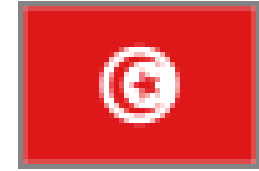


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# IT Security Evaluation : Common Criteria

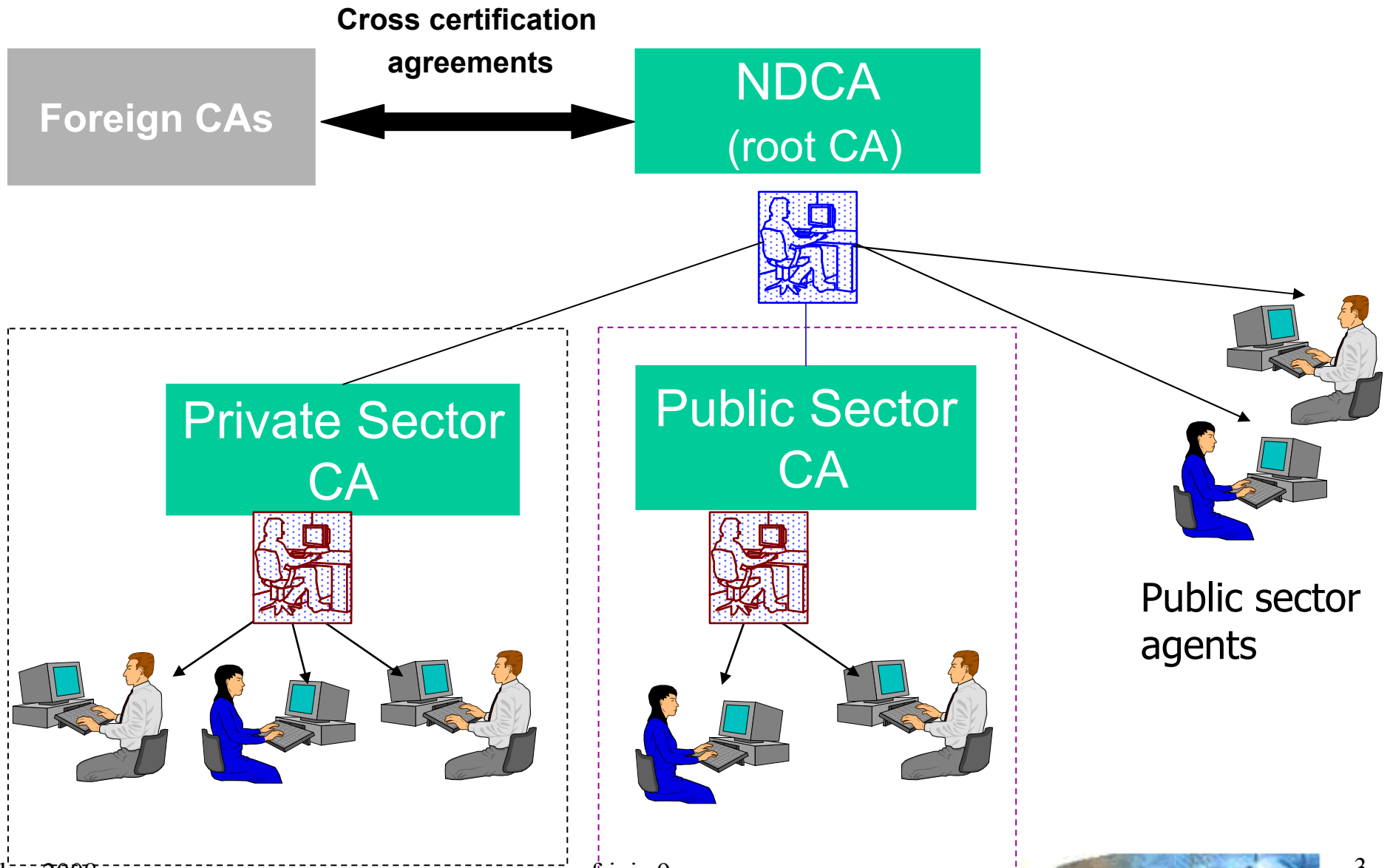
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# NDCA

1. **Legal framework** (2000)
2. **Technology** based on cryptography, digital certificates and digital signature (E-commerce, E-banking, E-gov,...)
3. **Trusted Third Parties** (Certification Authorities): security policy and procedures, standards, CP and CSP,...
4. **Crypto tools approval**

# Tunisian PKI Architecture





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# IT security evaluation

- An IT product : is it secure?
  - No ? We can only prove the insecurity.
- What could we do?
  - We can setup confidence degrees in the product security.
- How could we do?
  - A methodology for developing secure products (architecture, implementation, design, development (product + environment), security guidance, testing... )
  - A methodology for security evaluation (security specification documents, Evaluation technical reports, standards (e.g. crypto)).
  - Vulnerability assessment
  - Penetration testing

