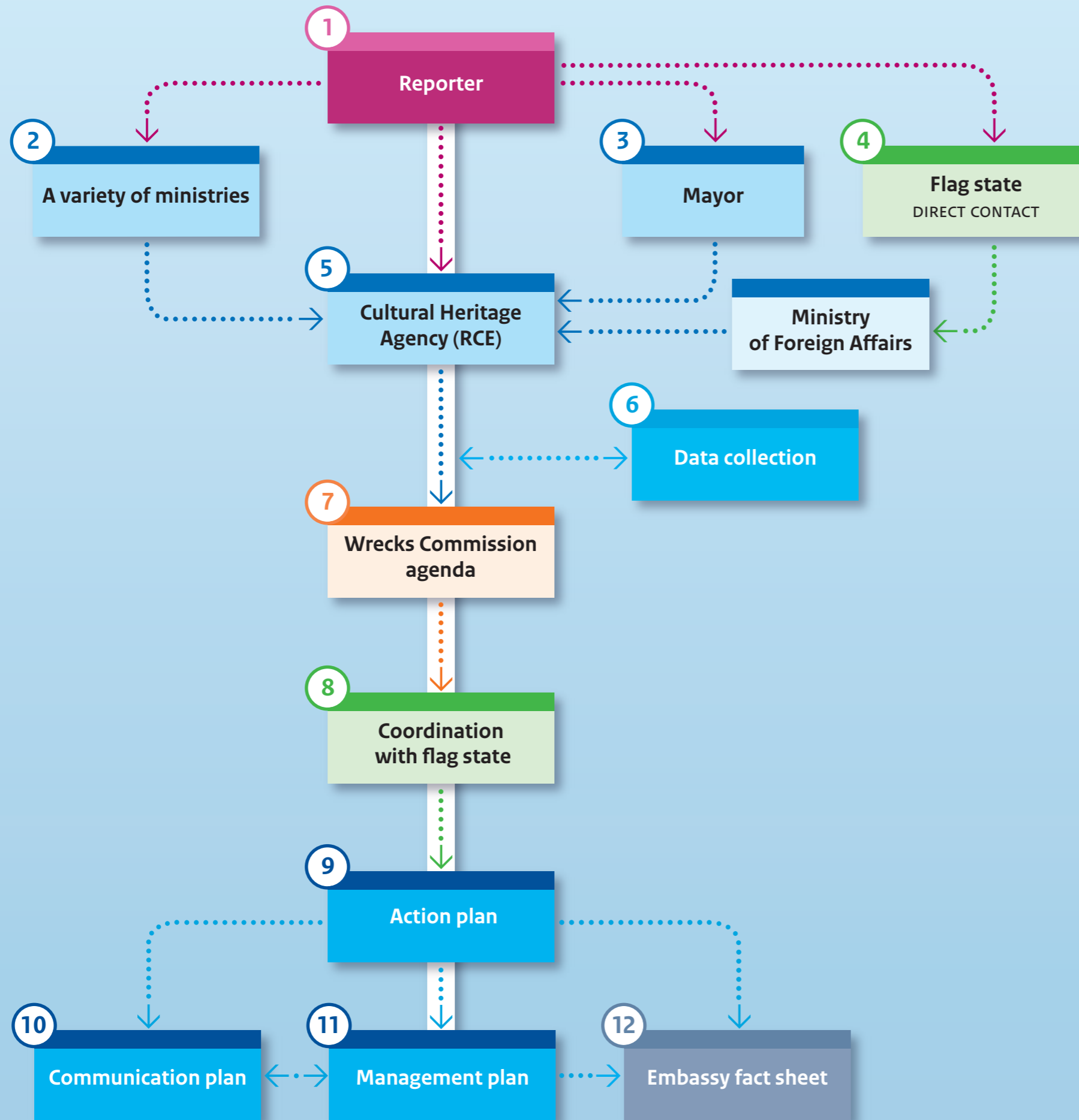


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This is the reporting protocol for foreign shipwrecks found in Dutch waters.

