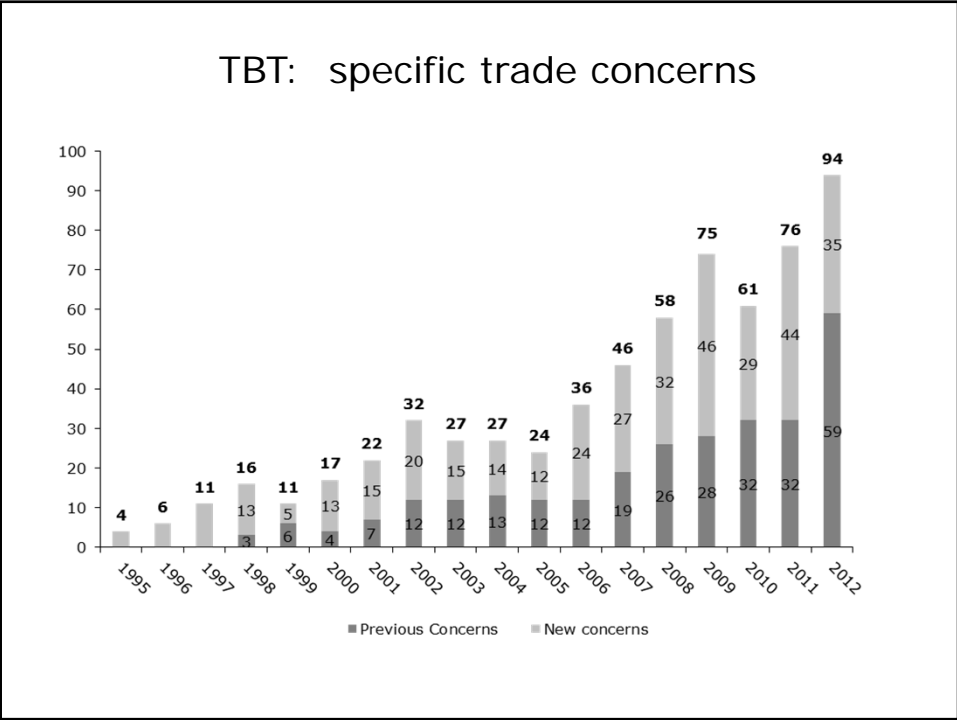
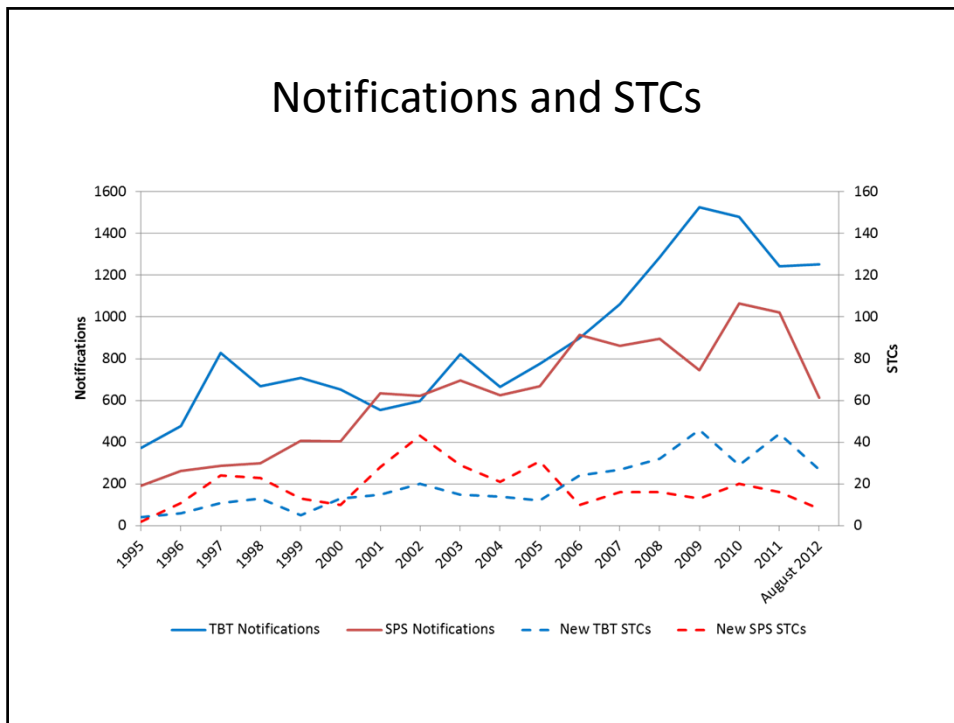