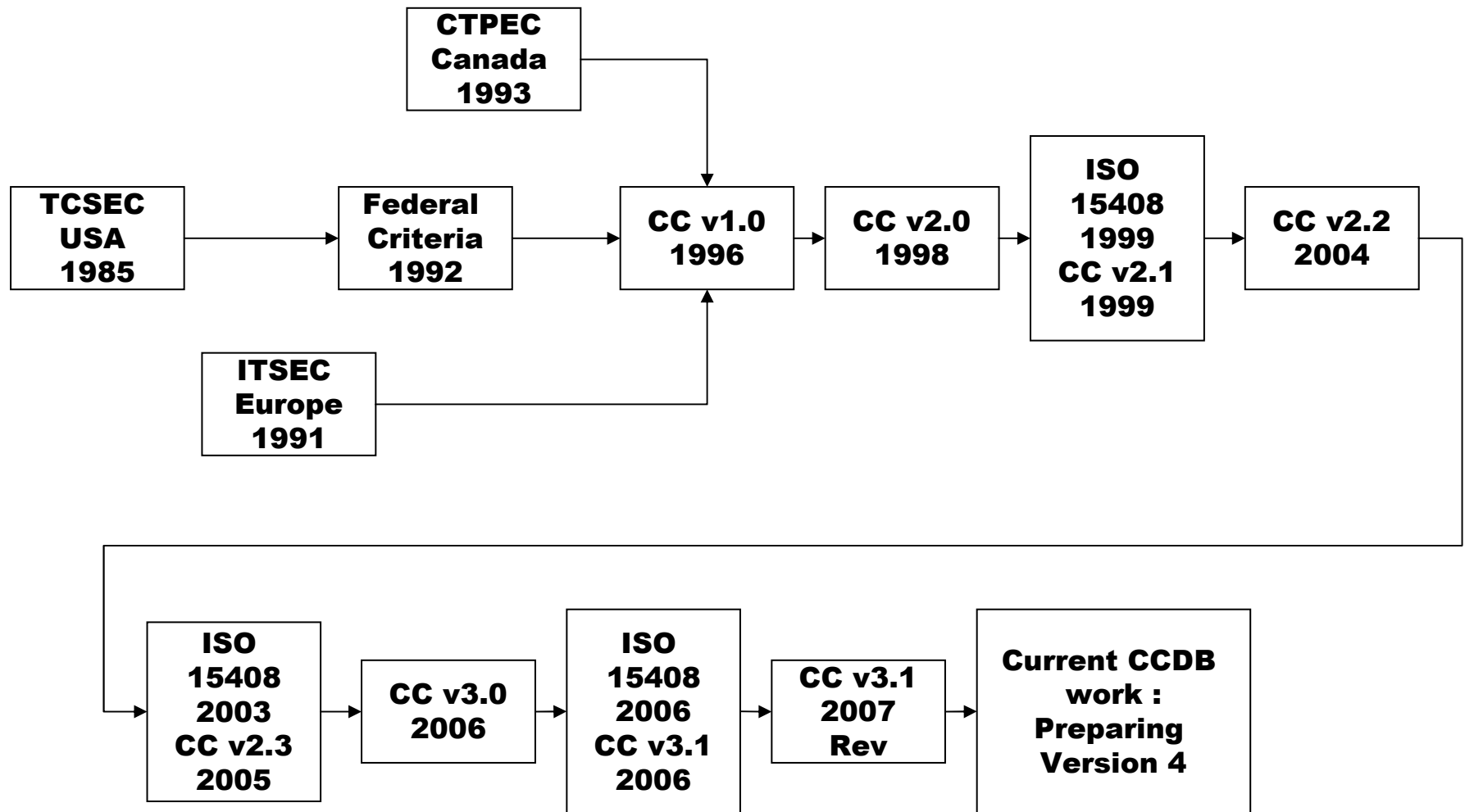




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# History





# Target audience

- **Consumers**
  - They identify security needs from risk analysis, ...
  - They use evaluation results to help decide if the TOE fulfills their security needs.
- **Developers**
  - They use specifications in STs and PPs to develop conformant TOE
- **Evaluators**
  - CC provides means of evaluation and methodology.

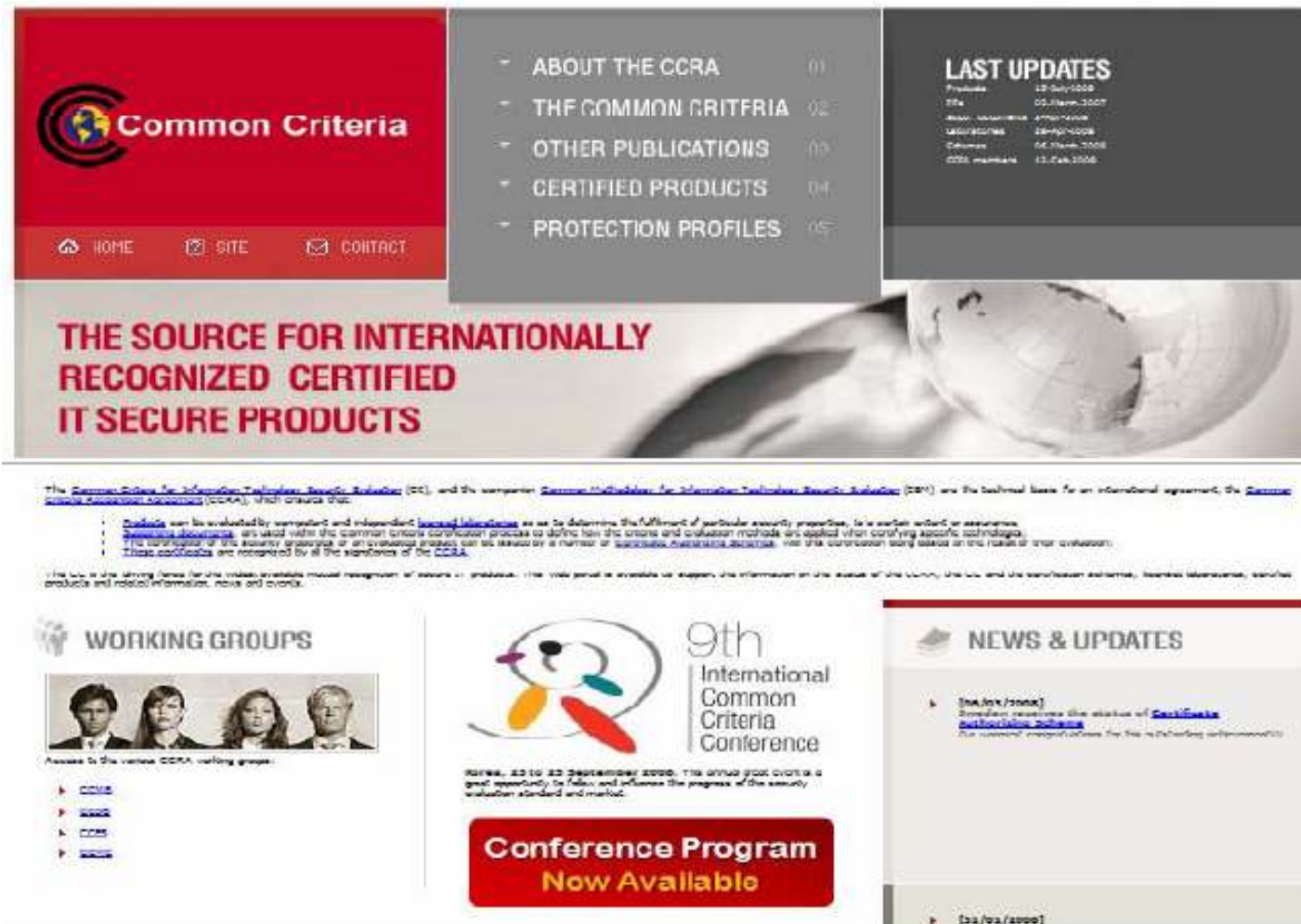





# CC structure

- CC part I : Introduction and general model
- CC Part 2 : Security functional requirements
  - Catalogue of security requirements classes
- CC Part 3 : Security assurance requirements
  - Catalogue of security assurance classes
- CEM : Evaluation methodology
  - Methodology for technical reports, roles in and between schemes,...

