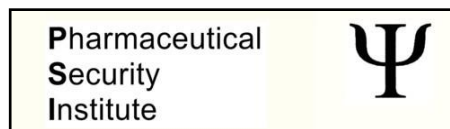
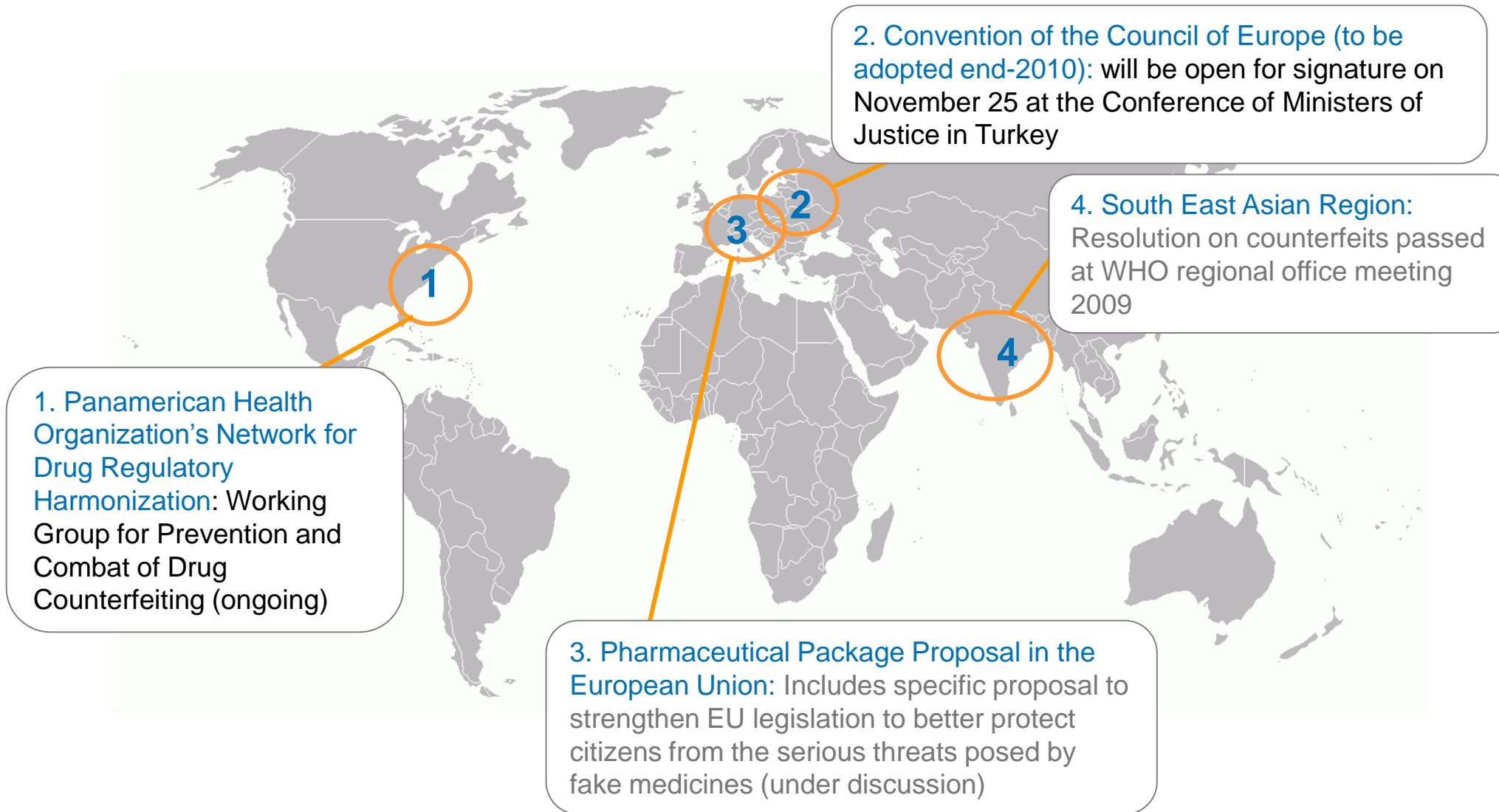


# Counterfeit Medicines Toolkit

## 3. International Action Against Counterfeit Medicines

Materials developed in collaboration with:





- Issue on WHO **agenda for quite some time**
  - Three WHO resolutions asking for actions to be taken (1988,1994,1999)
  - First WHO meeting with various partners held in 1992
  - Common concern raised by developing country regulators
  - Facilitated the creation of a dedicated Taskforce called IMPACT (2006)
- IMPACT's launch materialized **multi-stakeholder collaboration**
  - International **M**edical **P**roducts **A**nti-counterfeiting **T**ask **F**orce
  - Launched at WHO Conference in Rome, 2006
  - Call for political engagement to **act now**
  - Call for **collaboration** among regulators, enforcement, judiciary, private sector, health professionals, patients
  - **First global taskforce of its kind specific to medicines**
  - Set an example to be followed in regions: IMPACT Italy, IMPACT Philippines...

- World Customs Organization (WCO)
  - In 2009, disbanded the “Standards to be Employed by Customs for Uniform Rights Enforcement (SECURE)” group and launched a new group, “Counterfeiting and Piracy (CAP)” to focus on health and safety
  - CAP will be limited to **dialogue** and **exchanges of national experiences** and discussions on WCO capacity building activities. It will not include policy making and standard setting discussions.
  
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
  - Inactive; co-organizes Global Congress on Piracy and Counterfeiting with ICC’s BASCAP WCO and Interpol

- **Interpol**
  - In 2008, General Assembly adopted a resolution aimed at enhancing cooperation between regulatory authorities and the police community to combat counterfeit medical products
  - In 2009, created unit working specifically in counterfeit medicines with IMPACT
  - Various operations and training programs with collaboration of IFPMA member Companies and Pharmaceutical Security Institute (Latin America, Asia, Africa)
  
- **Universal Postal Union**
  - A resolution adopted by the 24th Universal Postal Congress in 2008 urged Posts, within the framework of their national laws, to assist customs to identify counterfeit or pirated articles sent through the postal network.

- Chirac Foundation – “Cotonou Appeal”
  - Calls for a United Nations international convention against counterfeit medicines
  - Convened various Presidents and Heads of Government of African countries