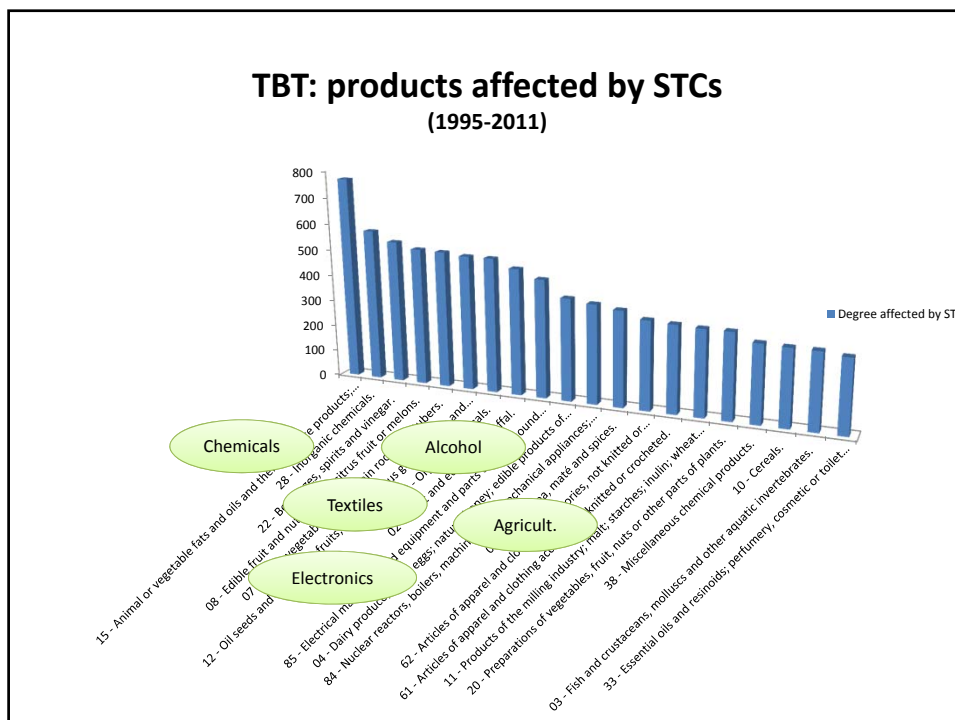
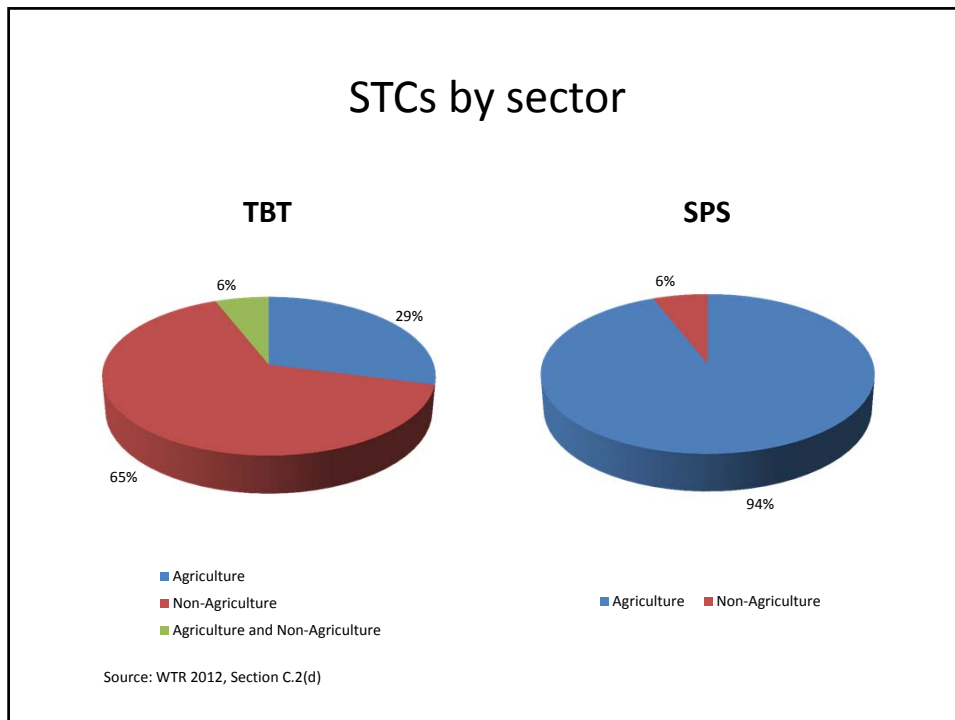


