



PORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Best Practices & Recommendations

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BACKGROUND



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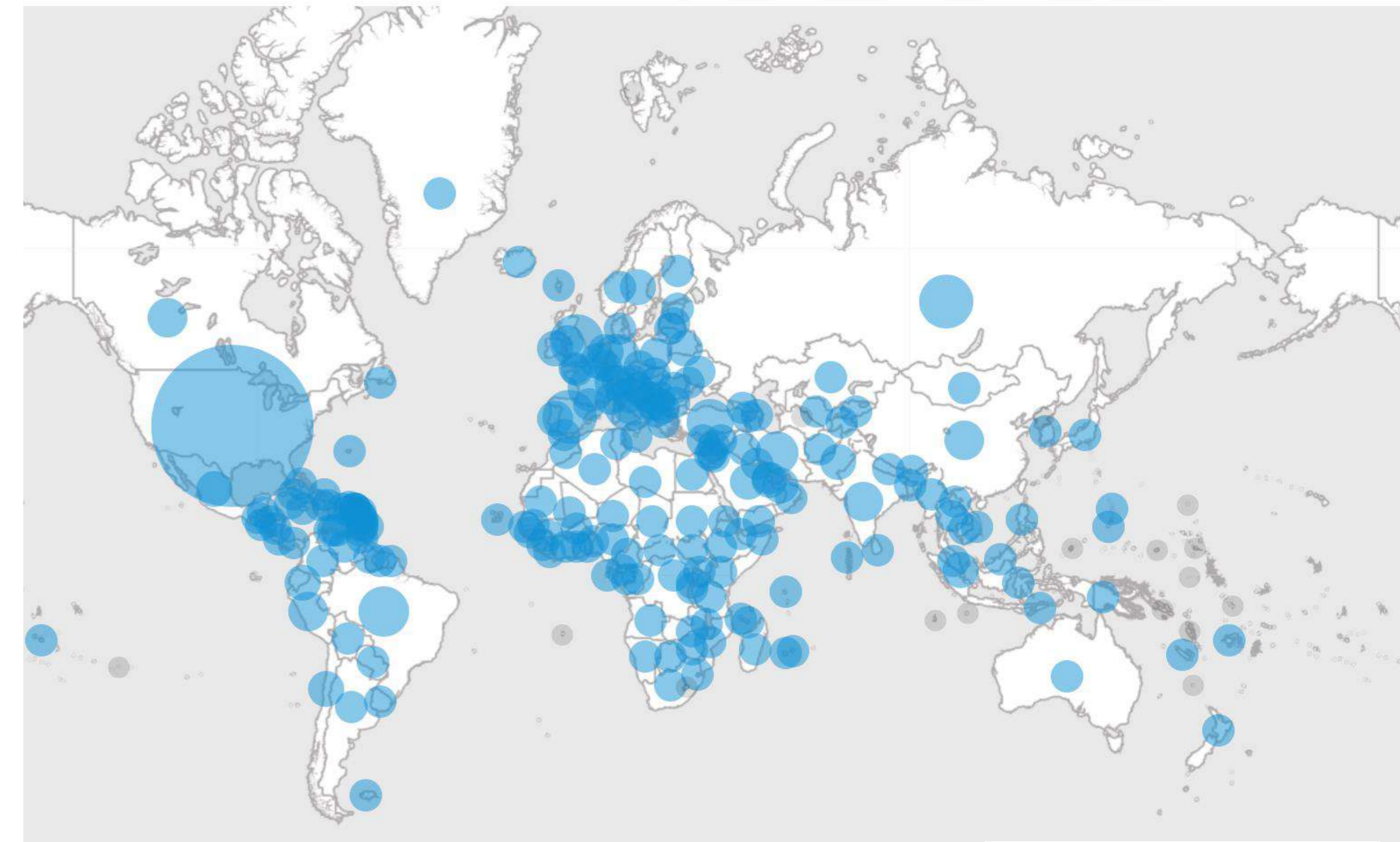


COVID-19 measures taken by states worldwide (216 countries & areas):

- Closed border
- Restricted travel
- Grounded airplanes
- Physical distancing
- Stringent containment
- Quarantine