# CC portal



The screenshot displays the Common Criteria portal homepage. The header features the Common Criteria logo and navigation links: HOME, SITE, and CONTACT. A main banner reads "THE SOURCE FOR INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CERTIFIED IT SECURE PRODUCTS". A sidebar on the right lists navigation options: ABOUT THE CCRA (01), THE COMMON CRITERIA (02), OTHER PUBLICATIONS (03), CERTIFIED PRODUCTS (04), and PROTECTION PROFILES (05). A "LAST UPDATES" section lists recent news items with dates. The main content area includes a paragraph about the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CC) and the Common Methodology for Information Technology Security Evaluation (CM) as the technical basis for an international agreement, the Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance (CCRA), which states that:

- Products can be evaluated by competent and independent [Security Laboratories](#) as to determine the fulfillment of particular security properties, in a certain context or assurance.
- [Security Assurance](#) is used within the common criteria certification process to define how the criteria and evaluation methods are applied when certifying specific technology.
- The certification of the security properties of an evaluation product can be issued by a number of [Security Assurance Bodies](#), and the certification being issued in the name of that evaluation.
- These certificates are recognized by all the signatories of the CCRA.

Below this, a section titled "WORKING GROUPS" shows a photo of four people and lists various CCRA working groups. To the right, a section for the "9th International Common Criteria Conference" is advertised, held from 23 to 27 September 2006, with a "Conference Program Now Available" button. Further right, a "NEWS & UPDATES" section lists recent news items, including one about the status of [Certification Authorities](#) and another about the [CCRA](#) and [CCRA](#).

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# CCRA







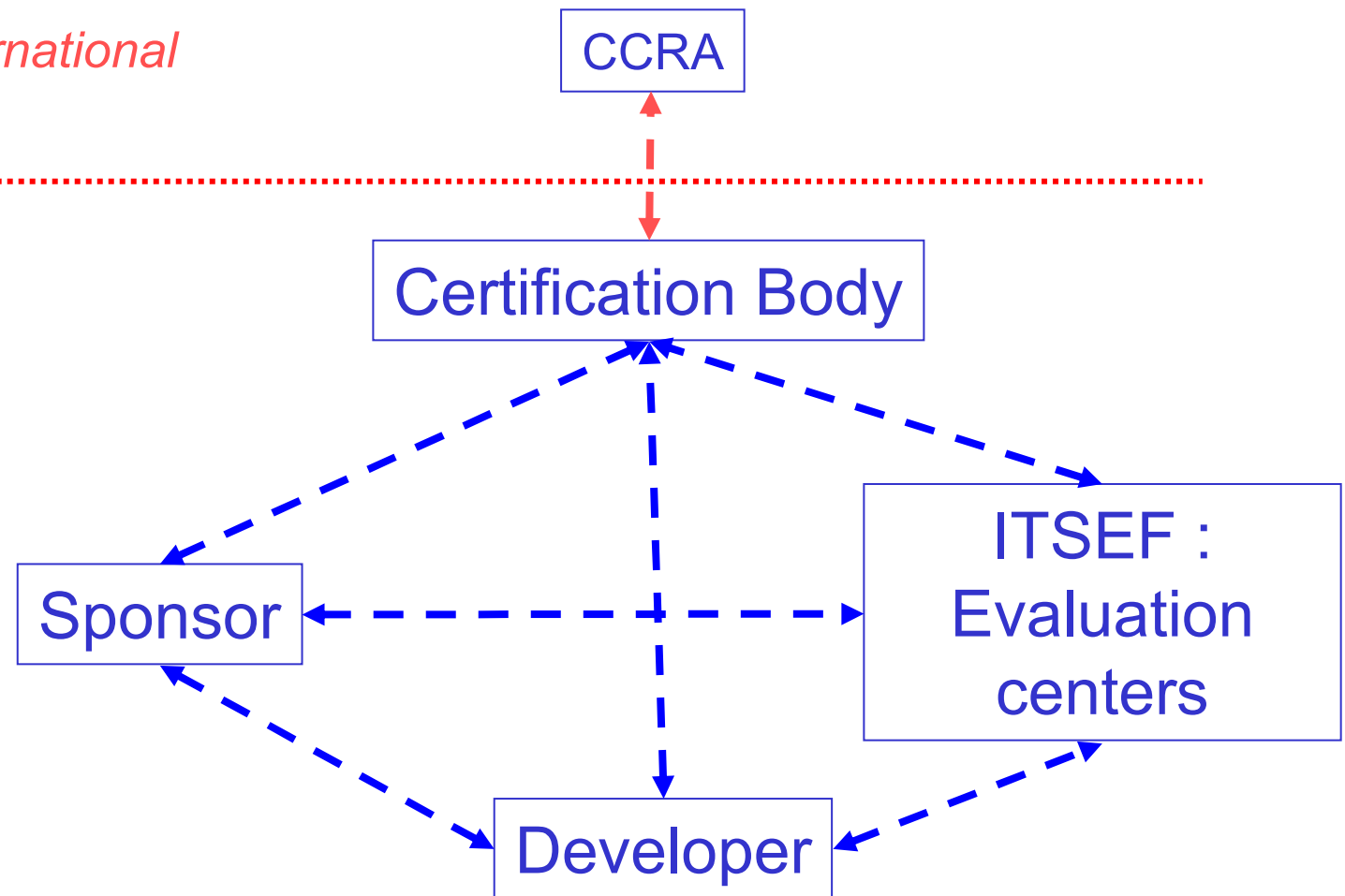
# Evaluation context (1/2)

- Evaluation authority :
  - Sets the standards, administers the regulations, to which the evaluators and evaluation facilities must conform.
  - The CC does not state requirements for regulation.
  - CCRA is an example of regulatory framework.
  - The need for expertise is necessary.

