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**Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM)**  
**Results of the second year evaluation**  
**for the MEM eighth round on**  
**drug supply reduction**

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# MEM Characteristics



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- Governmental and objective process
- Based on transparency, impartiality and equality
- All OAS member states evaluate and are evaluated

- All evaluations are conducted in a collectively by all MS
- No country participates in its own evaluation
- Constructive process, no sanctions



- Achieve full implementation of the OAS's Hemispheric Drug Strategy (HDS) and its Plan of Action
- Measure individual and collective progress of the member states
- Stimulate development of technical assistance & training programs, exchange of experiences & best practices



- Each round, the MEM produces unique national & hemispheric evaluation reports that measure counterdrug performance of MS
- Reports detail the current drug situation in each member state
- Reflect key areas for improvement in MS drug efforts
- Identify areas where assistance is needed
- All member state evaluations are done at the same time





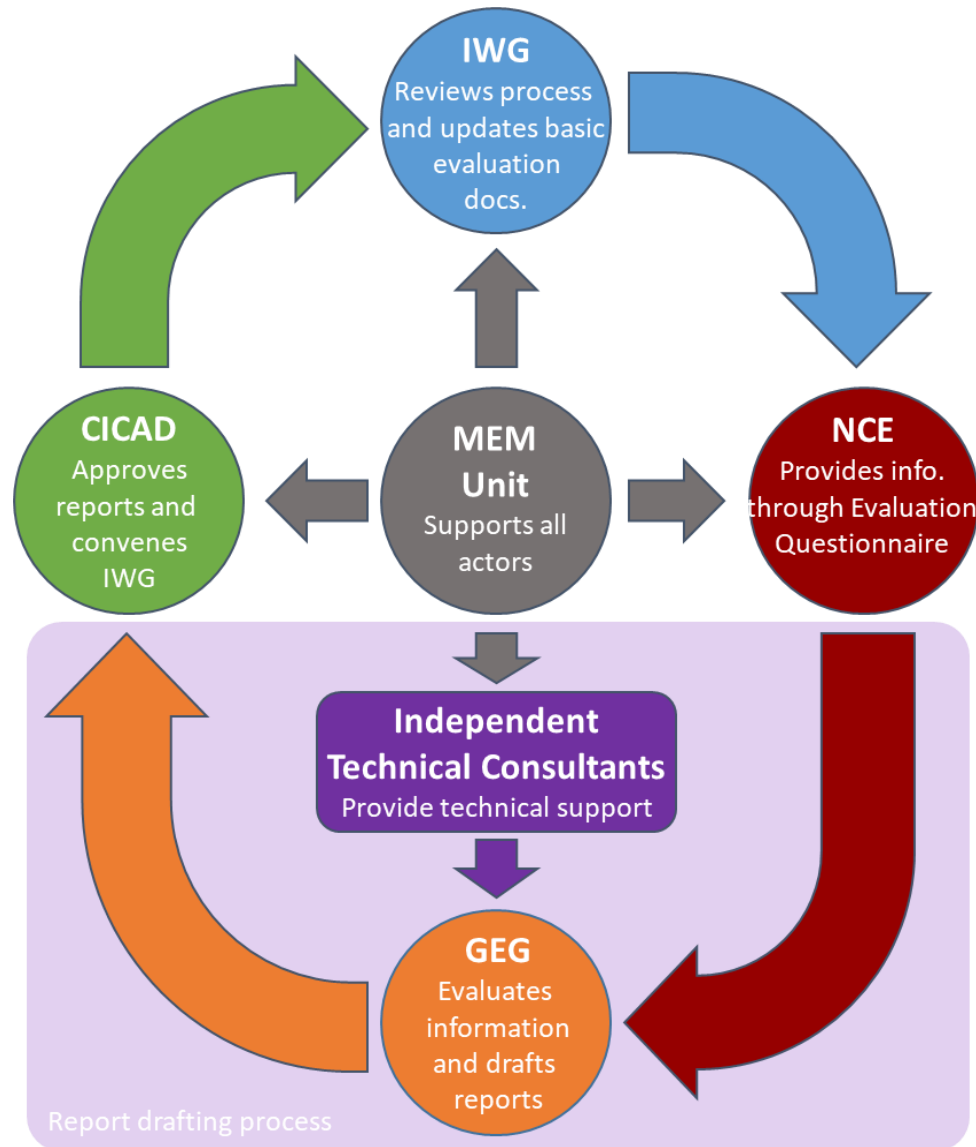
- First - Fifth MEM rounds included recommendations based on challenges identified in each country
- Sixth and Seventh Rounds – Evaluations based on a set of standard recommendations stemming from the current Plans of Action, but the evaluation methodology was maintained from previous rounds
- Eighth round – Evaluation by thematic area during the first 3 years and a comprehensive evaluation on the fourth (2021-2024):
  - Independent Technical Consultants
  - Means of verification for each priority action

