



U.S. Department of State Approach to International Collaboration

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State Department's Role in International Science

“... The Secretary of State... shall have primary responsibility for coordination and oversight with respect to all major science or science and technology agreements and activities between the United States and foreign countries, international organizations, or commissions of which the United States and one or more foreign countries are members.”

22 USC 2656d

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an international agreement may not be signed or otherwise concluded on behalf of the United States without prior consultation with the Secretary of State. Such consultation may encompass a class of agreements rather than a particular agreement.”

1 U.S.C. § 112b(c)



U.S. Government Approach to Science





State Department's Role in International Science



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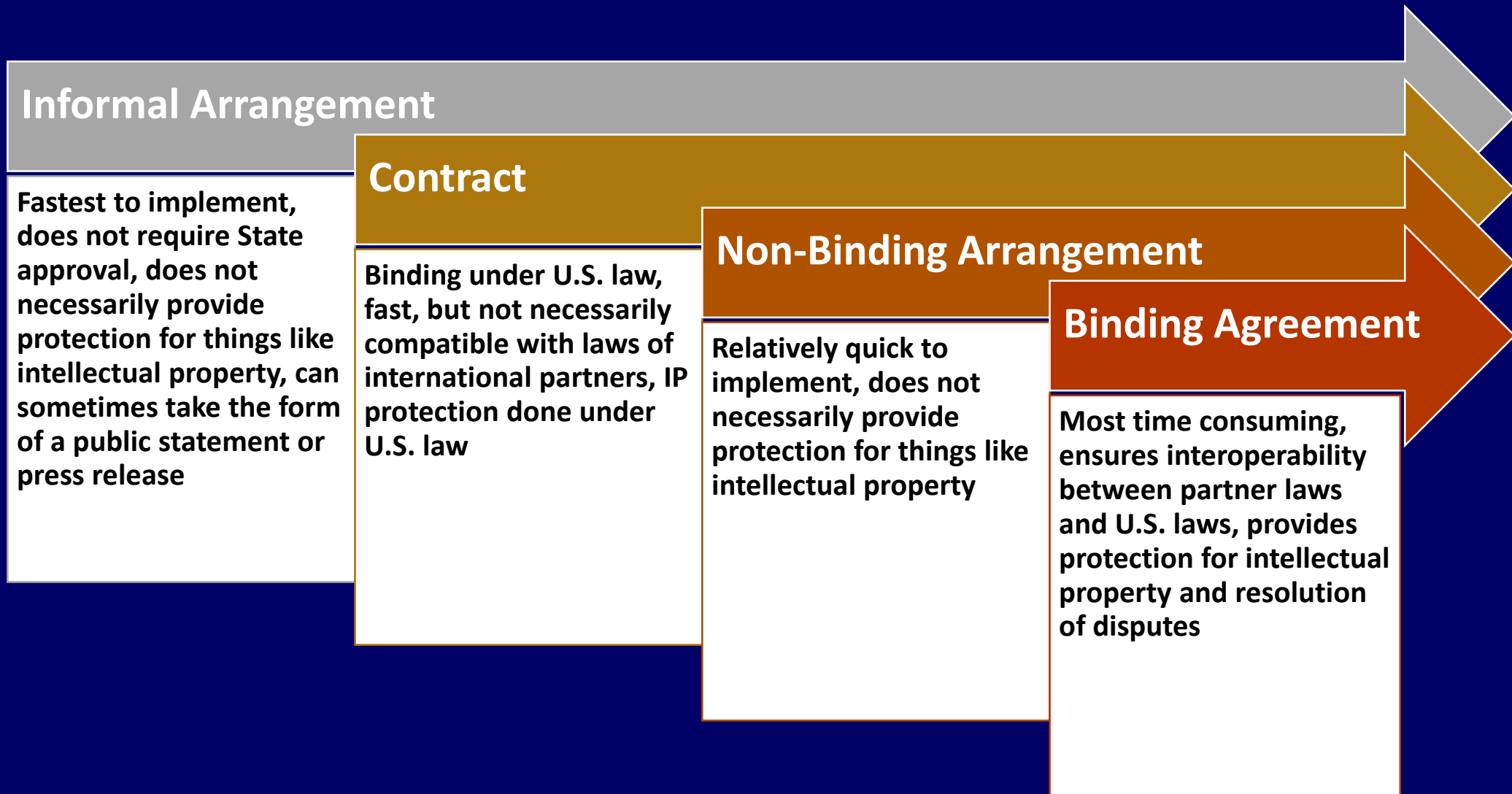
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**International
Interests**



What tools do agencies use for collaboration?





What we consider

- **How does this agreement impact the United States' relationships with international partners?**
 - **What benefit does this relationship have to the United States?**
 - **How many agencies could this collaboration impact (and if many, should this be a government-wide agreement)?**
 - **Is there advantage to having a more formal agreement, politically or administratively?**
 - **How similar is this to other types of international collaborations?**
 - **What precedent does this collaboration set that might impact the United States elsewhere?**