# Evaluation context (2/2)

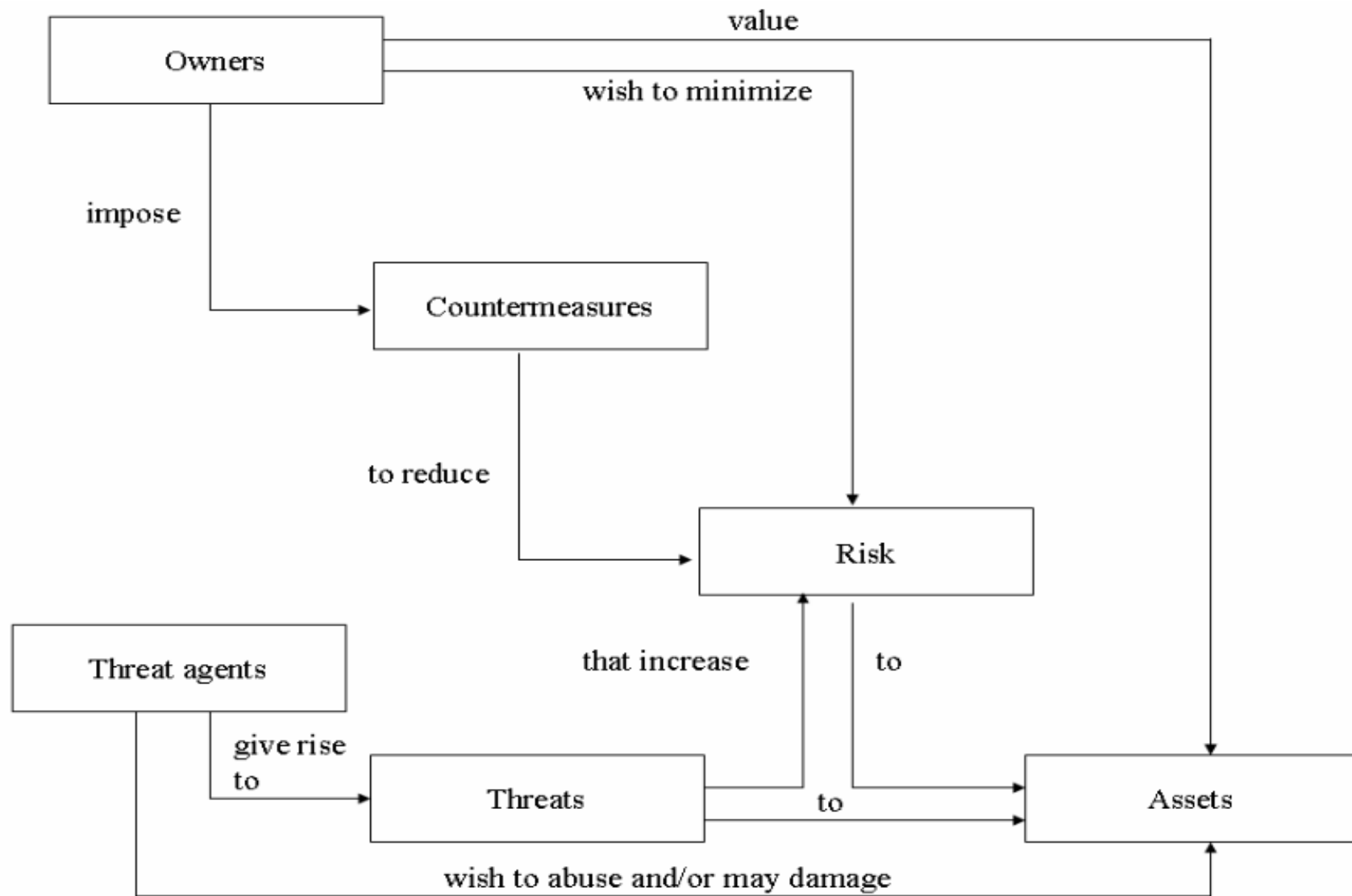
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*Scheme*

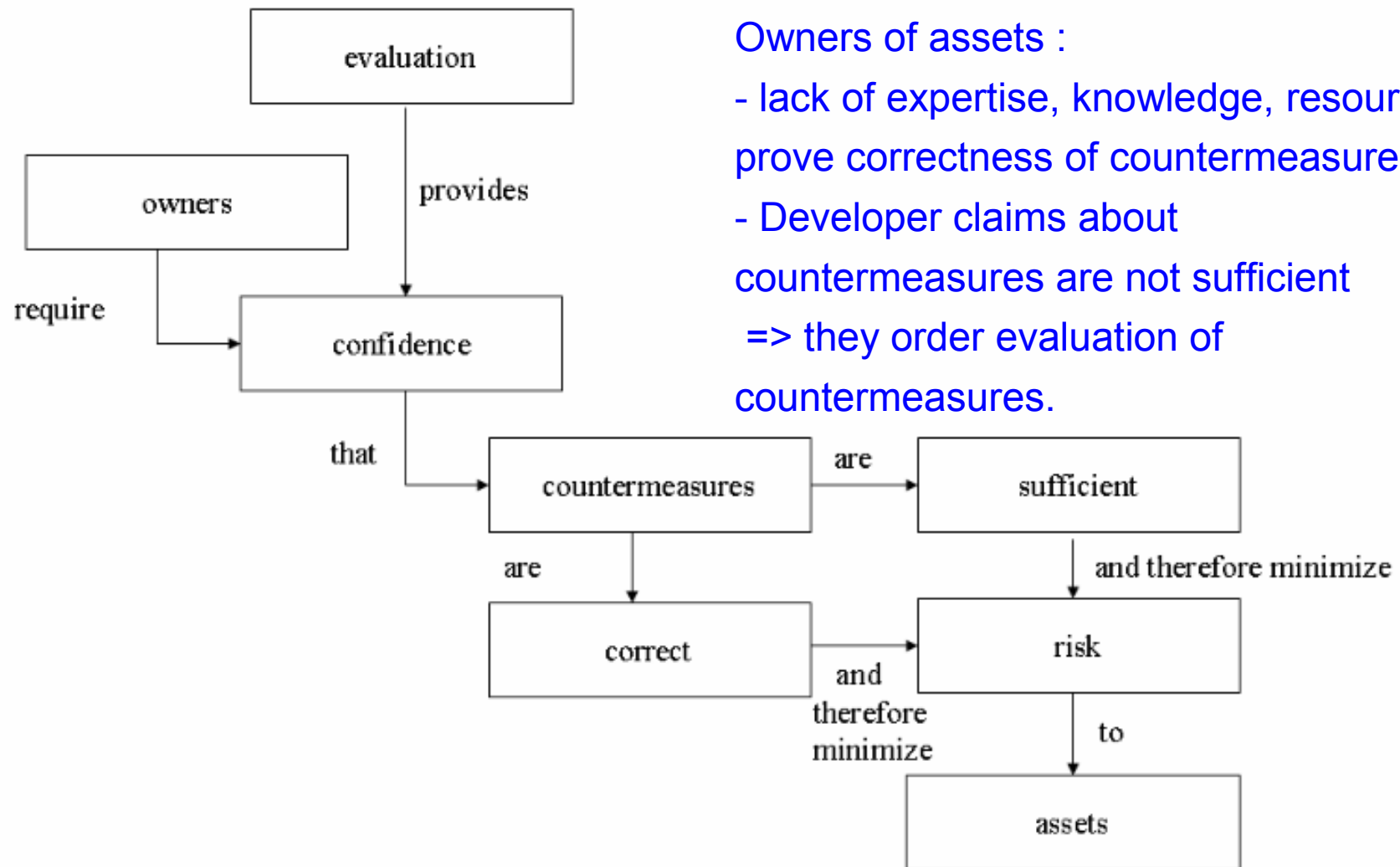




# Security concepts and relationships



# Evaluation Concepts and relationships



Owners of assets :

- lack of expertise, knowledge, resource to prove correctness of countermeasures
- Developer claims about countermeasures are not sufficient  
=> they order evaluation of countermeasures.