# MEM Key Stakeholders



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➤ Consists of “Core Principles and Critical Elements” and 2 pillars:

- Measures related to Demand Reduction
- Measures related to Supply Reduction

➤ Related to the MEM:

“... is the approved OAS mechanism to monitor and evaluate members states’ application of this Strategy and associated Plan of Action ...”



# Plan of Action, 2021-2025



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- Identifies 29 objectives and 142 priority actions
- Considers the MEM to evaluate the level of fulfillment of its objectives in each member state
- Takes into account the UNGASS 2016 operational rec(s) & the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda
- Considers cross-cutting issues, such as gender perspective and human rights





# Structure of the Plan of Action, 2021-2025



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Thematic Area	# of objectives
Institutional Strengthening	6
Measures of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support	5
Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences	12
Research, Information, Monitoring, and Evaluation	4
International Cooperation	2

# 8<sup>th</sup> Evaluation Round



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Evaluated Thematic Area	Evaluation Year	# of objectives
Measures of Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support	2021	5
Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences	2022	12
Institutional Strengthening / Research, Information, Monitoring, and Evaluation / International Cooperation	2023	12
Comprehensive Evaluation	2024	Update all

Evaluation period: starting from 2019

# Drug supply reduction thematic area - Objectives



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Subject	Objective
Illicit drug production, trafficking and distribution	1
New Psychoactive Substances (NPS's)	2
Chemical substances and pharmaceutical products	3, 4 and 5
Exchange of intelligence information	6
Money laundering	7 and 8
Illicit crops and alternative development programs	9, 10 and 11
Illicit drug trafficking in small quantities	12

# Drug supply reduction thematic area – Objectives (cont.)



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## Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences

- Objective 1:** Capacity to reduce the illicit cultivation, production, trafficking, and distribution of drugs
- Objective 2:** Measures to address NPS and other drugs
- Objective 3:** Legal and institutional frameworks for the monitoring and control of essential chemical substances and precursors
- Objective 4:** Availability and accessibility of substances subject to international control for medical and scientific purposes
- Objective 5:** Measures to prevent diversion of controlled pharmaceutical products
- Objective 6:** Operational and intelligence gathering and sharing mechanisms to detect methods used by criminal organizations
- Objective 7:** Legislative and institutional frameworks to prevent, detect, investigate, prosecute, and control money laundering
- Objective 8:** Agencies for the administration and disposition of seized and/or forfeited assets
- Objective 9:** Programs to reduce the illicit cultivation, production and manufacture of drugs
- Objective 10:** Long-term alternative development programs, comprehensive and sustainable alternative development programs, and preventive alternative development

# Drug supply reduction thematic area – Objectives (cont.)



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## Measures to Control and Counter the Illicit Cultivation, Production, Trafficking, and Distribution of Drugs, and to Address their Causes and Consequences

**Objective 11:** Plans and programs to mitigate and reduce the impact of illicit crops and drug production on the environment

**Objective 12:** Effects of small-scale drug trafficking on public health, the economy, social cohesion, and citizen security

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# Results – MEM Evaluation 2022

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### **A substantial number of priority actions exceeding 90% compliance, including:**

- Strengthening control systems to prevent the diversion and trafficking of controlled chemical substances, pharmaceutical products, and chemical precursors used in the illicit manufacture of drugs (97%).
- Improving access to controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes (94%).
- Streamlining the process for issuing authorizations for national production of, and to import and export controlled substances for medical and scientific purposes(91%).

