

Standard Operating Procedure for official recognition of disease status and the endorsement of official control programmes

Follow-up Regional training Workshop on WOAHP Procedures for official status recognition, endorsement of official control programmes and maintenance with regard to foot and mouth disease (FMD) and peste des petits ruminants (PPR)

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Outline

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History of the procedure





WOAH official recognition of animal health status

HISTORICAL

1994

- Requested by the World Assembly
- Voluntary-based procedure
- Certain diseases
- Mandate given to the Scientific Commission
- Recognition by the World Assembly

1995

Adoption of the procedure for FMD official recognition

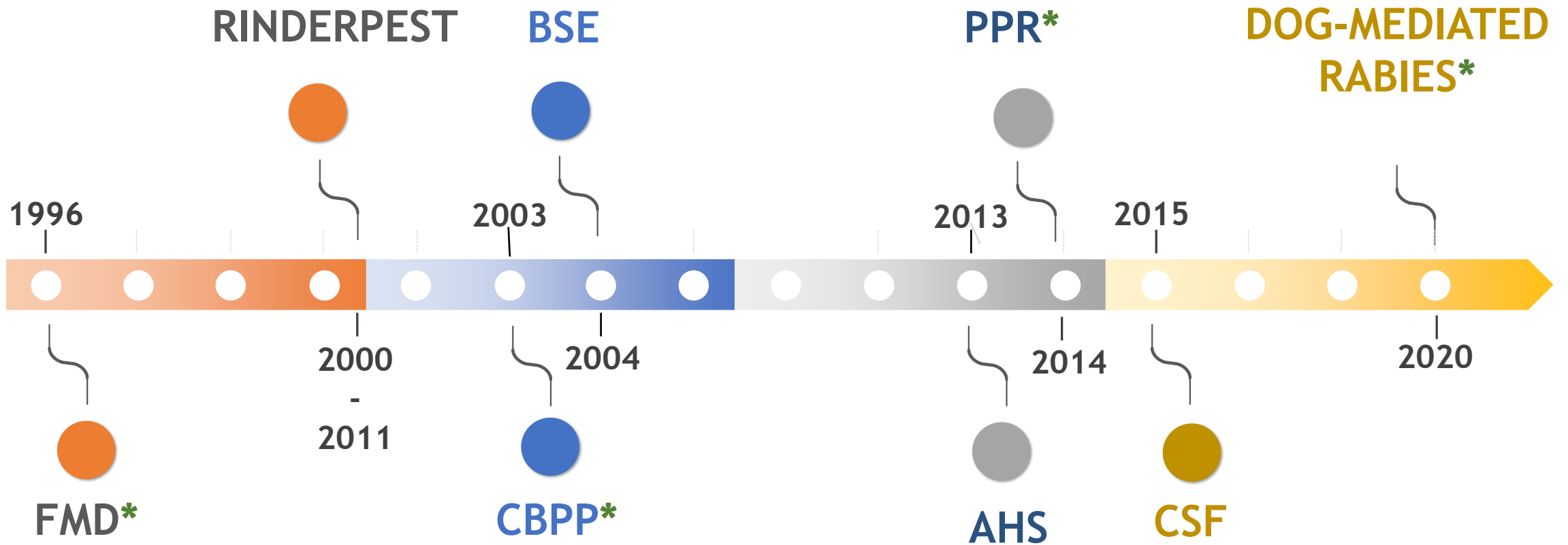
1996

Adoption of the 1st list of Member Countries and zone free from FMD without vaccination

Important legal link with the World Trade Organization (WTO)



WOAH official recognition of animal health status



* WOAH endorsement of official control programme



Official recognition of animal health status

The official recognition of animal health status of Members is of great significance for international trade and constitutes one of the most important legal links between WOAH and World Trade Organization (WTO).