# Definitions (1/2)

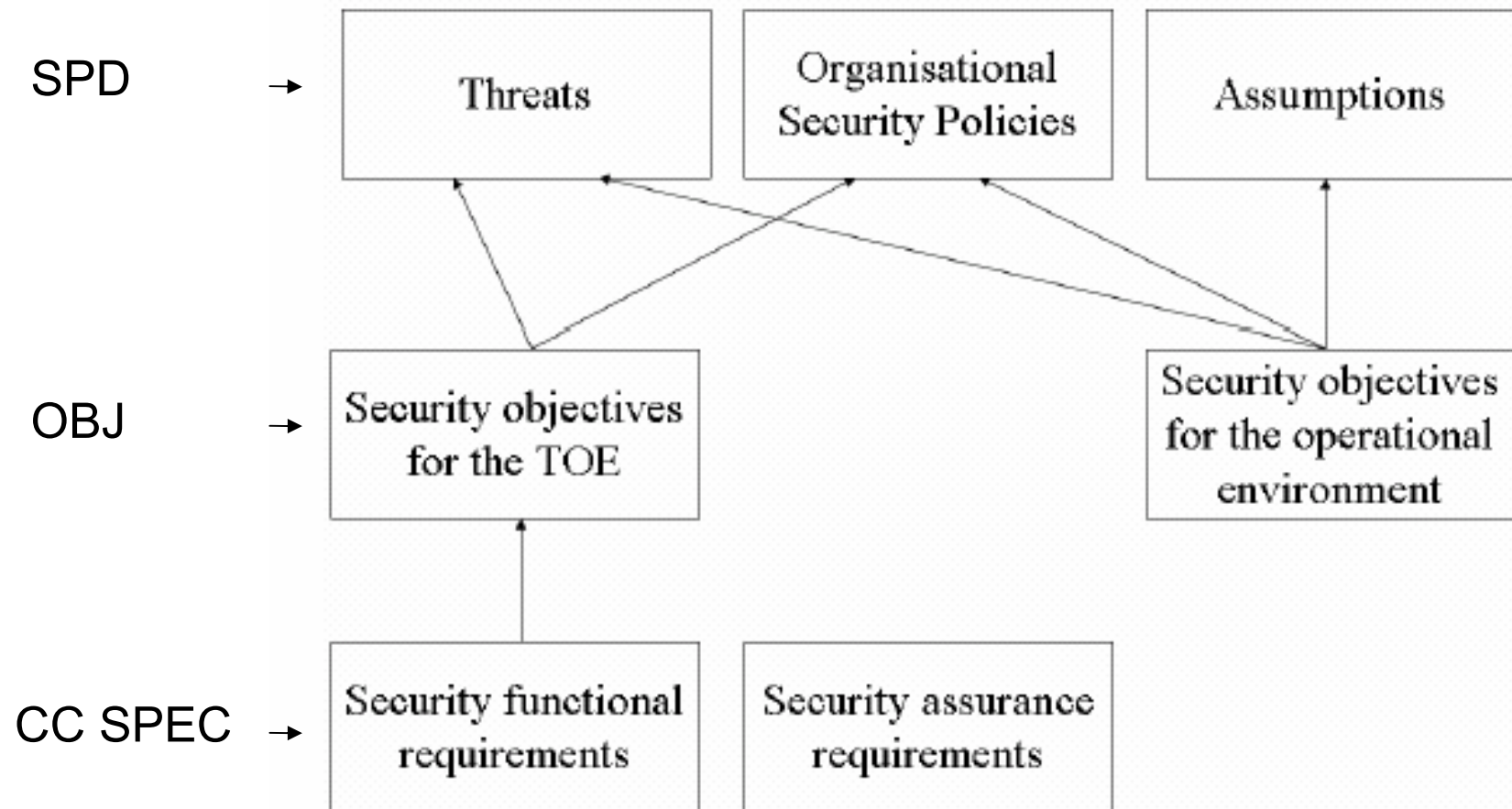
- TOE = IT product, a part of an IT product, a set of IT products.
- **Representations of a TOE :**
  - A single master copy that just have been compiled
  - An installed and operational version
- **Configurations :**
  - A TOE must verify security requirements so it must allow only configuration or configurations that do not differ in security relevant ways
  - E.g. The administrator does not need to be authenticated # (contradiction)
  - That's why we say CC is constraint by a configuration.
  - TOE guide is different from IT product guide (TOE guide treats only certain configurations that verify security requirements).



