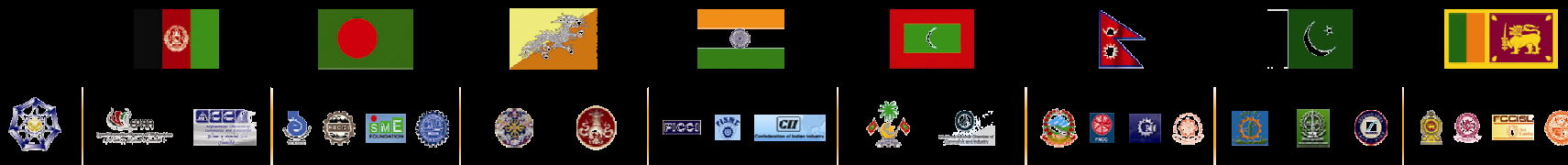




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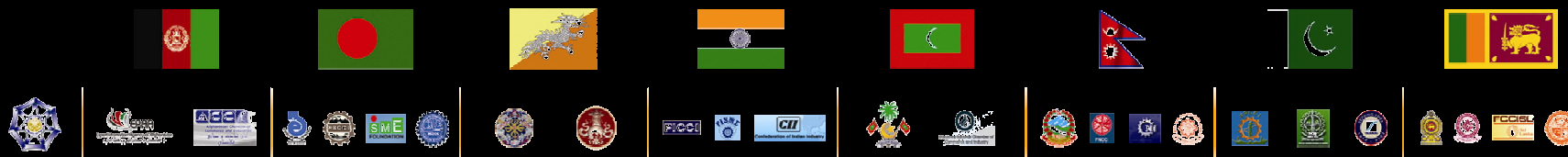
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	Membership		Trade Liberalization		Per Capita GNP USD	Population In million
	Original	Current		Intra regional trade		
<b>SAARC</b>	7	8	SAPTA 1993 SAFTA 2005	5%	1470	1600
<b>ASEAN</b>	5	10	AFTA 1992	25%	2534	600
<b>EU</b>	6	27	Single market 1993	67%	30,500*	500



Country	Exports to SAARC % of total exports	Imports from SAARC % of total imports	Trade with SAARC % of total trade
Afghanistan* *	73	19	28
Bangladesh*	5	15	11
Bhutan**	99	75	87
India**	1	5	2
Maldives**	11	17	16
Nepal***	71	57	60
Pakistan**	5	4	5
Sri Lanka**	7	22	17



Country	Proposed	Under Negotiation	Concluded	TOTAL
Afghanistan	1	0	3	4
Bangladesh	0	0	9	9
Bhutan	0	1	2	3
India	11	11	11	33
Maldives	1	0	1	2
Nepal	1	1	2	4
Pakistan	10	8	8	26
Sri Lanka	2	1	5	8



Country	Exports to EU 2009 (%)	Exports to US 2009 (%)	Other
Bangladesh	51.2	25.7	
Sri Lanka	36.9	23.1	
Pakistan	24.6	18.3	
India	20.5	10.8	
Maldives	31	.....	49 (Thailand)
Nepal	11.1	7.1	63.5 (India)
Bhutan			93.5 (India)



Indicator	East Asia and Pacific	OECD	Latin America and the Caribbean	South Asia	Sub Saharan Africa
Cost to Export (US\$ per container)	889.8	1058.7	1228.3	1511.6	1961.5
Cost to Import (US\$ per container)	934.7	1106.3	1487.9	1744.5	2491.8
Time to export (days)	22.7	10.9	18.0	32.3	32.3
Time to import (days)	24.1	11.4	20.1	32.5	38.2











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Within the SAARC TPN five working groups cover specific issues : Trade Information Portal (TIP), Business to Business (B2B), Quality Infrastructure (QI), Donor Collaboration (DC) and Small and Medium Enterprises (SME).