Benefits of official recognition of animal health status include:

- Demonstration of compliance with WOAH international standards.
- Protect animal and human health in international trade.
- Facilitate safe trade of animals and their products.
- Demonstration of the quality of Veterinary Services.



WOAH endorsement of disease control programmes

Objectives & Benefits include:

- To progressively improve the disease situation and eventually attain official recognition of animal health status
- Wider access to international expertise and capacity-building activities
- Visibility for facilitation and access to international funding
- Increased engagement of governments in disease control and elimination
- Opportunities for stronger coordination in disease control and elimination at regional level



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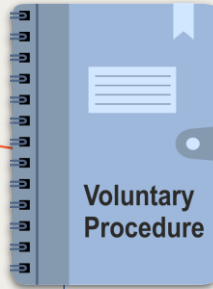
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Application_SOP

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Description/ Scope:	This procedure describes the process for the preparation, assessment and approval of dossiers for the official recognition of animal health status and for the endorsement of official control programmes of Members.
Related documents:	Guidelines for the Official Status Recognition Process ¹ (Annexed) Resolution No. 15 of the 2020 Adapted Procedure Resolution No. 16 of the 2020 Adapted Procedure
Related processes:	Expert Mission Deployment [¶] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure (Mission_SOP) - Guidelines (Mission_Guidelines) Reconfirmation of a Status or Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure (Reconfirmation_SOP) - Guidelines (Reconfirmation_Guidelines) Suspension, Recovery and Withdrawal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure (Suspension_SOP) - Guidelines (Suspension_Guidelines) Addendum: Establishment of a protection zone
List of acronyms:	AHG: <i>ad hoc</i> Group Assembly: World Assembly of Delegates DDG: Deputy Director General, Standards and Science DG: Director General SD: Status Department GS: General Session SCAD: Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases <i>Terrestrial Code: Terrestrial Animal Health Code</i>

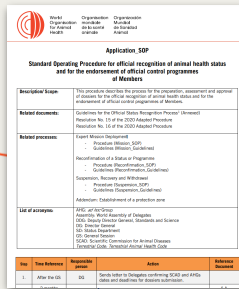
Step	Time Reference	Responsible person	Action	Reference Document
1.	After the GS	DG	Sends letter to Delegates confirming SCAD and AHGs dates and deadlines for dossiers submission.	



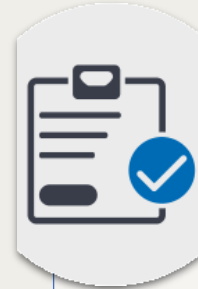
A voluntary procedure developed on Members' request to facilitate trade



Resolutions adopted by the World Assembly



SOPs and rules & guidelines



Updated when relevant



Available online in the three WOA official languages

- Compliance with the relevant provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*.
- Complete – relevant to template **Questionnaire** in the *Terrestrial Code* (also on WOAHA website) – **documented evidence**
- 50 pages + appendices (cross-referenced) + executive summary
- Digitalised map if relevant (free zone)
- Proof of payment – fee
- Contact details of technical staff