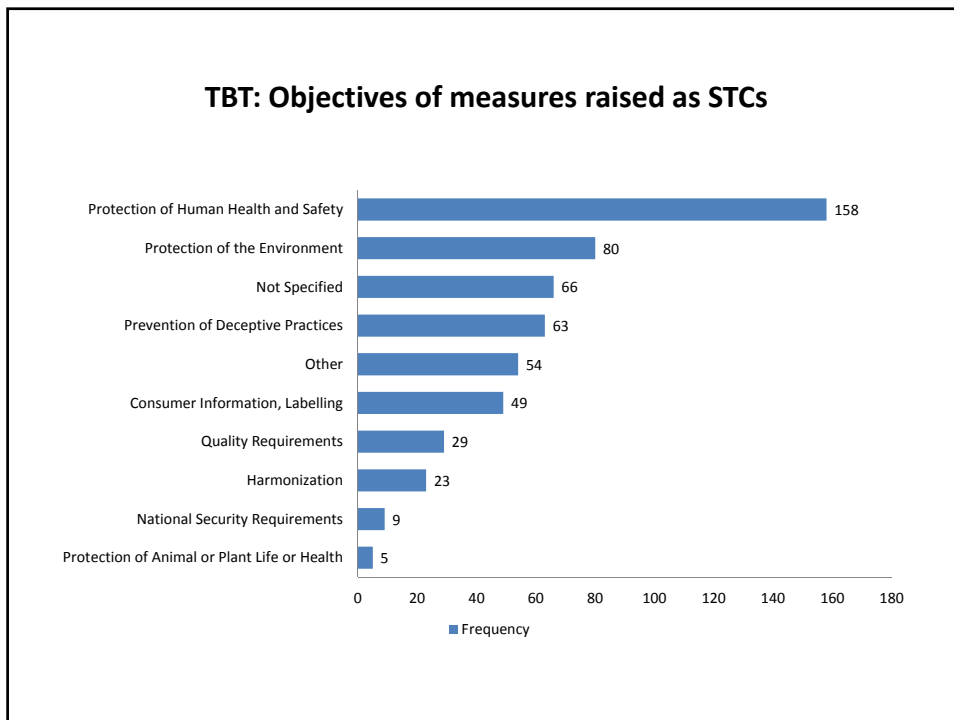
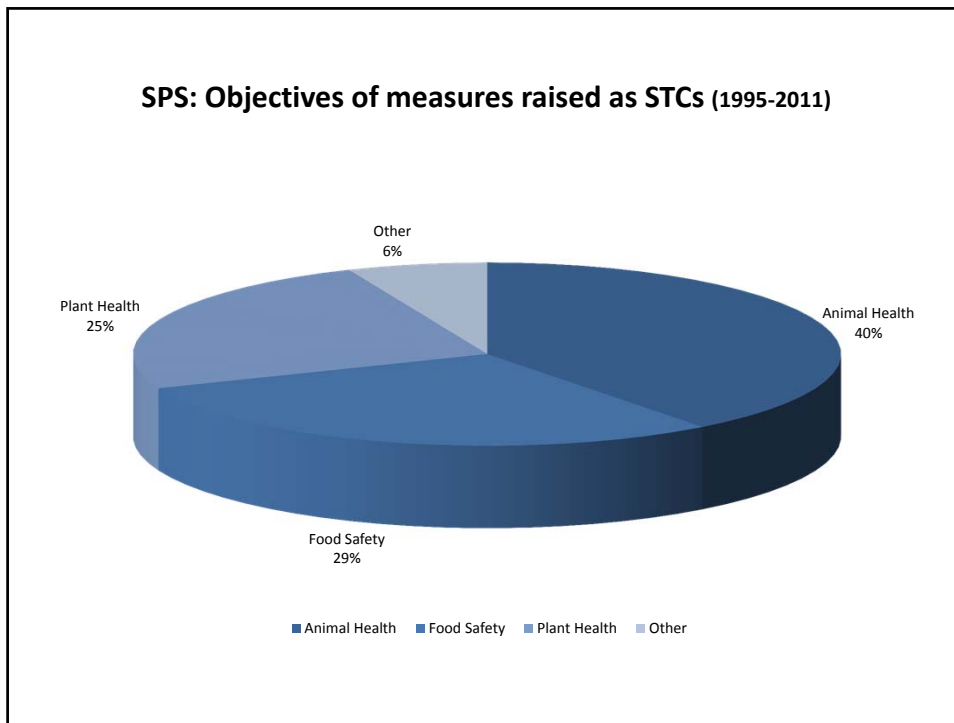
A closer look at
“specific trade concerns”
(STCs)





