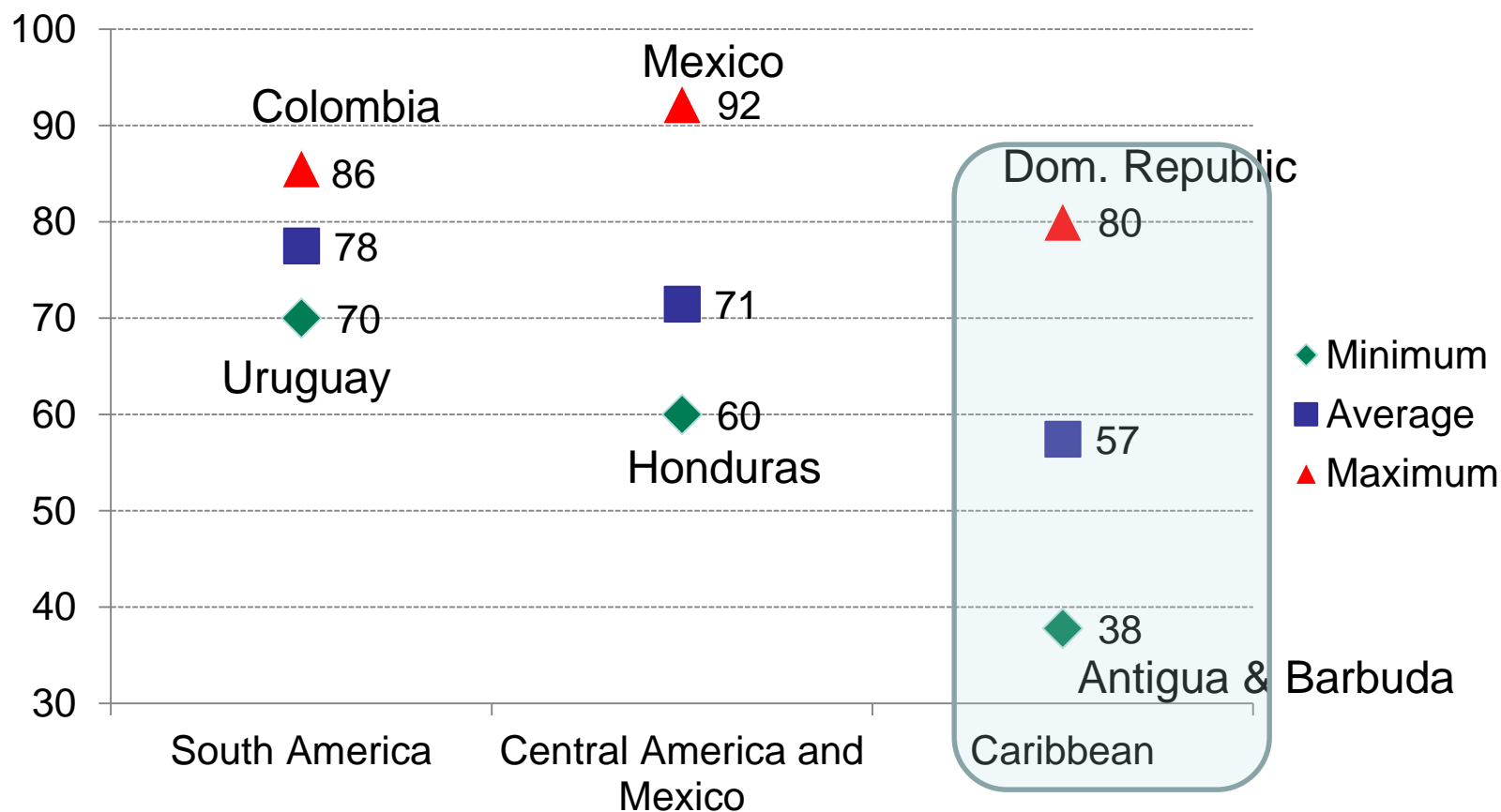
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# Results vary widely by sub-region; the Caribbean shows the weakest performance

## Minimum, average and maximum implementation rates of trade facilitation and paperless trade measures by LAC sub-region, 2017