### **Additional efforts need to be made in the following areas:**

- The highest rate of noncompliance refers to the control of **new psychoactive substances (NPS) and synthetic drugs**. In this regard, 63% of countries have not made progress toward establishing and/or strengthening early warning systems (EWS), while 72% of countries have not developed innovative regulatory approaches to enhance their national control of NPS or synthetic opioids used for nonmedical purposes.

# Results – MEM Evaluation 2022

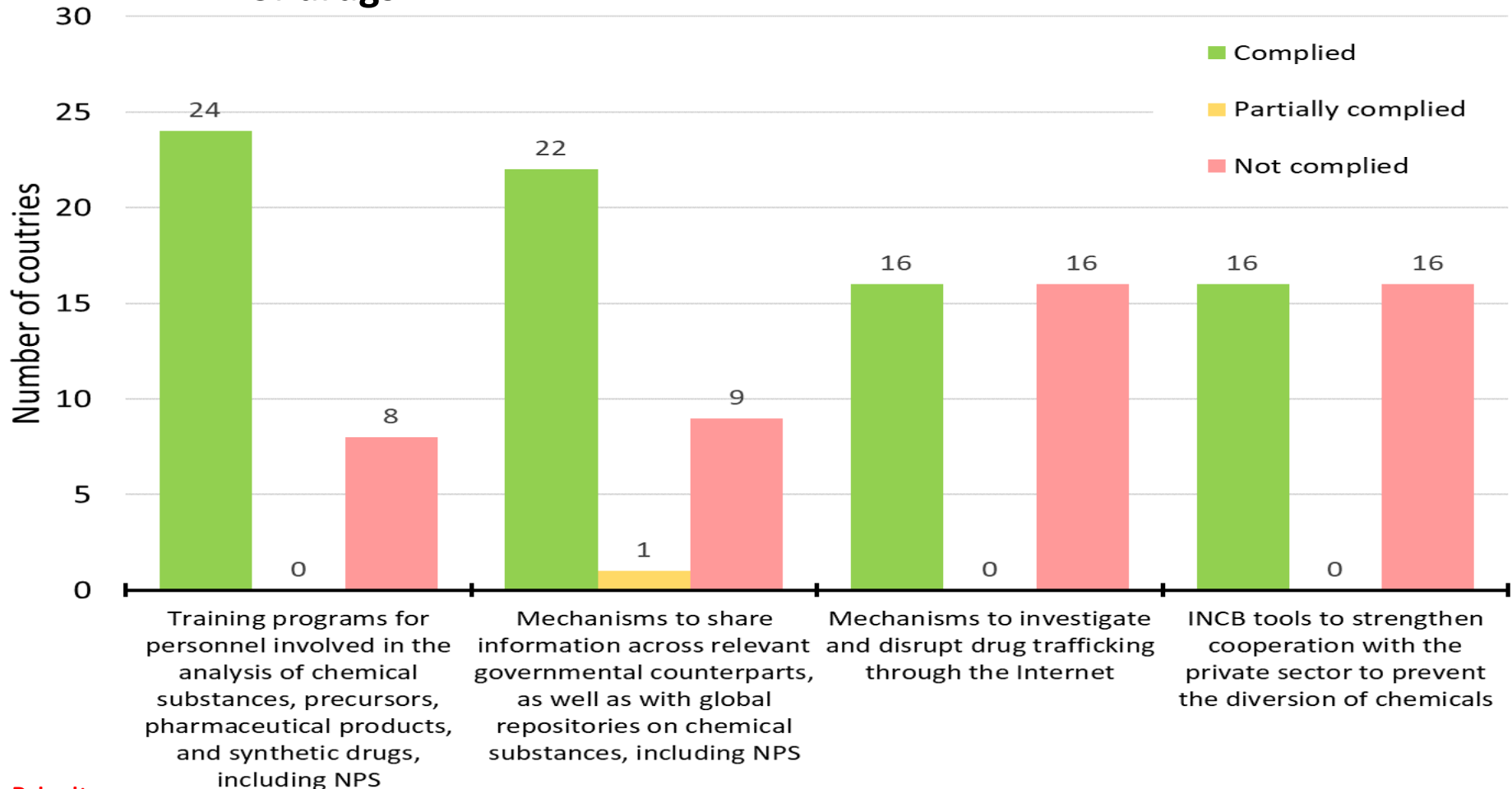
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### Objective 1 - Capacity to reduce the illicit cultivation, production, trafficking, and distribution of drugs