Demonstrate by **EVIDENCE**





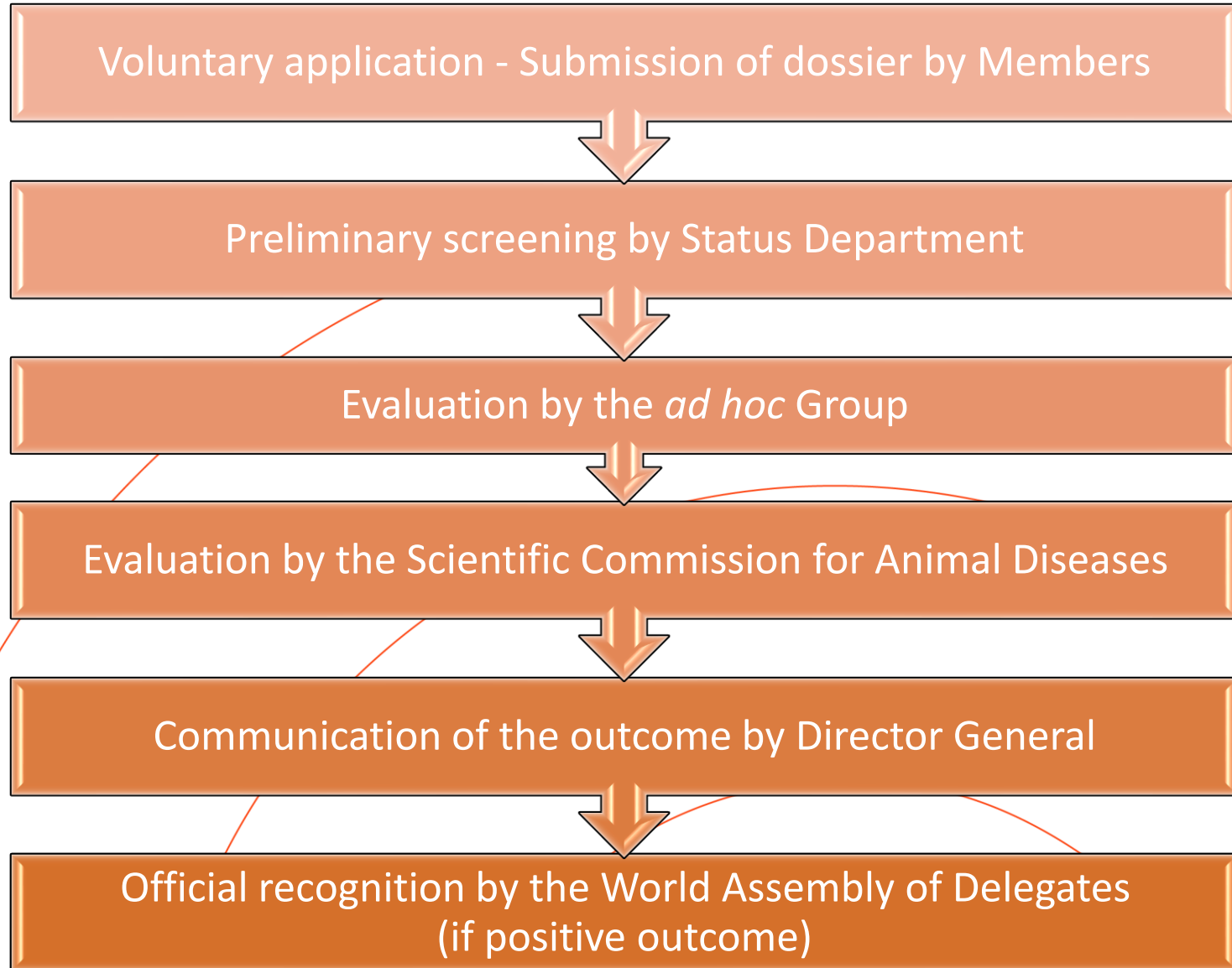
WOAH calendar meetings:

- Cycle from a General Session to the following one
- Letter from the DG after each General Session announcing dates of the AHG
- Deadline to submit dossier: 2 months before the meeting of the AHG