*(In percentages of the maximum possible score)*



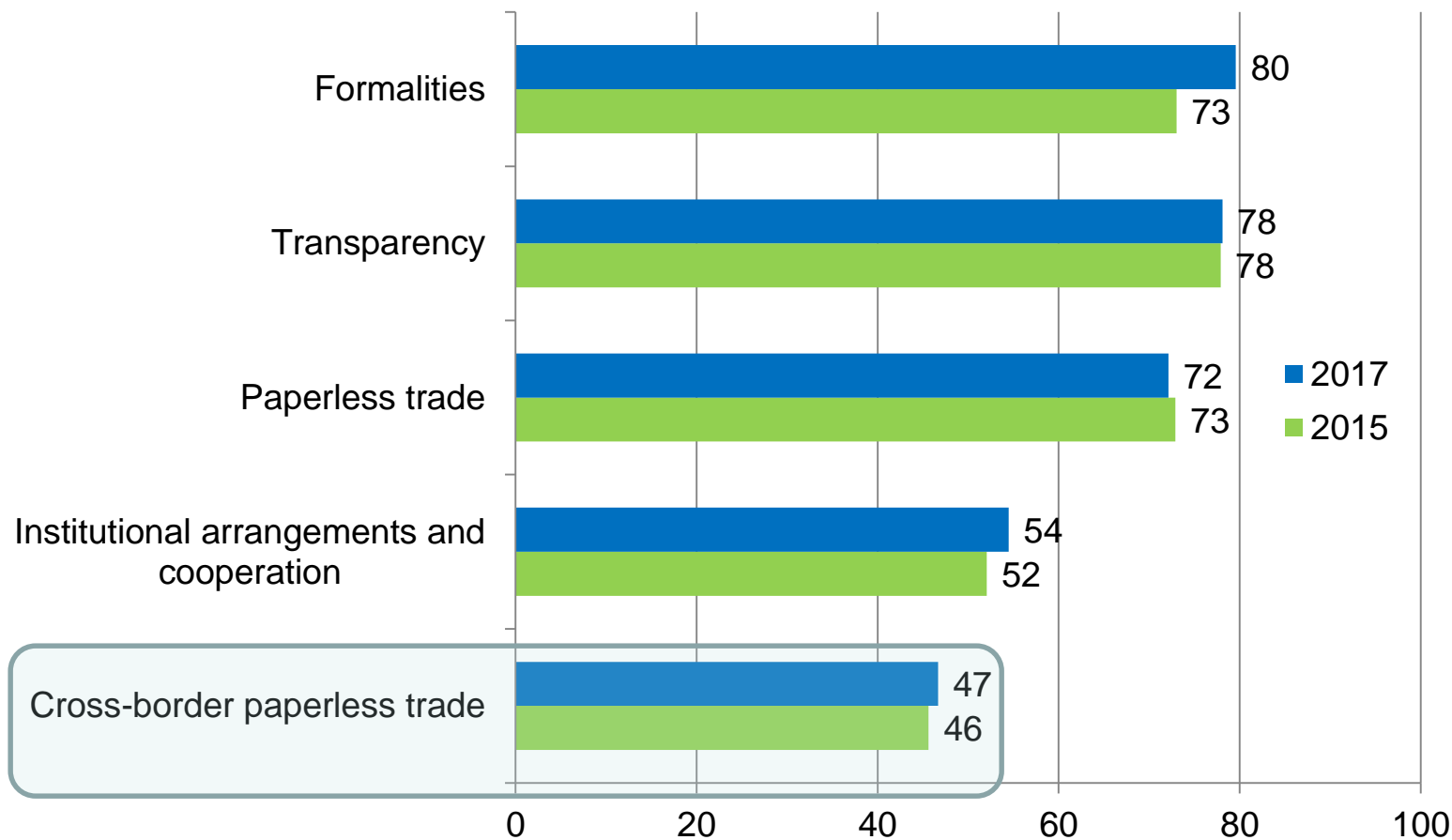
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# LAC scores highest in formalities and transparency; the weakest link is cross-border paperless trade