Evaluation period: 2019-2021  
Participating countries: 32



Priority Action:

1.7

1.8

1.9

# Results – MEM Evaluation 2022

## Drug supply reduction

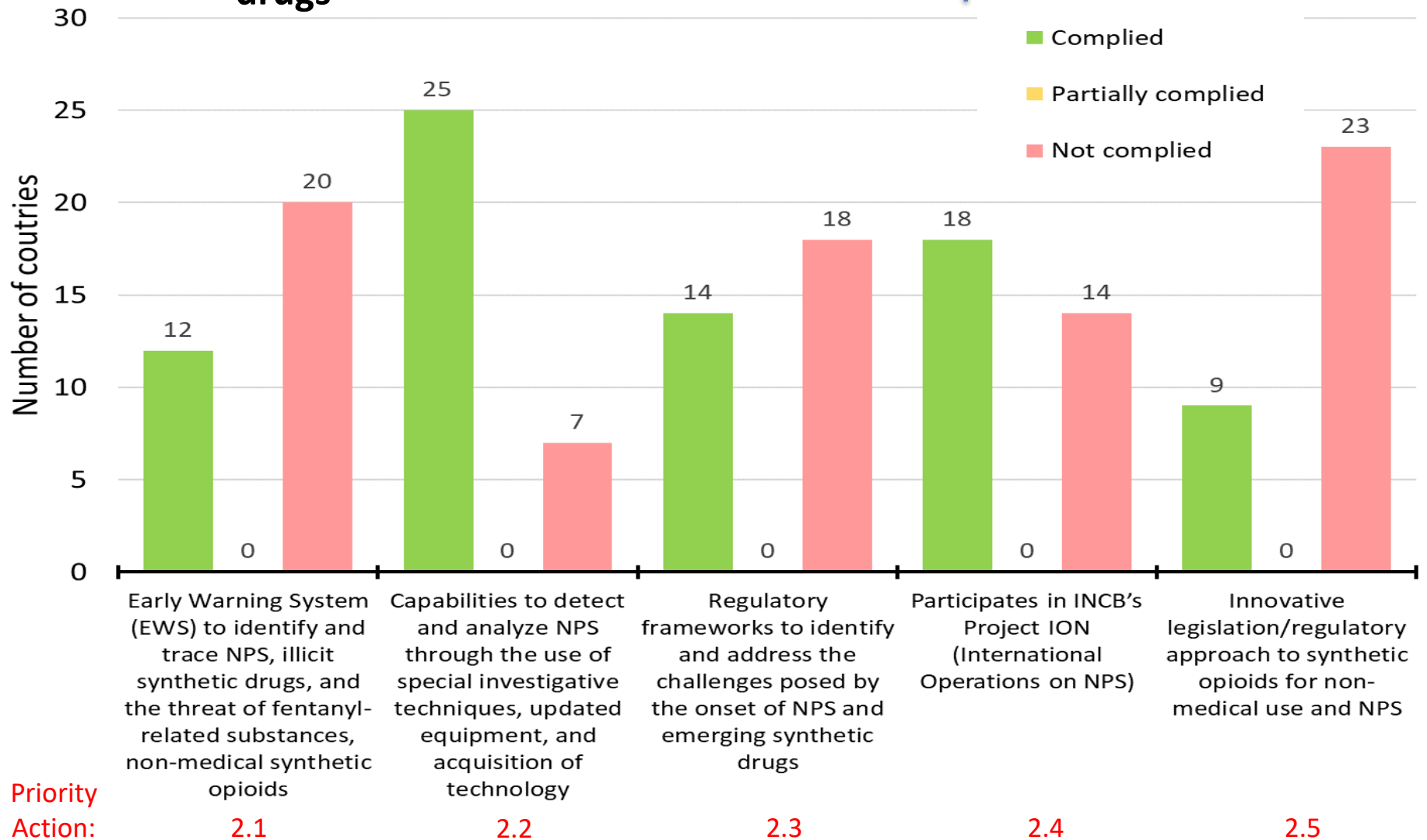


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### Objective 2 - Measures to address NPS and other drugs