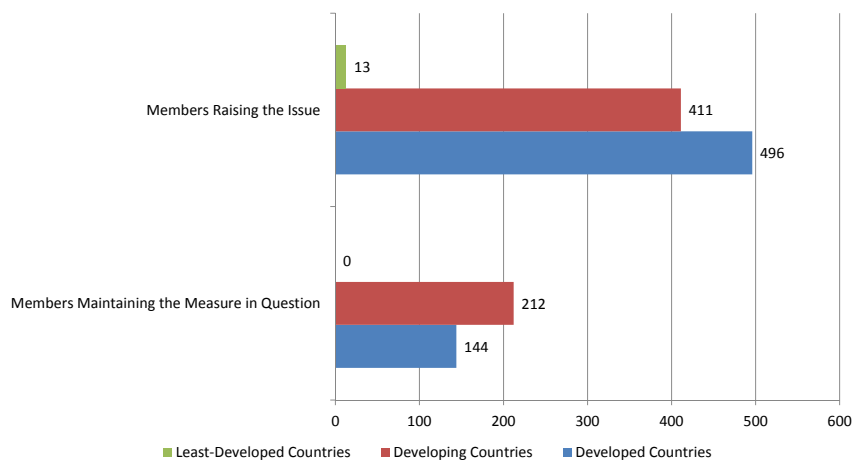
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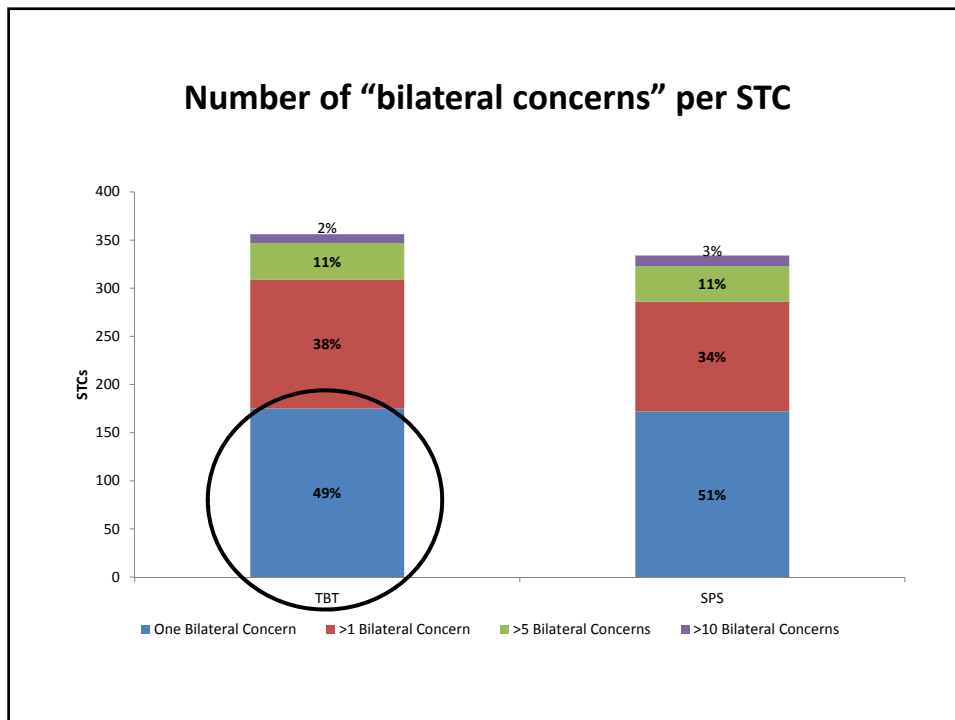


