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Coordinating AEO Programmes with Other Agencies: Strategies for Improved Compliance and Enforcement –

A UPU Perspective

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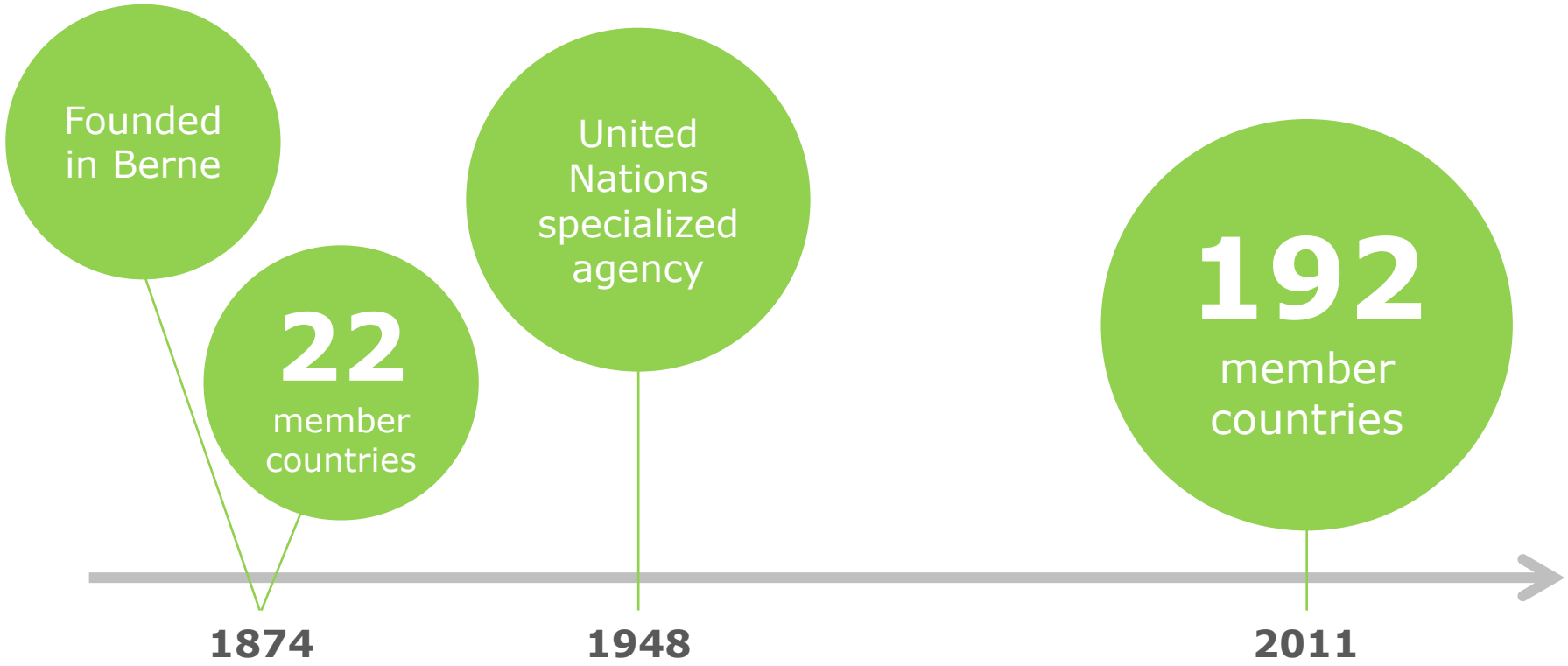