-27% Trade Value



- Choking off global supply chains
- Disrupting Ocean Supply Chains
- Economic fallout near stand still: **The Great Lockdown**



Committee of the Chief Statisticians
of the United Nations System

**Impeding movement of the goods and workers needed
to keep the world economy alive**





Ports' operations continuity under COVID-19 pandemic

- **Ports are national strategic assets**
- **Keep supply chains open in particular for vital merchandise**
- **Allow maritime trade to continue**
- **Protect critical staff in their daily tasks**
- **Ports are front row actors' to stop the spread of the pandemic but let the goods through**



Based on documentation (75) from UNCTAD TrainForTrade Port Network and other relevant entities, the following measures have been implemented/observed and could serve as generic guidelines:

- Respect physical distancing rules – stay 2 metres apart
- Constantly promote and enforce preventive hygiene measures (handwashing)
- Limit physical interaction between onboard and onshore staff
- Ship crew should communicate with quayside staff by radio or telephone
- Increase the use of digital documentation to limit human contact to the minimum
- Provide adequate and sufficient protective equipment to the staff (face masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, glasses)
- Introduce sanitation routine of surfaces in regular contact with hands
- Facilitate seafarer's rotation as per **IMO** protocols for welfare and safe operations (comply with international maritime regulation)



1.2 M seafarers



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- Establish a point of control in the perimeter of the port area to monitor temperature and related symptoms (automated temperature screening) and equip it with anti-bacterial solutions and sanitizers
- Establish a waste disposal policy for “suspicious” cases
- Fumigate and disinfect all passenger terminals/areas
- Implement a passenger information tracking system
- Define isolated holding and testing area for COVID-19 symptomatic port users
- Identify decontamination areas in the port buildings
- Deliver essential medical supplies, fuel, water, spare parts and provisions to ships
- Institute a protocol for disembarking passengers/crew requiring immediate medical care in coordination with the national health authority (**ILO Maritime Labour Convention 2006**)
- Disinfect and monitor cargo?



Generic Crisis Protocol to be further elaborated by each port community based on 4 colour-coded levels of intervention:

LEVEL 1	International emergency declared No cases in the country
LEVEL 2	Confirmed cases in the country No cases in the port
LEVEL 3	Confirmed cases in the country Suspicious cases in the port
LEVEL 4	Increased cases in the country Confirmed cases in the port Several staff are sick