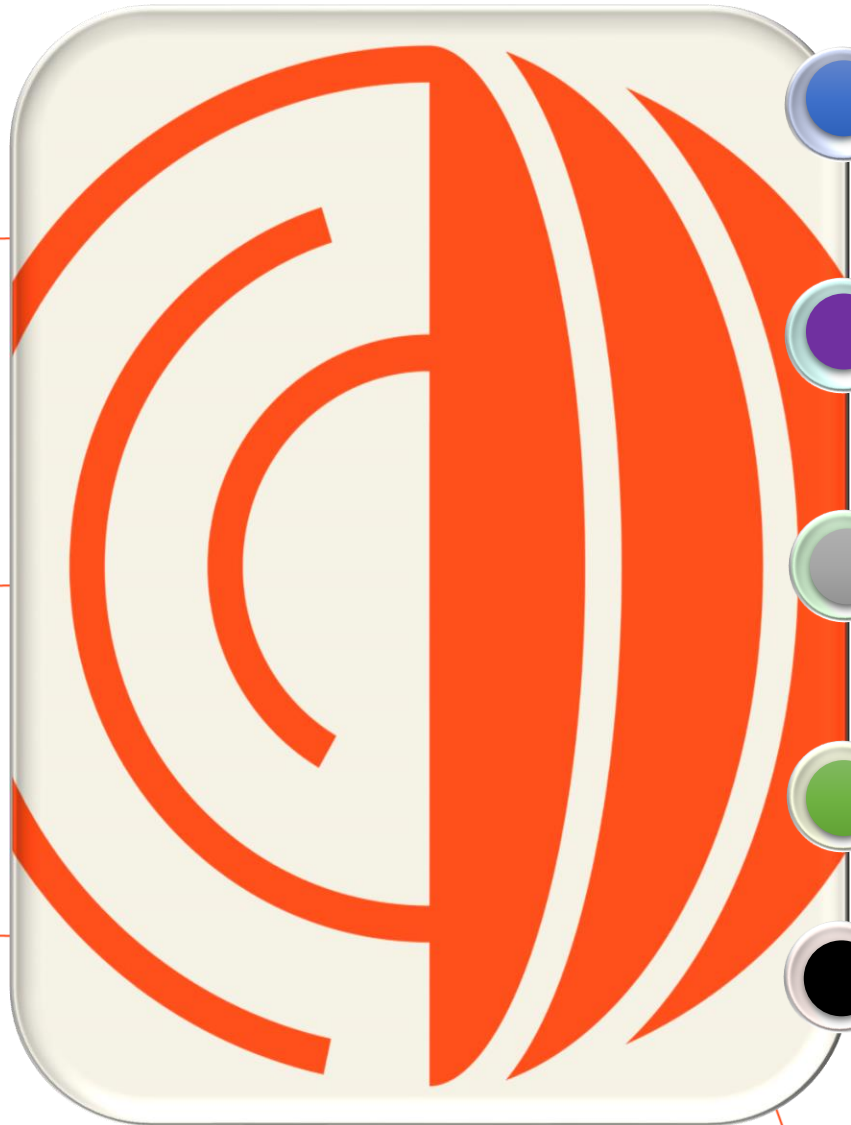


The procedure: Evaluation





The procedure : Preliminary screening by Status Dept



Archiving and screening



Acknowledge receipt of the submission to the Delegate



Request of additional information or amended dossier, if gap(s) identified



Translation in English if needed



Processing for the *ad hoc* Group

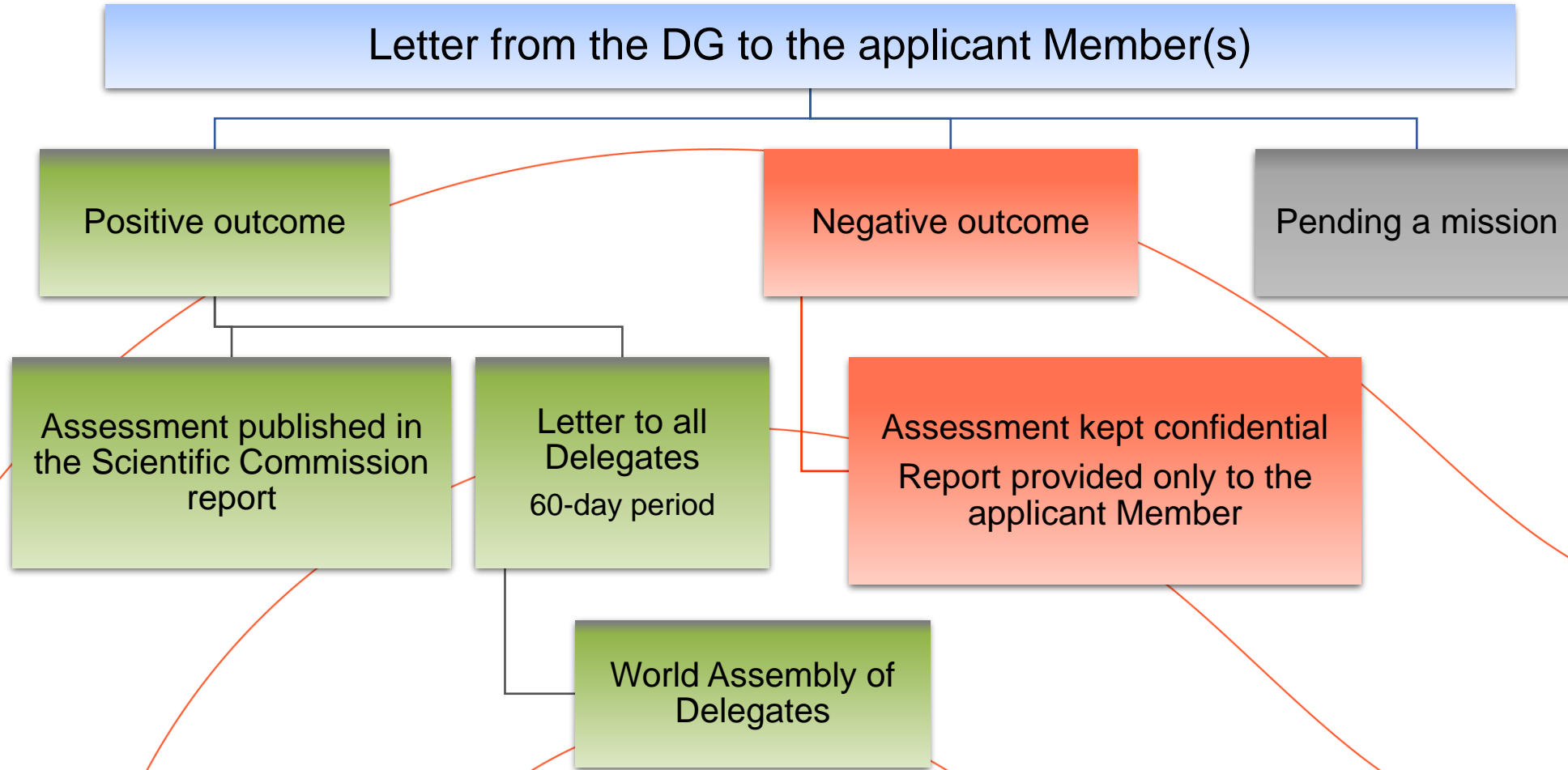
An *ad hoc* Group:

- Usually comprised of six internationally recognised experts
 - Takes into consideration geographical representation and gender balance, when possible.
- Assessment against *Terrestrial Code* requirements
 - Based on:
 - Information from the application and other Member reports submitted to WOAAH (e.g., WAHIS, PVS)
 - Experts' knowledge
 - Information available in the public domain
 - Possible interaction (electronic) with the applicant Member
 - Detailed evaluation report and recommendations forwarded to the Scientific Commission

- Scientific Commission: Members elected by the World Assembly of Delegates for a three-year term
- Assess the dossier, including the *ad hoc* Group recommendations
- Possible interaction with
 - The chairperson of the *ad hoc* Group
 - Applicant Members, including the possible visit of a delegation
/!\ official request to WOAHA by the Delegate before 31 December
- Final recommendation proposed for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates
- **May request an expert mission (field or virtual) to verify the dossier**



The procedure: Communication of the outcome





The procedure : Official recognition

- by adoption of a Resolution by the World Assembly of Delegates at the General Session



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Thank you for your attention!

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