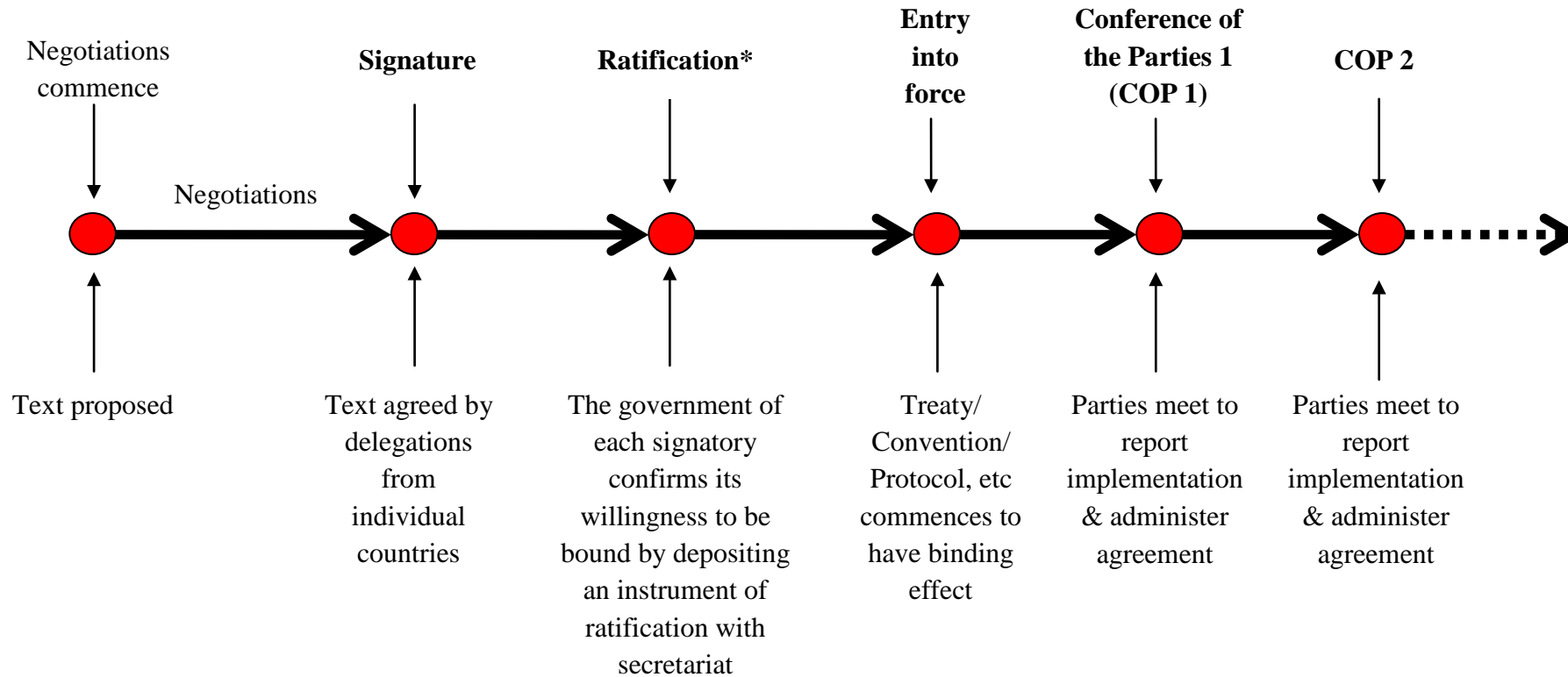


# Typical process of international agreements being created & administered

(Note: This is a typical process only. Not all treaties / conventions / agreements follow this process or use these terms)



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\* **Ratification:** The procedure for ratification varies from country to country. In Australia and the UK, treaty ratification is a Royal Prerogative exercised by the Executive Government alone and does not require the approval of Parliament; however, by convention treaties are usually placed before parliament for 21 days before ratification. In the USA, the President may negotiate and sign a treaty, but the treaty must be consented to by a two-thirds vote in the Senate. Only after the Senate approves the treaty can the President ratify it.