## Average implementation rates of trade facilitation and paperless trade measures in LAC by category, 2015 and 2017

*(In percentages of the maximum possible score)*

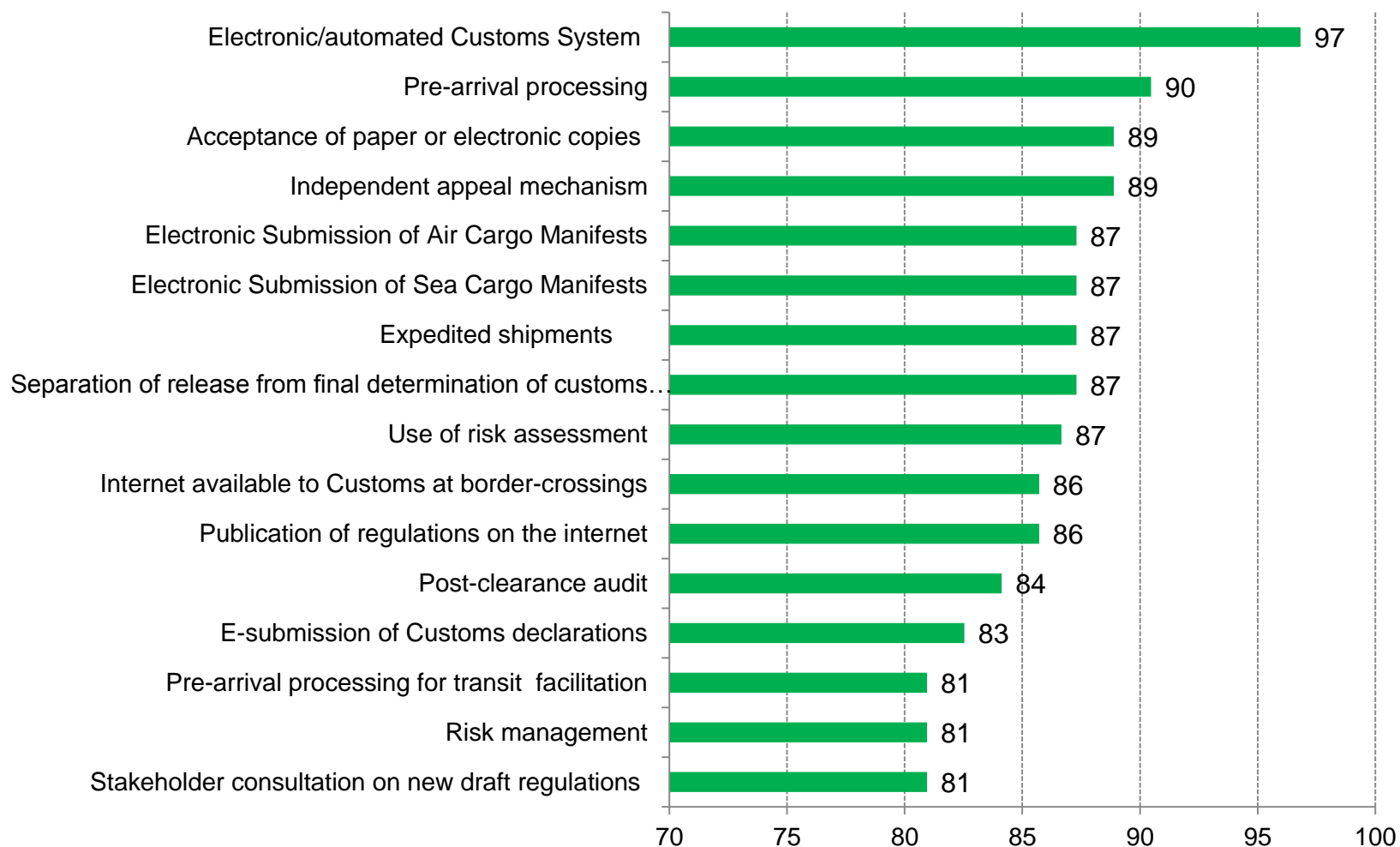


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# LAC shows high implementation rates for many measures

LAC: Most implemented measures in the Global Survey 2017  
(Implementation rates in %)