How about Members' engagement?

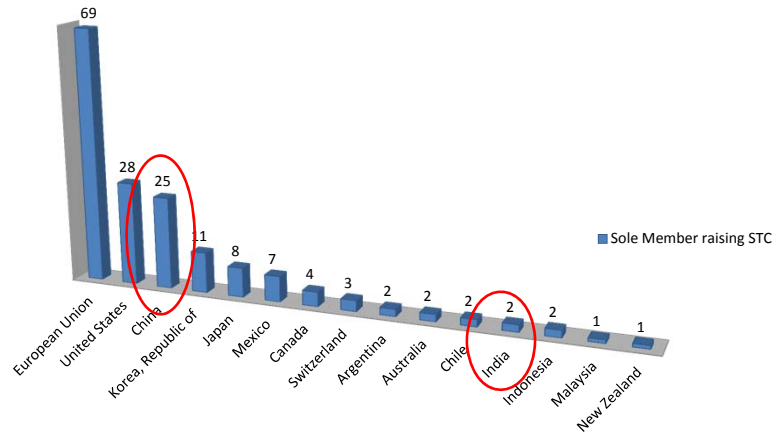
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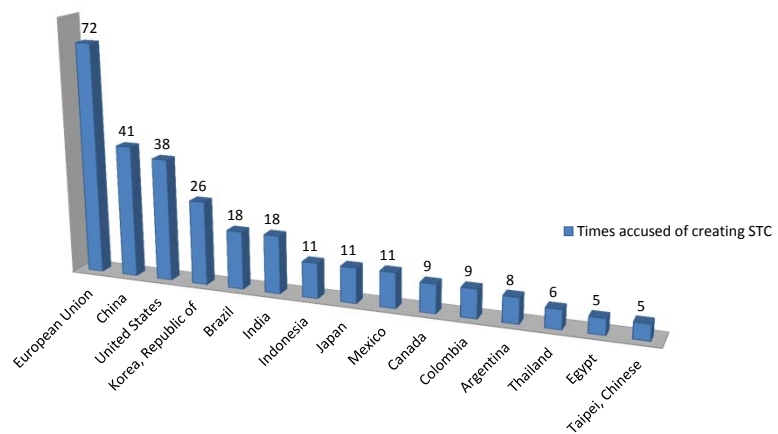
Another way to look at Members' engagement:
"bilateral concerns"