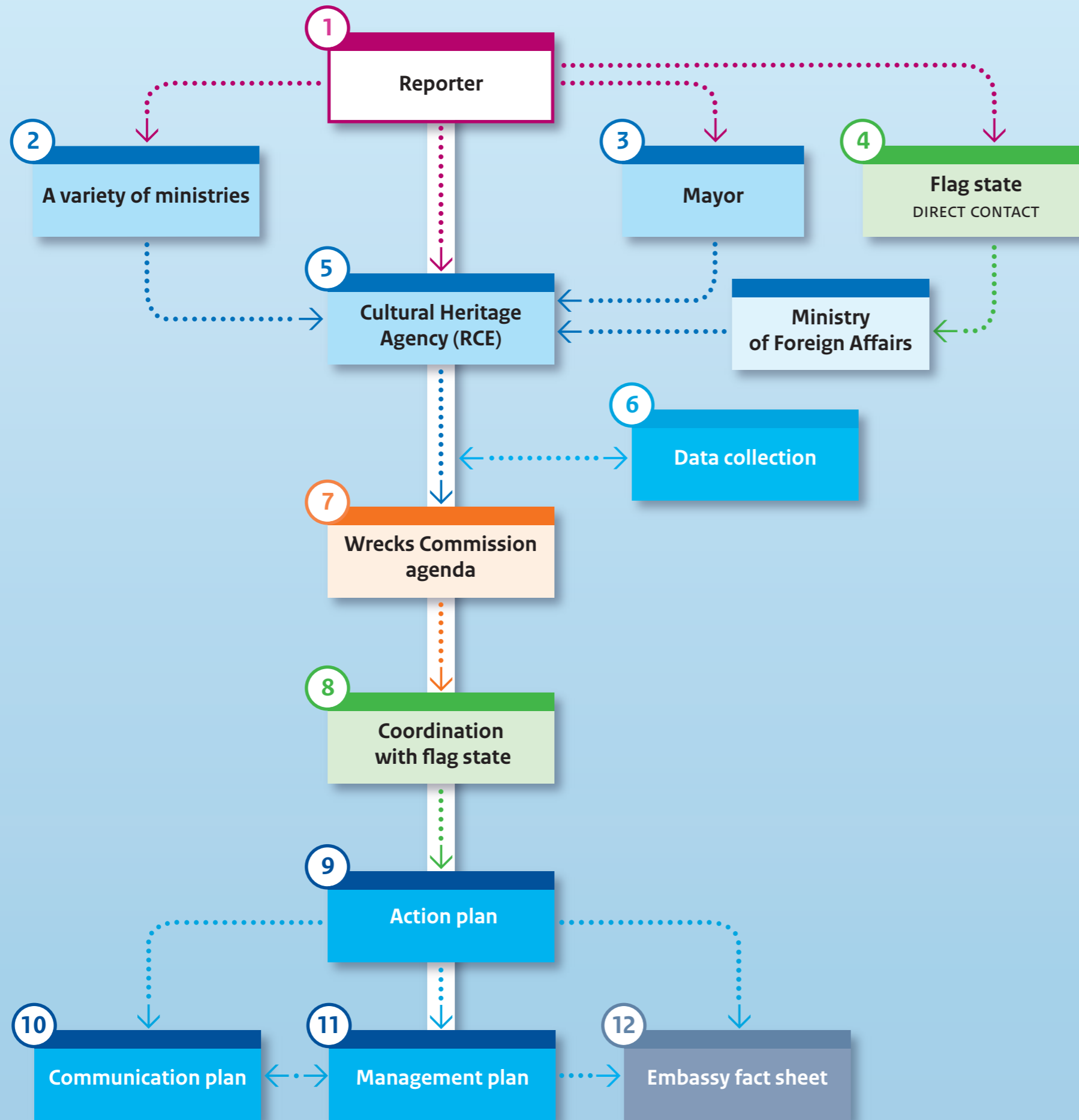
Thousands of shipwrecks lie on the Dutch seabed, and some of these wrecks are still owned by foreign powers.

This diagram shows the ideal reporting process for foreign shipwrecks found in Dutch waters.