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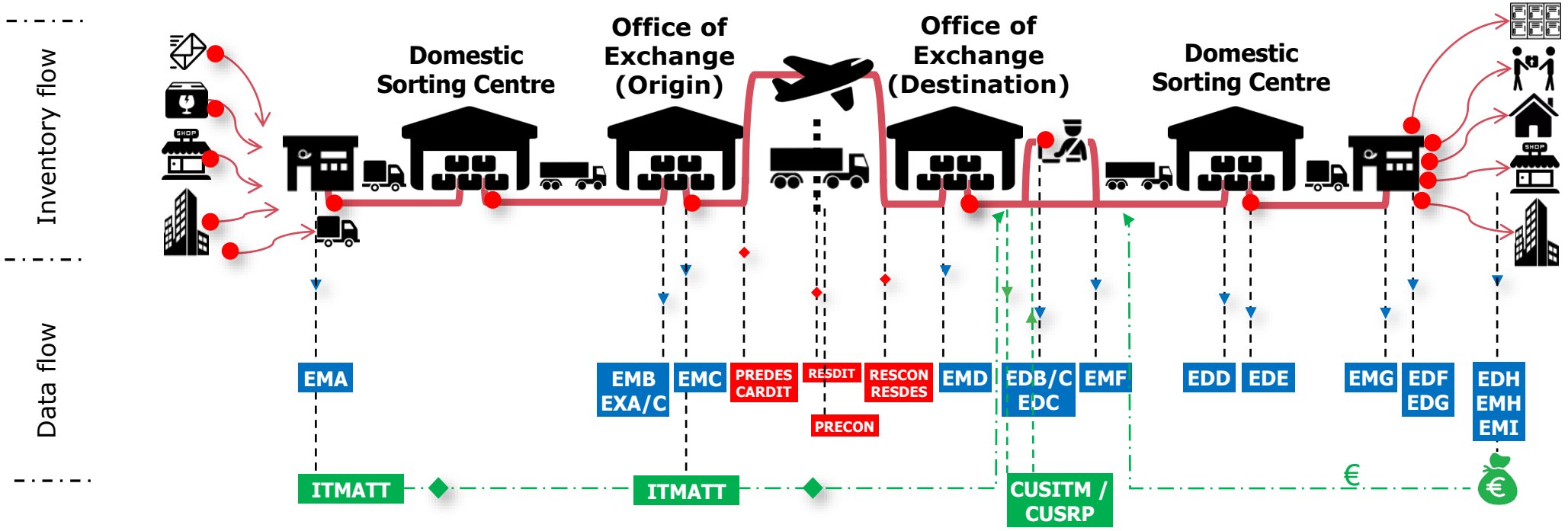


UPU S58/S59 Security Standards

S58 General security measures

- Risk assessment and security plans
- General physical security measures (perimeter security, lighting, etc.)
- Personnel security and hiring processes/contractor security
- Transportation and conveyance security requirements
- Compliance audit programme and oversight
- Postal security unit

S59 Office of exchange and international airmail security

- General physical custody of international airmail
- Items exempt from screening and items to be screened
- High-risk items
- Screening procedures for mail receptacles/bags
- Alarm resolution of suspicious items and notification procedures
- Measures for mail accepted for carriage on commercial aircraft

UPU Security Standards and WCO AEO

UPU's efforts to align the Security Standards S58.S59 with the WCO Safe Framework of Standards and AEO program

- UPU S58 and S59 updated to align with WCO SAFE Framework
- SAFE Framework:
  - Establishes principles and standards, serving as a minimal threshold for WCO Members
  - recognizes alignment with S58 and S59 guidelines for postal operations' safety and security

allow for a broader recognition of equivalency status among postal operators

AEO Status for Postal Operators

- ✓ Faster clearance
- ✓ Reduced inspections
- ✓ Enhanced security and safety
- ✓ Improved efficiency of company's internal processes
- ✓ Competitive advantages
- ✓ Reliable partners for Customs