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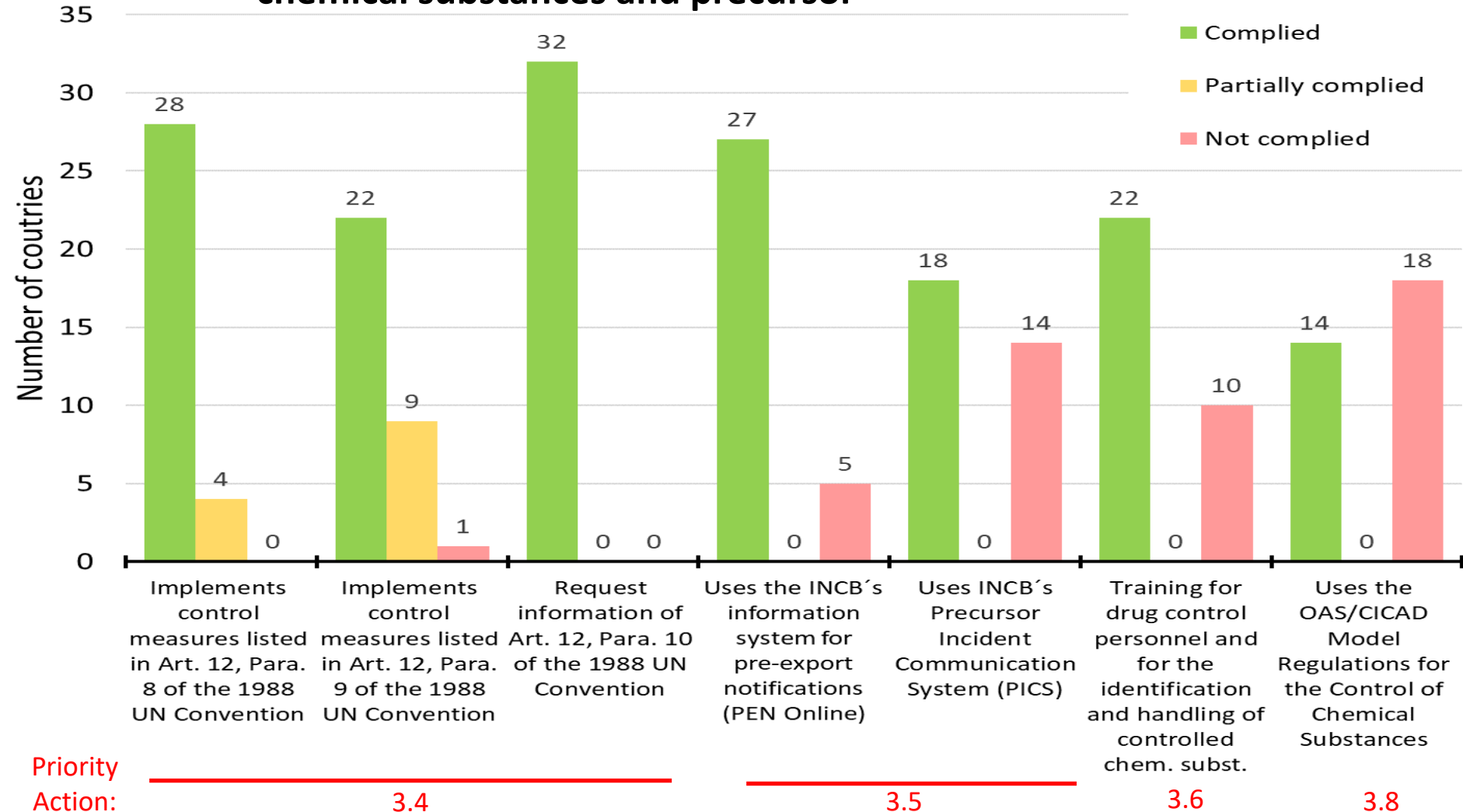
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### Objective 3 - Legal and institutional frameworks for monitoring and control of essential chemical substances and precursor