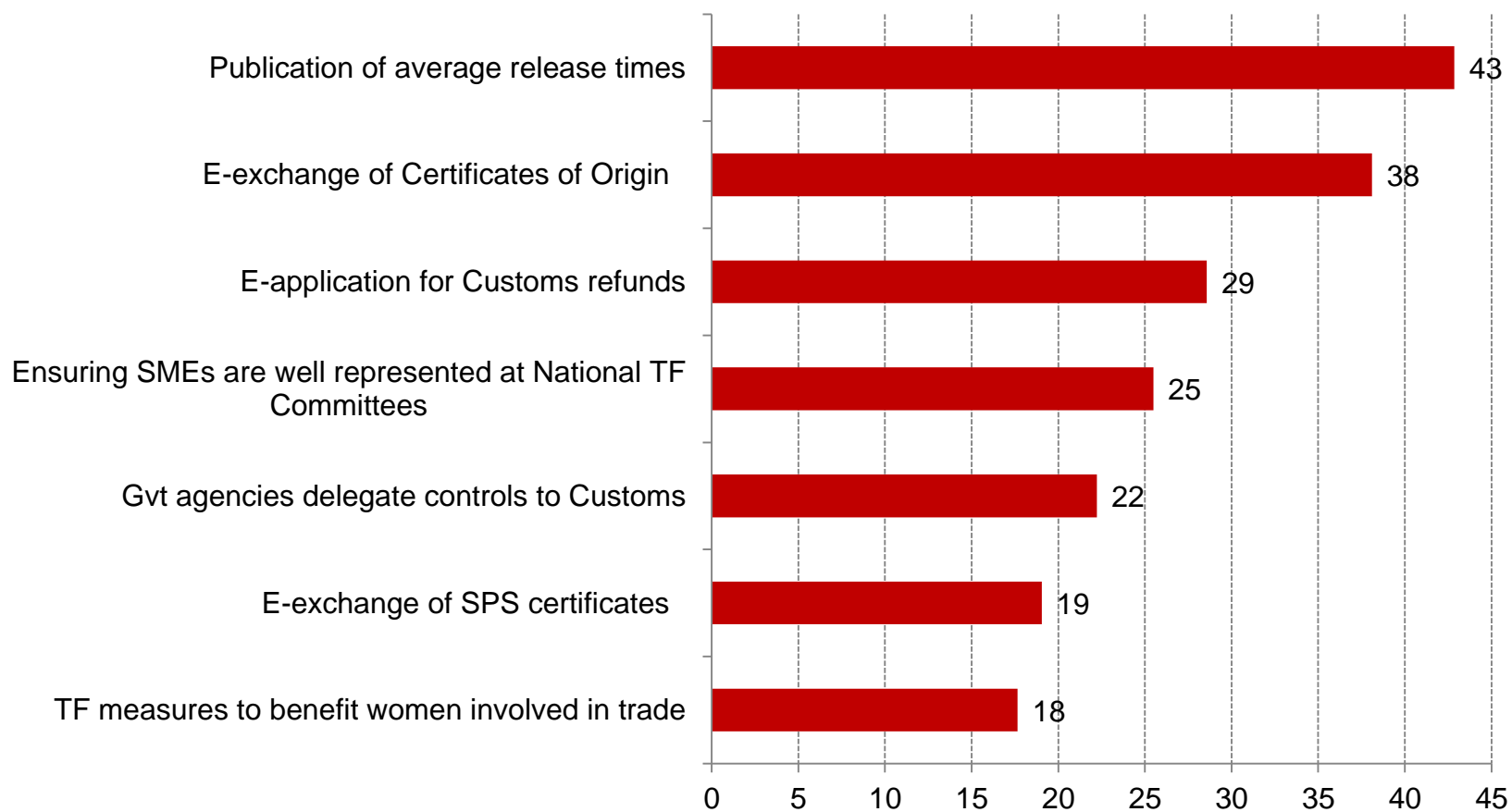


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# But much remains to be done in some key areas

LAC: Least implemented measures in the Global Survey 2017  
(Implementation rates in %)



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# Good progress is being made at the regional level

- **Central American countries:**
  - Common customs document & certificate of origin (FAUCA)
  - Single transit declaration document
  - Both documents are transmitted electronically
- **Pacific Alliance:**
  - Electronic exchange of sanitary certificates
  - Electronic exchange of certificates of origin (in progress)
  - Mutual recognition of national Authorized Operator schemes (in progress)
- **Latin American Integration Association (ALADI):**
  - Digital certification of origin (in progress)
- **Pacific Alliance and MERCOSUR:**
  - Have agreed on a roadmap to work on trade facilitation



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# Final remarks

- Overall LAC scores relatively high and improves slightly on 2015, but progress remains uneven:
  - Least progress in cross-border paperless trade and in the Caribbean
- National Trade Facilitation Committees are fully functional in just 7 of 21 countries (partially in 12)
- Technical and financial cooperation still required, ideally on a regional rather than strictly national basis
- TF is crucial to raise low intra-regional trade (17%)
- Overcoming hard infrastructure gaps is also crucial: less than 30% of roads are paved! (WB, 2017)



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**Muchas gracias**

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