UPU – WCO - INCB –GRIDS | established coordinated Field-based teams

Case study: Post-Customs collaboration for security certification

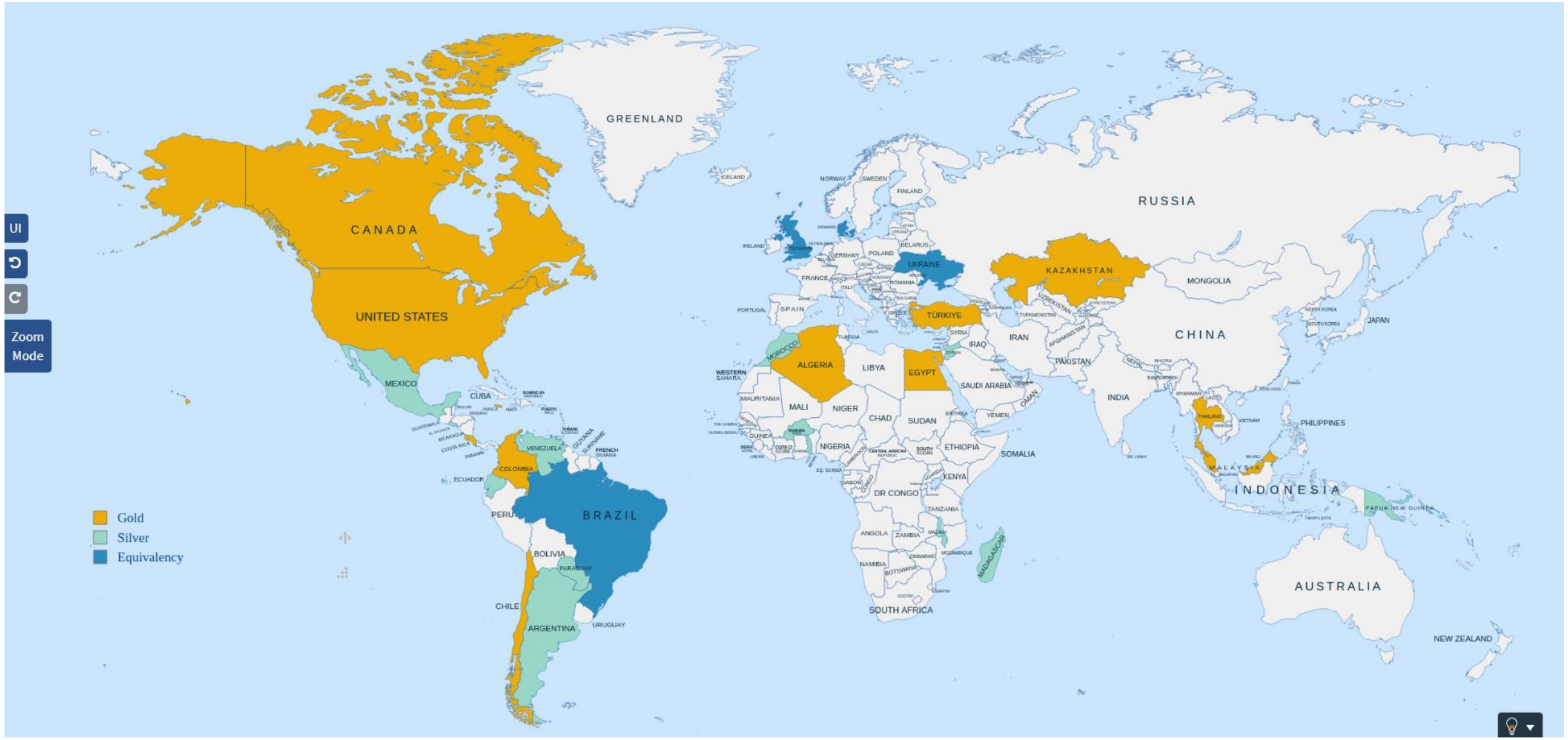
WCO-OCO joint security training workshop