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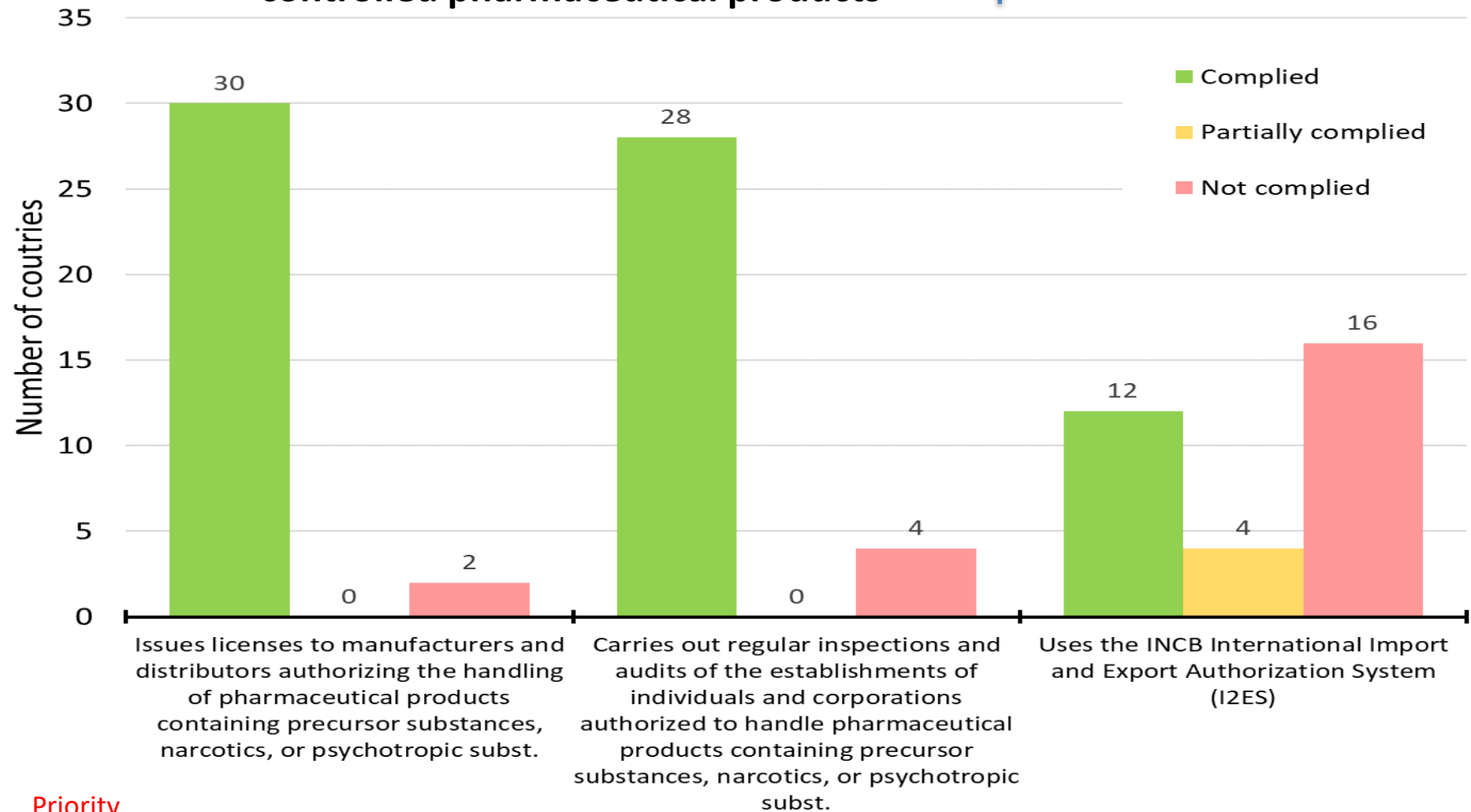
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### Objective 5 - Measures to prevent diversion of controlled pharmaceutical products

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Participating countries: 32



Priority  
Action:

5.1

5.4

# Disseminating Results of the 8<sup>th</sup> Round National Reports



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- Distribute and disseminate the MEM national evaluation reports and hemispheric briefs
- Use of social networks as tools to highlight the evaluations' findings
- Carry out MEM reports promotion activities, raising awareness on the evaluation process, on a continuous basis

## MEM national evaluation reports



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