# Definitions (2/2)

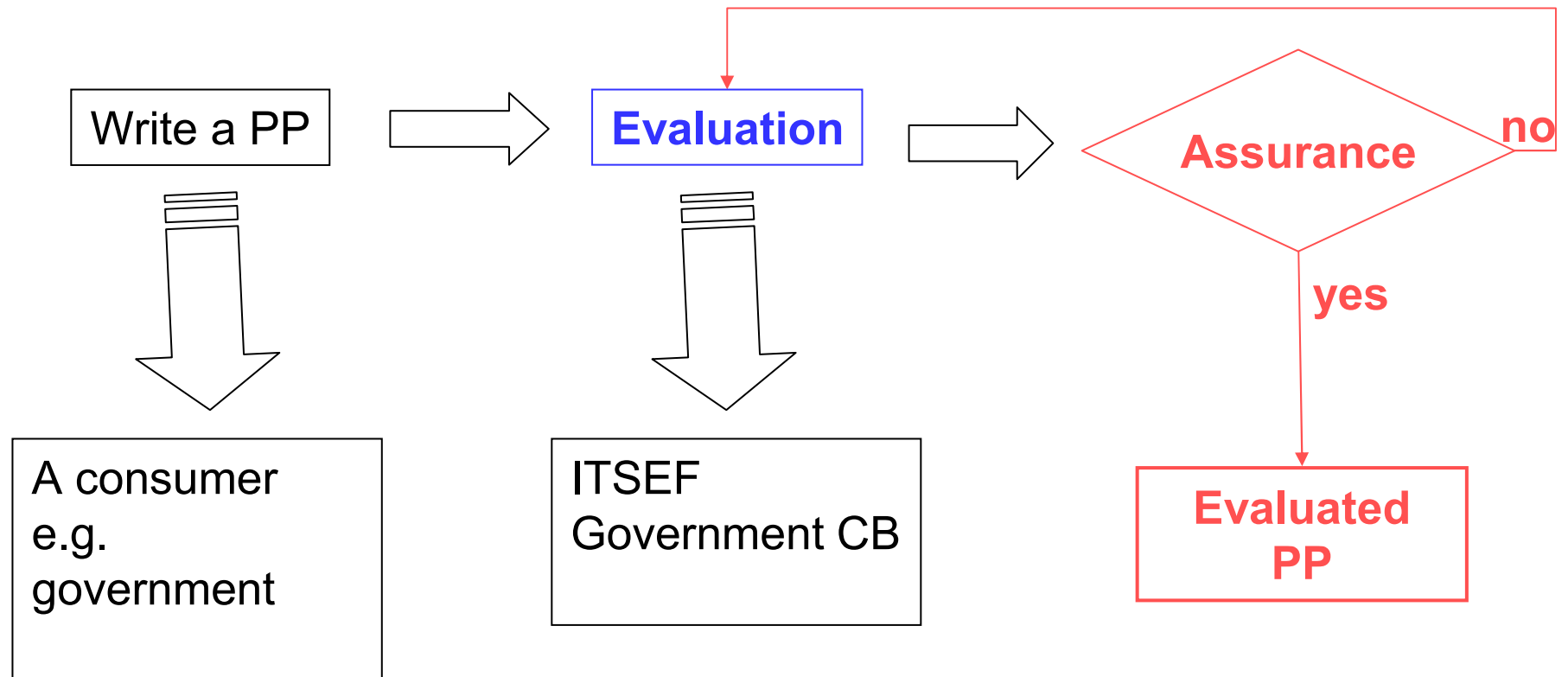
- Functionality (SFR) :
  - Defines the TOE security needs for the TOE.
- Assurance (SAR) :
  - Assurance needs.
  - Confidence degree in the enforcement of the security objectives of a TOE  $\Leftrightarrow$  **Correctness & Effectiveness.**
- Documents to write needs :
  - ST : Security Target
  - PP : Protection Profile