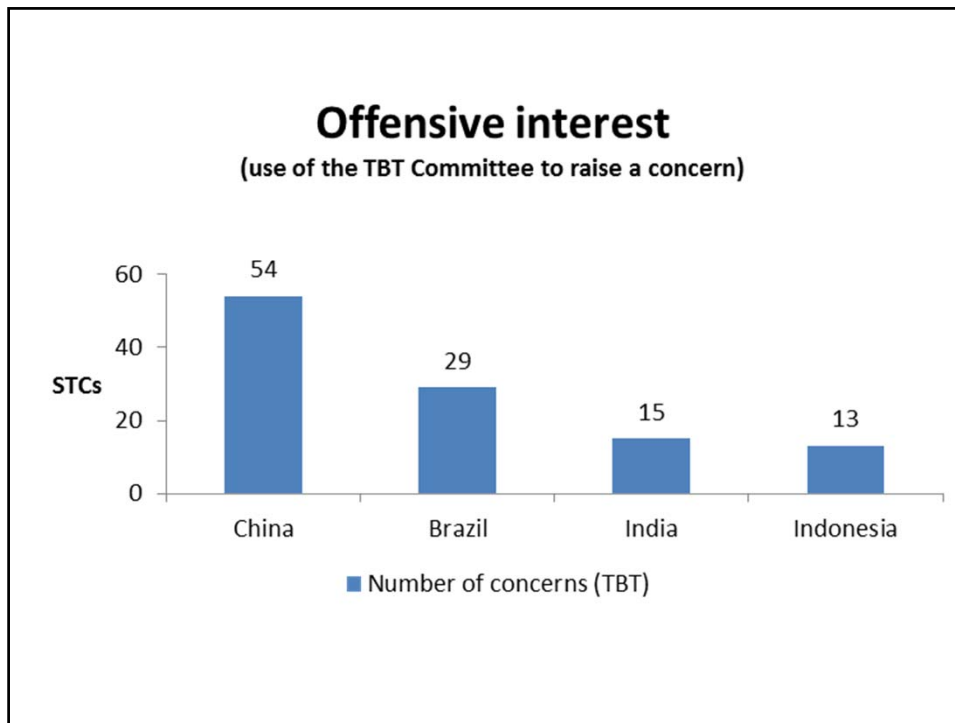


TBT “bilaterals”: Members “going it alone”



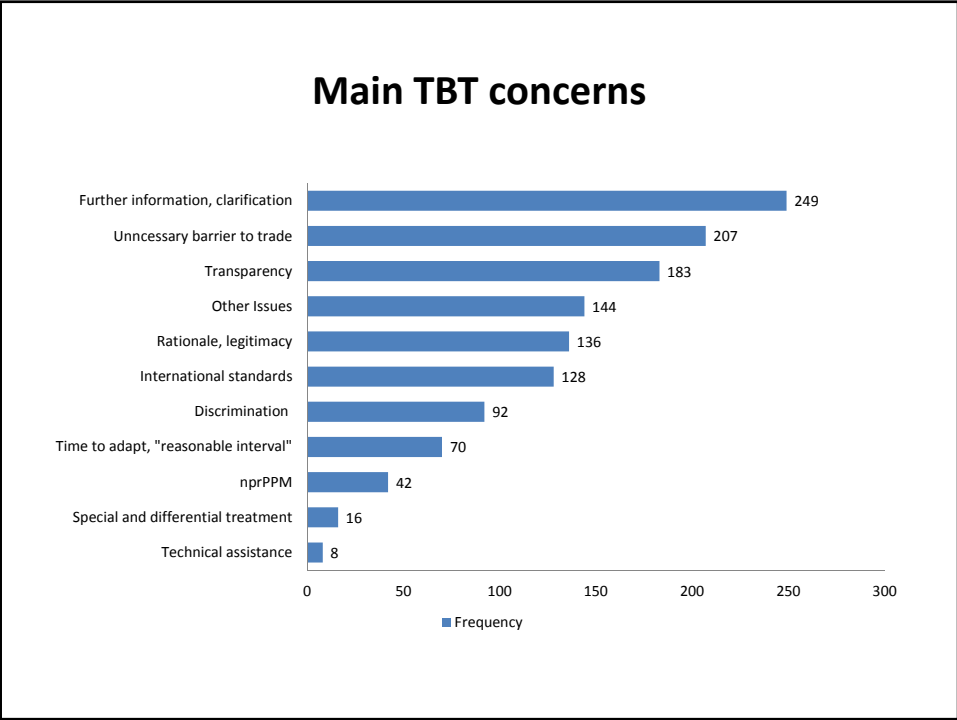
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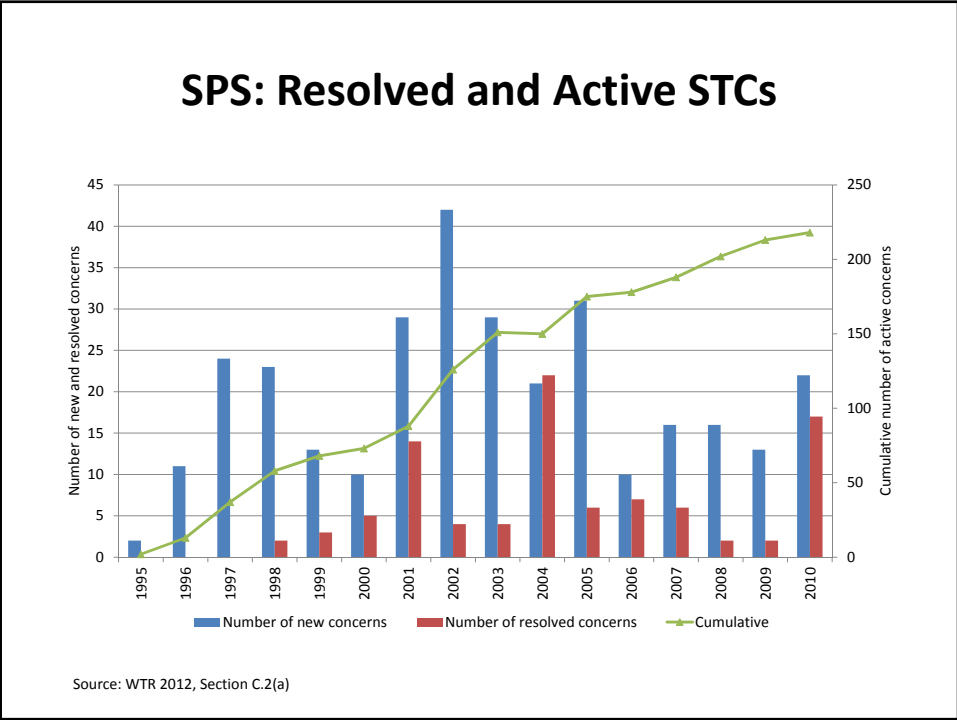


