

Purpose of the Organization



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Name 3 things the WTO does

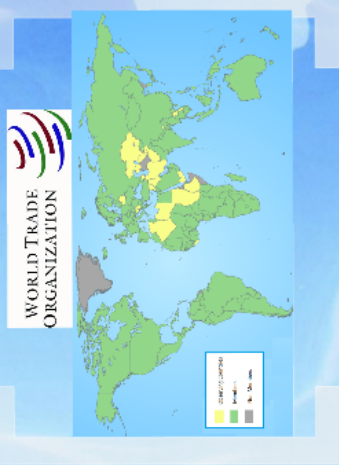
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Name 1 country or island that are NOT a part of the WTO

- The WTO currently has **157 members**, of which **117 are developing countries** or separate customs territories.
- Members of the World Trade Organization are countries in **South America, North America, South Asia, Greenland, Australia, Africa and the European Union.**

Reason for Development

Important Events and or Turning points of the Organization



- Some Countries and Islands that are not a part of the World Trade Organization are **North Korea, San Marino, Somalia, Monaco, South Sudan and Marshall Islands.**

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History

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- **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)** was introduced in 1948 after World War II.
 - GATT reduced trade barriers and reduced tariffs.
 - GATT could not keep up with the globalizing world in the late 1900's
 - As a result... GATT was replaced by the World Trade Organization on **January 1st 1995**.

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Purpose of the Organization



The purpose of the world trade organization is to **ensure and promote** free movement of goods and services.



The World Trade Organization provides for **negotiating agreements** aimed at **reducing international trade** and **ensuring a level playing field** between countries, thus contributing to economic development.

The world trade organization is to **ensure** movement of goods and services.

The World Trade Organization provides an opportunity for **negotiating agreements** aimed at **reducing obstacles to international trade** and **ensuring a level playing field** for all countries, thus contributing to economic growth and development.

Also **resolves disputes** among member
the interpretation of the agreements
and **reviewing the trade policies** of