# General View

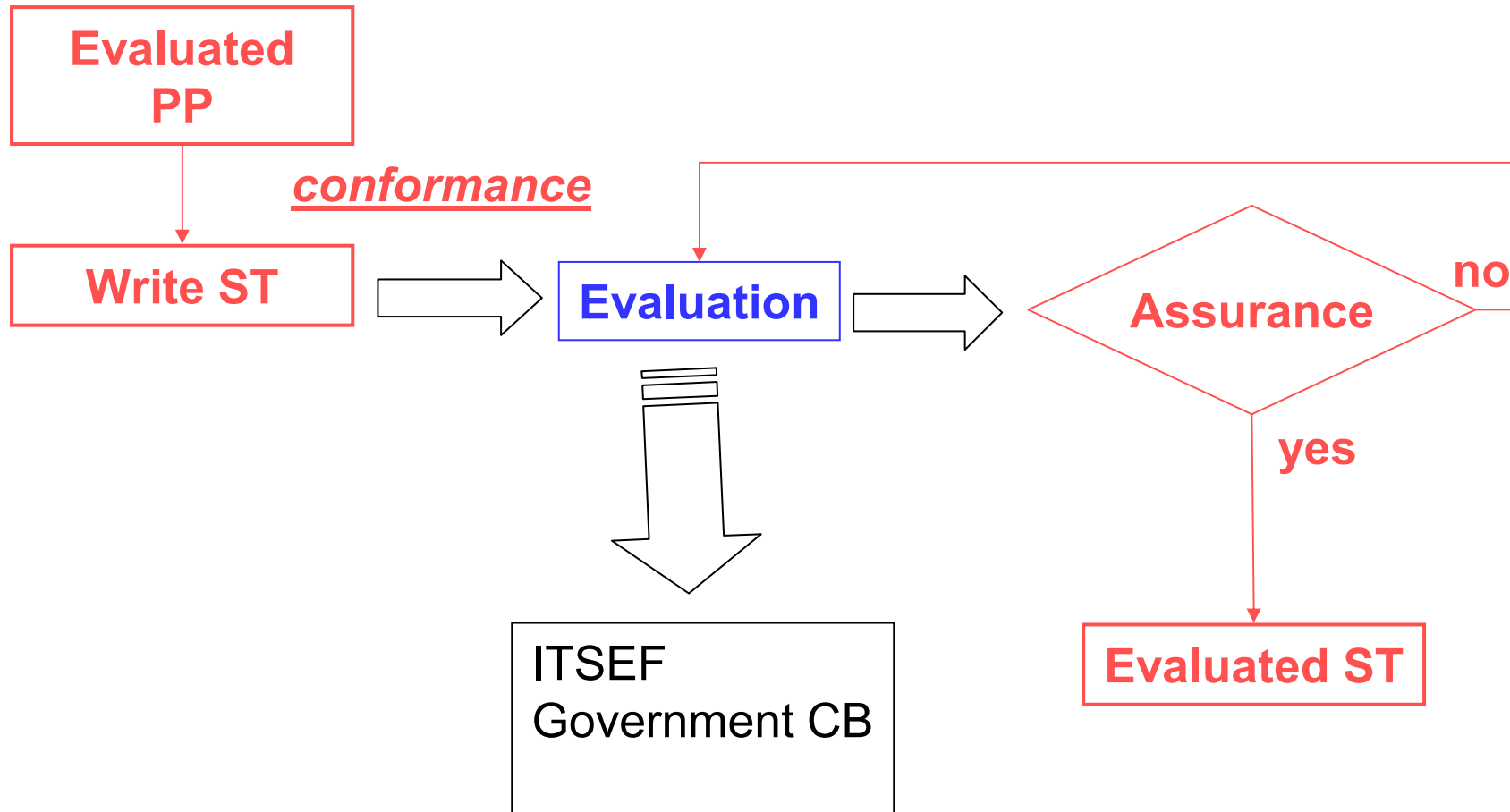




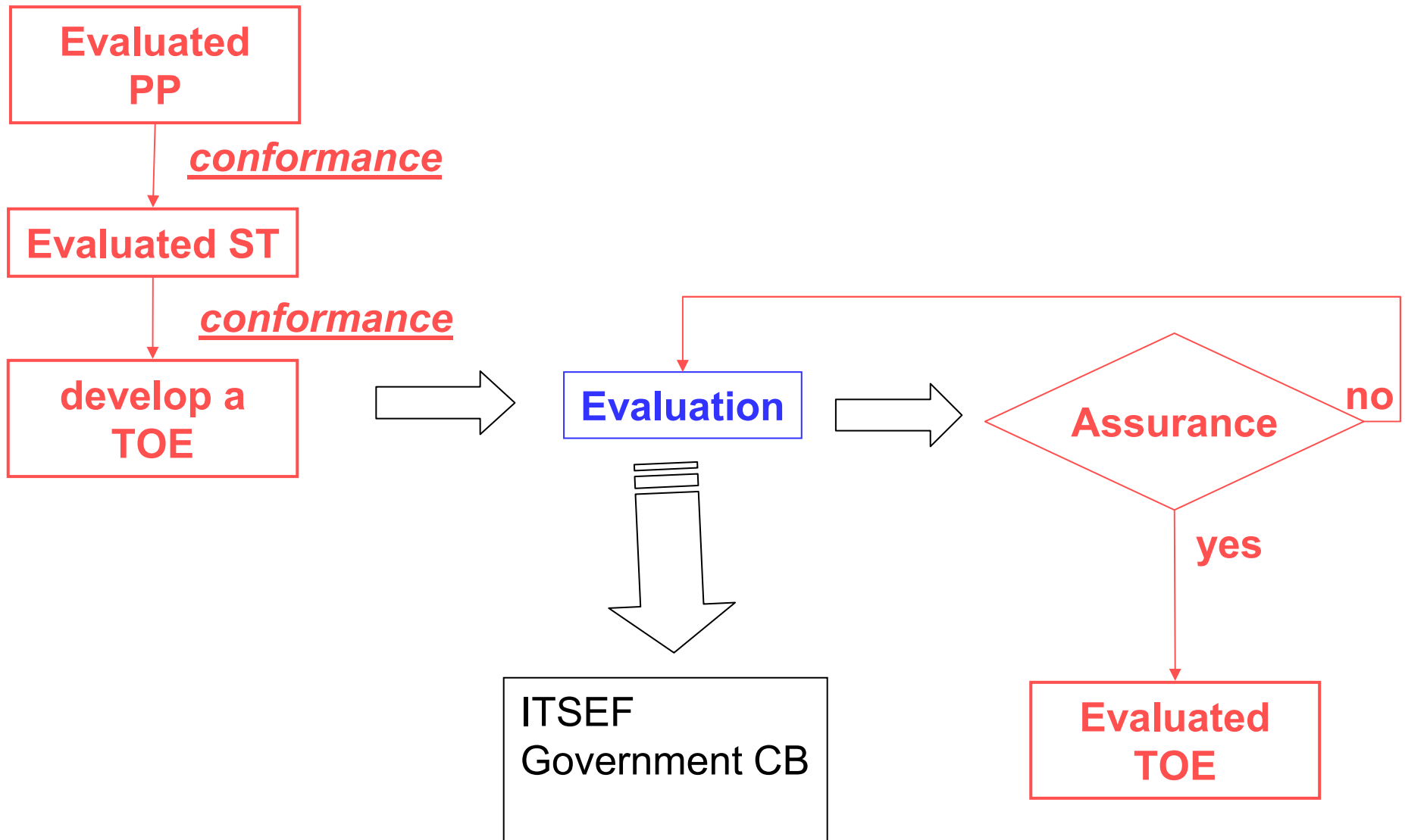
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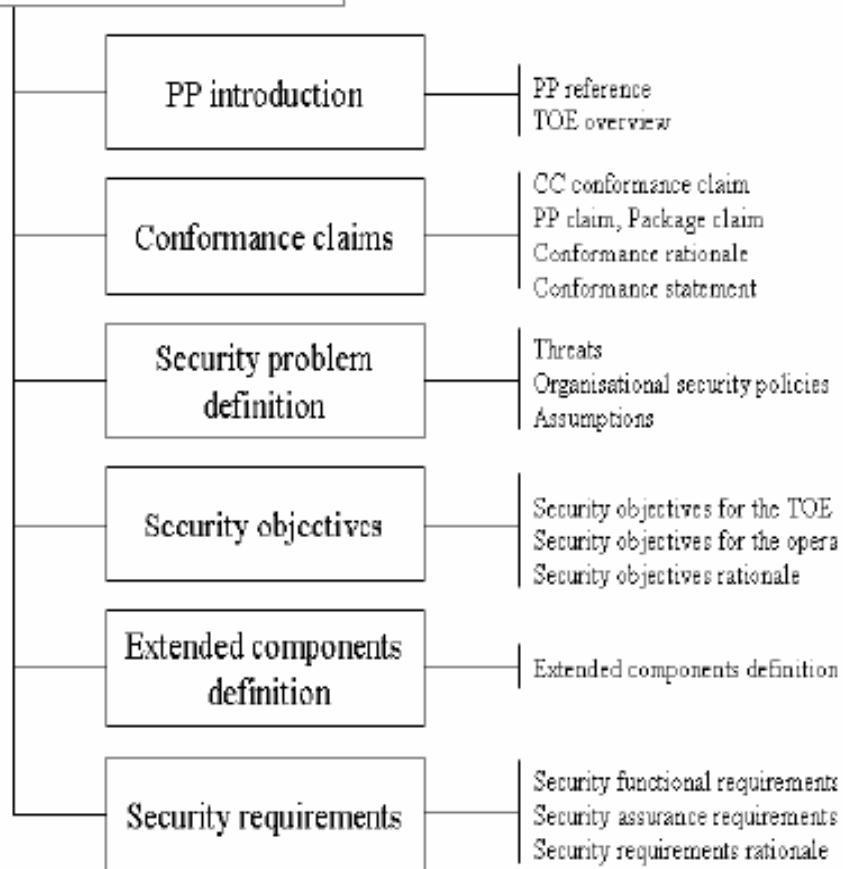