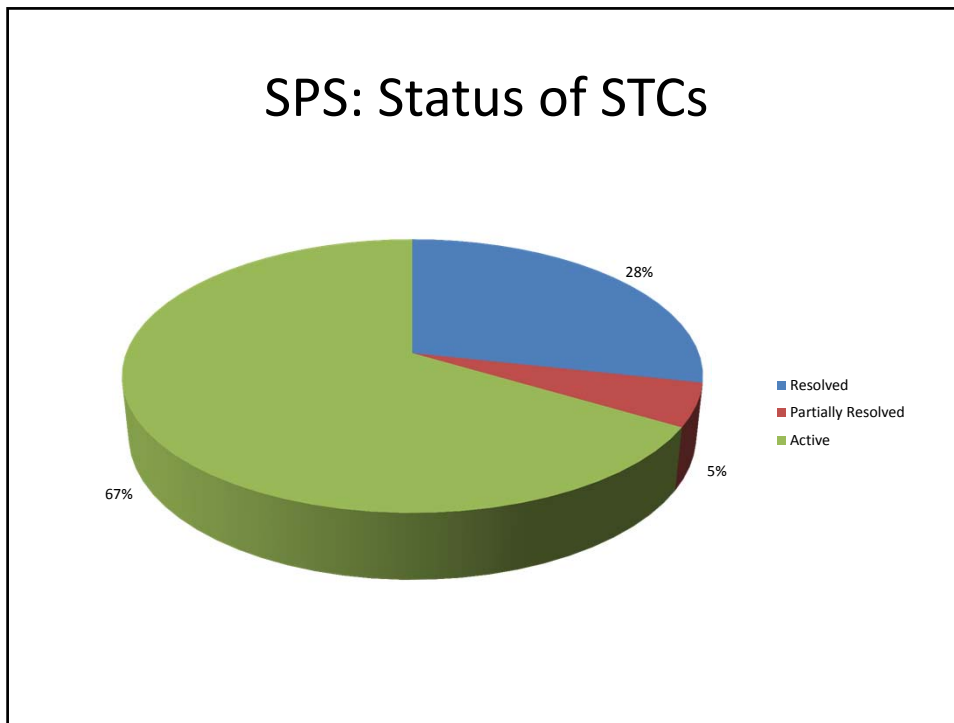
In general,
engagement is strong,
and substantive

What are the concerns about?