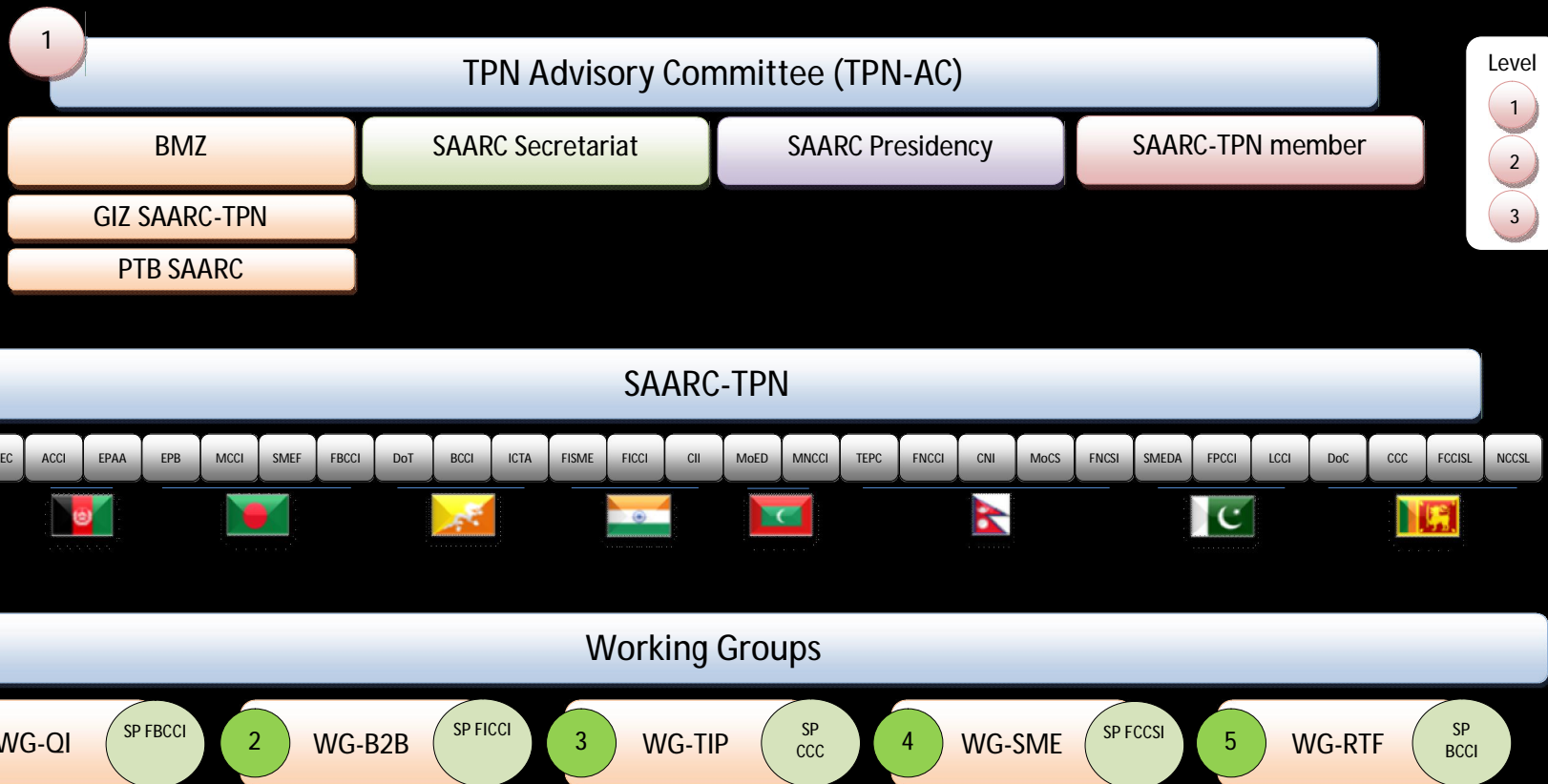


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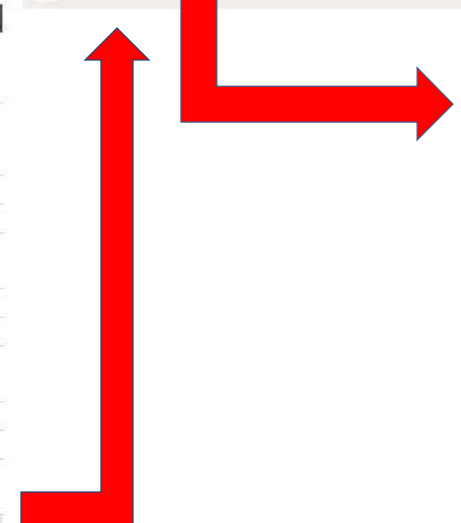
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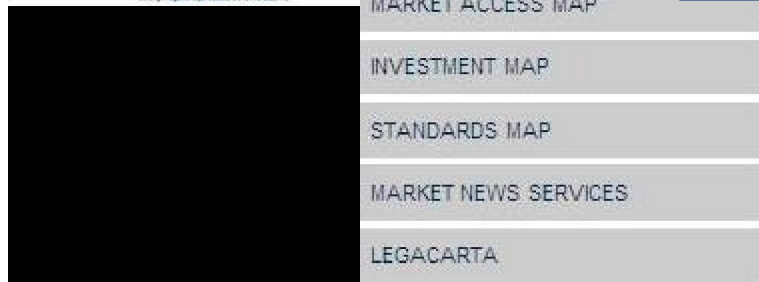
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