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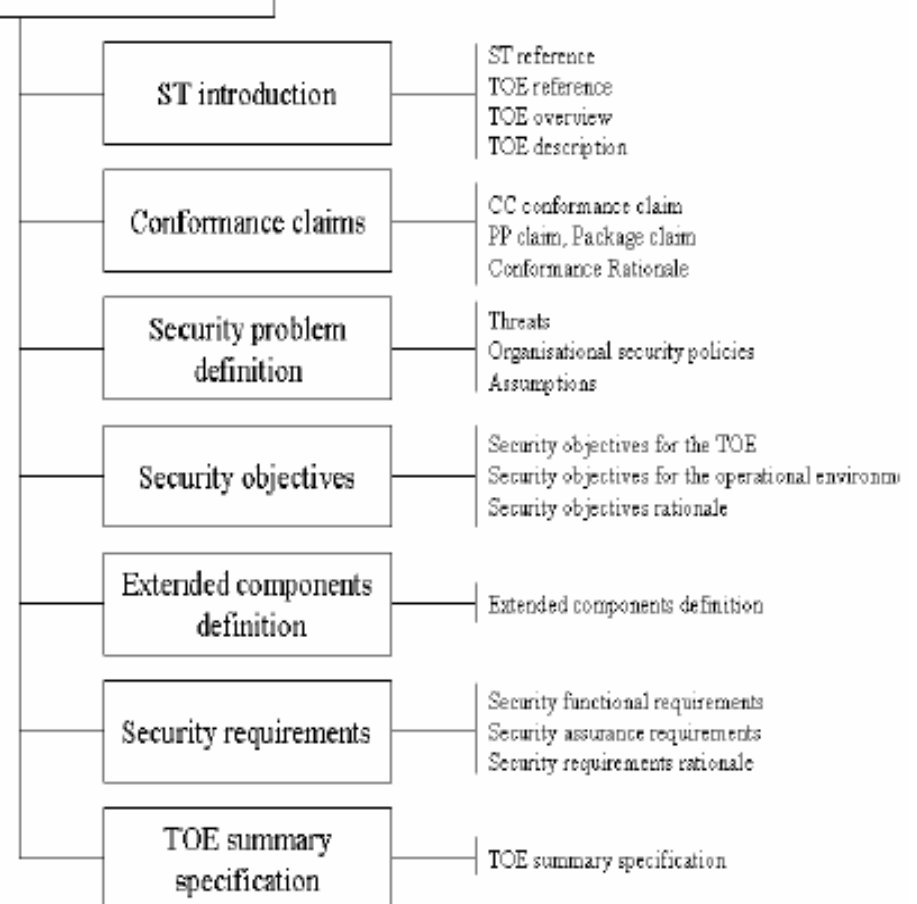


# PP & ST content

## Protection Profile



## Security Target





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# Assurance

- Assurance is based on evaluation
- CEM defines 4 levels of assurance in the EAL packages.
  - But we can go up to EAL 7.
- It depends on how conducted the vulnerability analysis.
- EAL1 : functionality tested
  - TSF testing using TSFI and vulnerability analysis from public domain.
- EAL2 : structurally tested
  - design infos : basic architectural infos
- EAL3 : methodically tested and checked
  - vulnerability analysis based on architecture of the TOE
- EAL 4 : methodically designed, tested, and reviewed
  - Implementation
- EAL5-7 : Semi formal and formal testing and verification

# EAL summary

Assurance class	Assurance Family	Assurance Components by Evaluation Assurance Level						
		EAL1	EAL2	EAL3	EAL4	EAL5	EAL6	EAL7
Development	ADV_ARC		1	1	1	1	1	1
	ADV_FSP	1	2	3	4	5	5	6
	ADV_IMP				1	1	2	2
	ADV_INT					2	3	3
	ADV_SPM						1	1
	ADV_TDS		1	2	3	4	5	6
Guidance documents	AGD_OPE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	AGD_PRE	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Life-cycle support	ALC_CMC	1	2	3	4	4	5	5
	ALC_CMS	1	2	3	4	5	5	5
	ALC_DEL		1	1	1	1	1	1
	ALC_DVS			1	1	1	2	2
	ALC_FLR							
	ALC_LCD			1	1	1	1	2
	ALC_TAT				1	2	3	3
Security Target evaluation	ASE_CCL	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	ASE_ECD	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	ASE_INT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	ASE_OBJ	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
	ASE_REQ	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
	ASE_SPD		1	1	1	1	1	1
	ASE_TSS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Tests	ATE_COV		1	2	2	2	3	3
	ATE_DPT			1	2	3	3	4
	ATE_FUN		1	1	1	1	2	2
	ATE_IND	1	2	2	2	2	2	3
Vulnerability assessment	AVA_VAN	1	2	2	3	4	5	5



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# Vulnerability analysis (1/2)

- Vulnerability : a weakness in the TOE that can be used to violate the SFRs in some environment.
- Vulnerability analysis : a systematic search for vulnerabilities in the TOE and an assessment of those found to determine their relevance for the intended environment for the TOE.
- Penetration testing : A testing carried out to determine the exploitability of TOE potential vulnerabilities



# Vulnerability analysis (2/2)

- Attack potential factors :
  - Time elapsed to identify an exploit.
  - Specialist technical expertise required.
  - Knowledge of the TOE design and implementation.
  - Hardware/software required to perform exploitation.
  - Window of opportunity



# Attack potential calculation

Values	Attack potential required to exploit scenario:	TOE resistant to attackers with attack potential of:	Meets assurance components::	Failure of components:
0-9	Basic	No rating	-	<a href="#">AVA VAN.1</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.2</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.3</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.4</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.5</a>
10-13	Enhanced-Basic	Basic	<a href="#">AVA VAN.1</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.2</a>	<a href="#">AVA VAN.3</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.4</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.5</a>
14-19	Moderate	Enhanced-Basic	<a href="#">AVA VAN.1</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.2</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.3</a>	<a href="#">AVA VAN.4</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.5</a>
20-24	High	Moderate	<a href="#">AVA VAN.1</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.2</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.3</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.4</a>	<a href="#">AVA VAN.5</a>
=>25	Beyond High	High	<a href="#">AVA VAN.1</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.2</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.3</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.4</a> , <a href="#">AVA VAN.5</a>	-

Factor	Value
<b>Elapsed Time</b>	
<= one day	0
<= one week	1
<= two weeks	2
<= one month	4
<= two months	7
<= three months	10
<= four months	13
<= five months	15
<= six months	17
> six months	19
<b>Expertise</b>	
Layman	0
Proficient	3 <sup>*(1)</sup>
Expert	6
Multiple experts	8
<b>Knowledge of TOE</b>	
Public	0
Restricted	3
Sensitive	7
Critical	11
<b>Window of Opportunity</b>	
Unnecessary / unlimited access	0
Easy	1
Moderate	4
Difficult	10
None	** <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Equipment</b>	
Standard	0
Specialised	4 <sup>(3)</sup>
Bespoke	7
Multiple bespoke	9



# Conclusion

- A complete IT security standard.
- Complex.
- Legal framework : requires a national scheme setup.
- International recognition framework : CCRA :  
between countries, !!!
  - Consumer participant application.
  - Authorizing participant application.



# Thank you

## Questions?