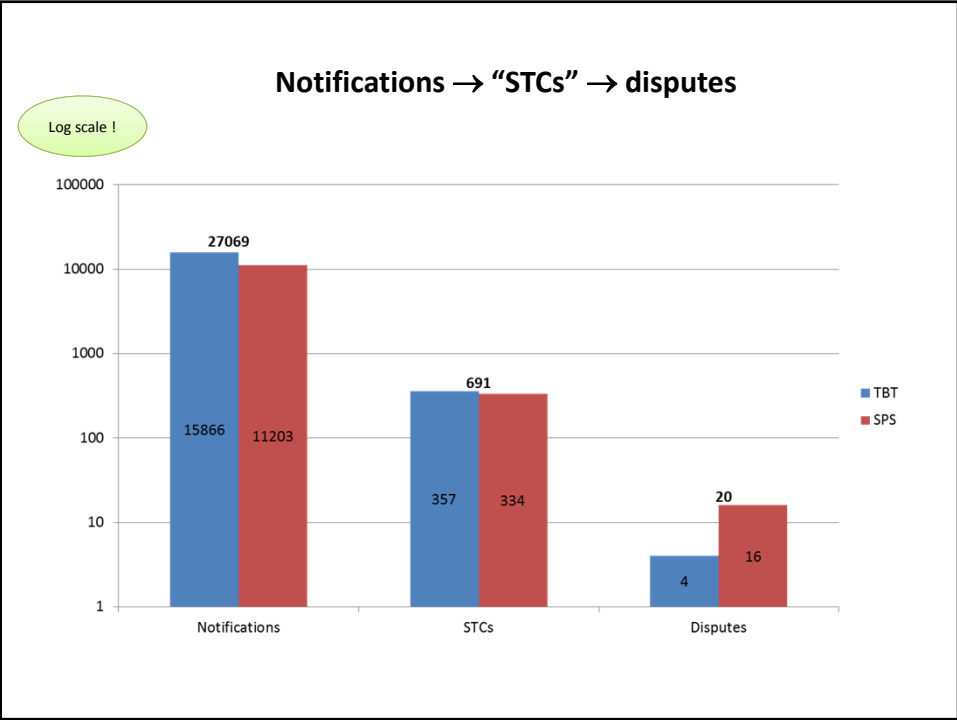
So, are the STCs resolved?

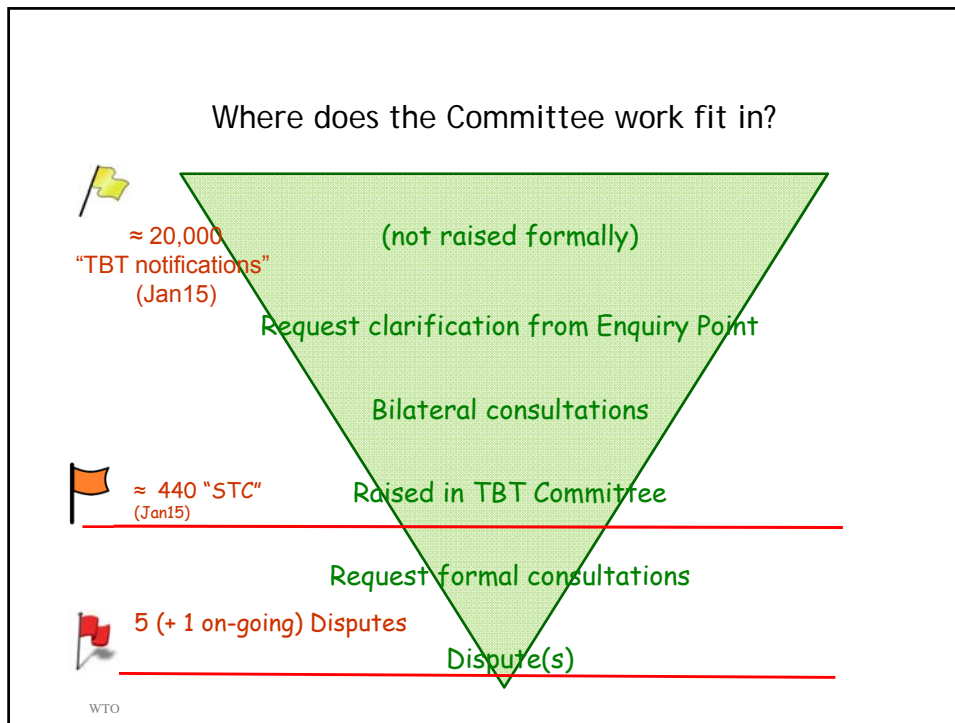




On TBT, we don't know (!)

Notifications → “STCs” → Disputes ?





In sum: many STCs, few “fully fledged” TBT disputes; strong engagement by Members; most issues raised for discussion relate to “clarification” – this is a useful multilateral review process (lends transparency!); and, a substantive number of STCs (at least on SPS side) are reported as “resolved”.

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