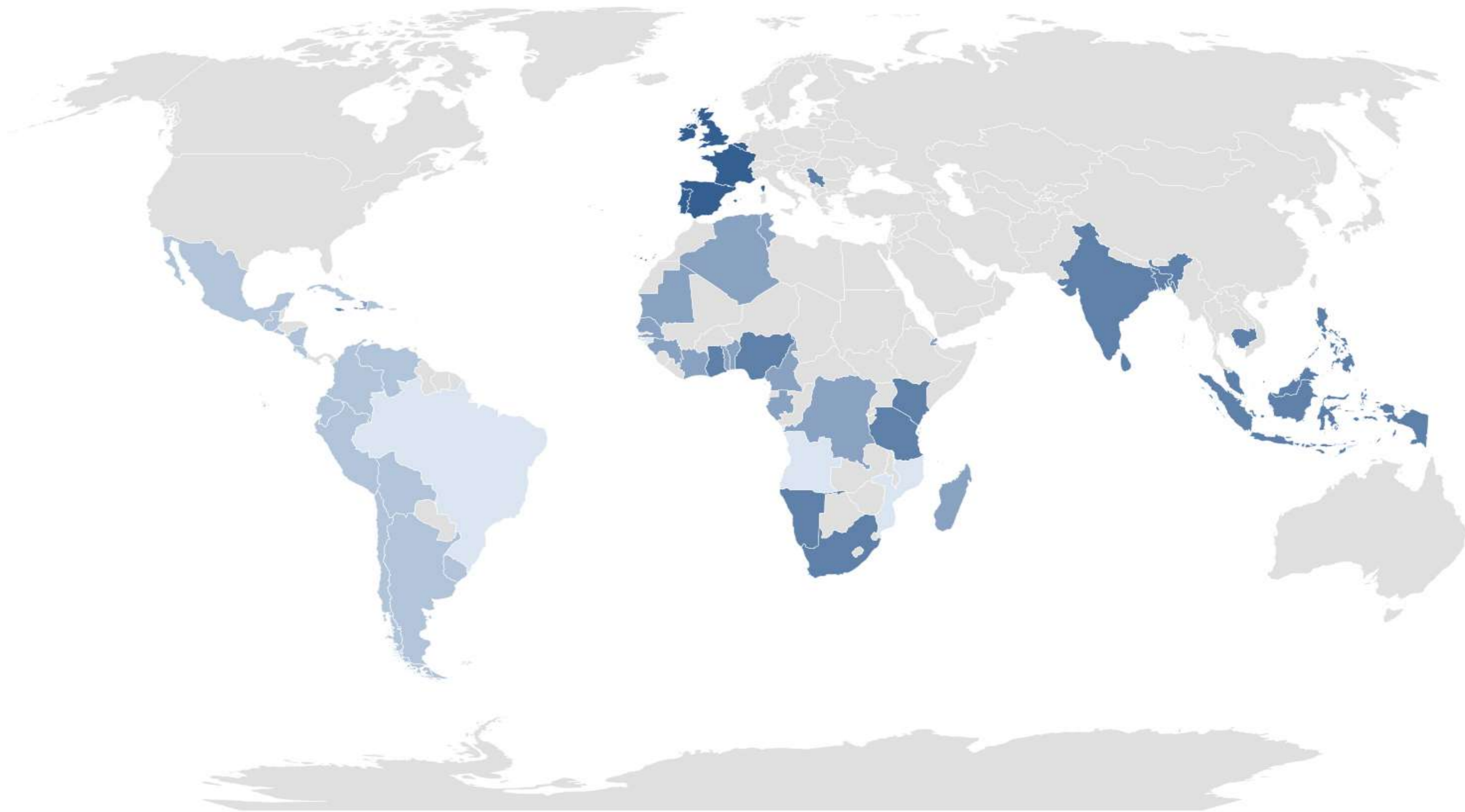
WHAT NEXT?



- **Boost Internet: Connectivity is a “public good”**
- **Increase connectivity and data exchange in Global Supply Chains**
↳ **PCS, Blockchain?**
- **Shorter, more diversified and regional supply chains**
- **Relocations supported by advanced automation and related labour costs reduction**
- **Port regional cooperation to build more resilient trade node**
- **CSR: Reaching out to the most vulnerable**
- **Designing new policies for ports to build stronger resilience**
- **Push for online trainings and certification (what %?)**
- ❖ **Development of a TFT special course: “Building Port Resilience Against Pandemics”**



UNCTAD PORT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME COVERAGE: 60 COUNTRIES



PARTNERS (6)

- BELGIUM
- FRANCE
- IRELAND
- PORTUGAL
- SPAIN
- UNITED KINGDOM (NI)

SPANISH-SPK (15)

- ARGENTINA
- BOLIVIA
- CHILE
- COLOMBIA
- COSTA RICA
- CUBA
- DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
- ECUADOR
- EL SALVADOR
- GUATEMALA
- MEXICO
- NICARAGUA
- PERU
- URUGAY
- VENEZUELA

ENGLISH-SPK (16)

- BENGLADESH
- CAMBODIA
- GHANA
- INDIA
- INDONESIA
- JAMAICA
- KENYA
- MALAYSIA
- MALDIVES
- NAMIBIA
- NIGERIA
- PHILIPPINES
- SERBIA
- SOUTH AFRICA
- SRI LANKA
- TANZANIA

FRENCH-SPK (16)

- ALGERIA
- BENIN
- CAMEROON
- COMOROS
- CONGO
- COTE D'IVOIRE
- DJIBOUTI
- GABON
- GUINEA
- HAITI
- MADAGASCAR
- MAURITANIA
- SENEGAL
- SEYCHELLES
- TOGO
- TUNISIA

PORTUGUESE-SPK (7)

- ANGOLA
- BRAZIL
- CAPE VERDE
- EAST TIMOR
- GUINEA BISSAU
- MOZAMBIQUE
- SAO TOME E PRINCIPE



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