Security action group onsite review

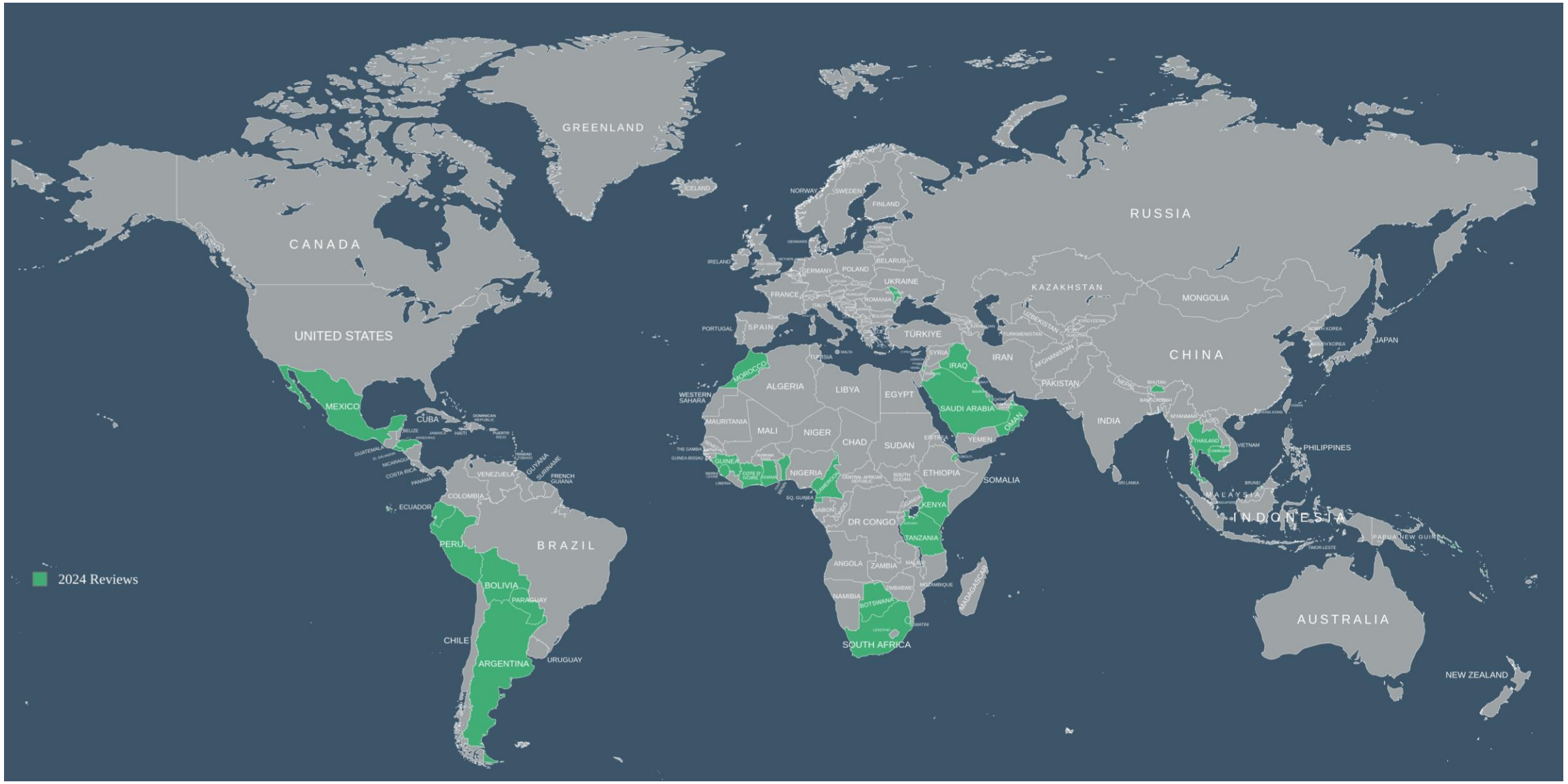
Workshop homework/Self-assessment

Security certification award ceremony

Security certifications worldwide – April 2024



2024 planned security reviews



Future Outlook

- Mutual recognition of WCO's SAFE and UPU's S58/S59 driving interest in security standards for postal operators
- Enhanced effectiveness of customs inspections leading to increased efficiency in postal transport and delivery
- UPU-WCO cooperation poised to lead in policy development for national/sector productivity and competitiveness enhancement
- Collaborative efforts between customs administrations and postal operators to tailor security measures based on business models

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