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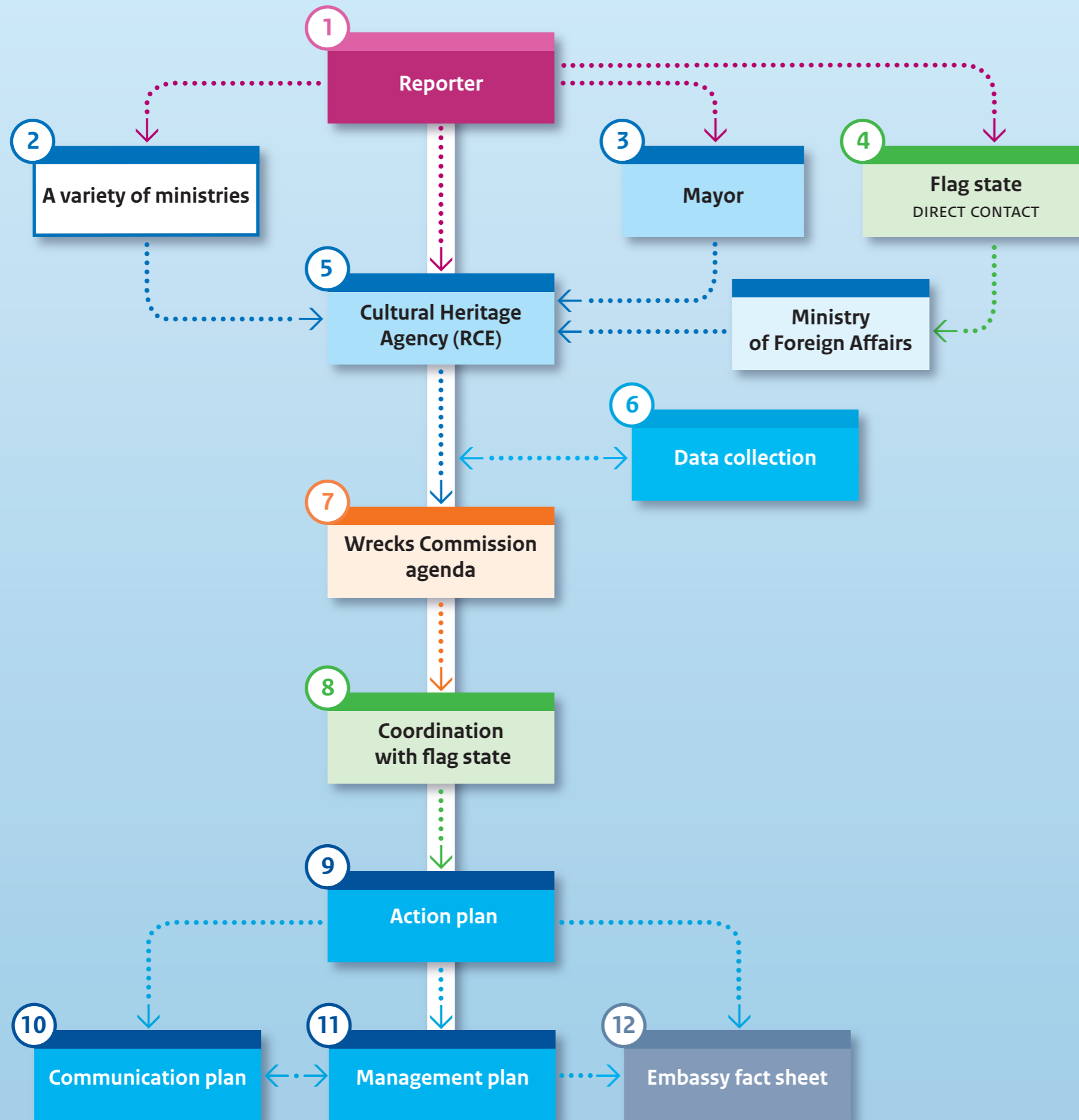


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Reporter: the person reporting the wreck does not have to be its finder. The reporter is kept informed of the project.



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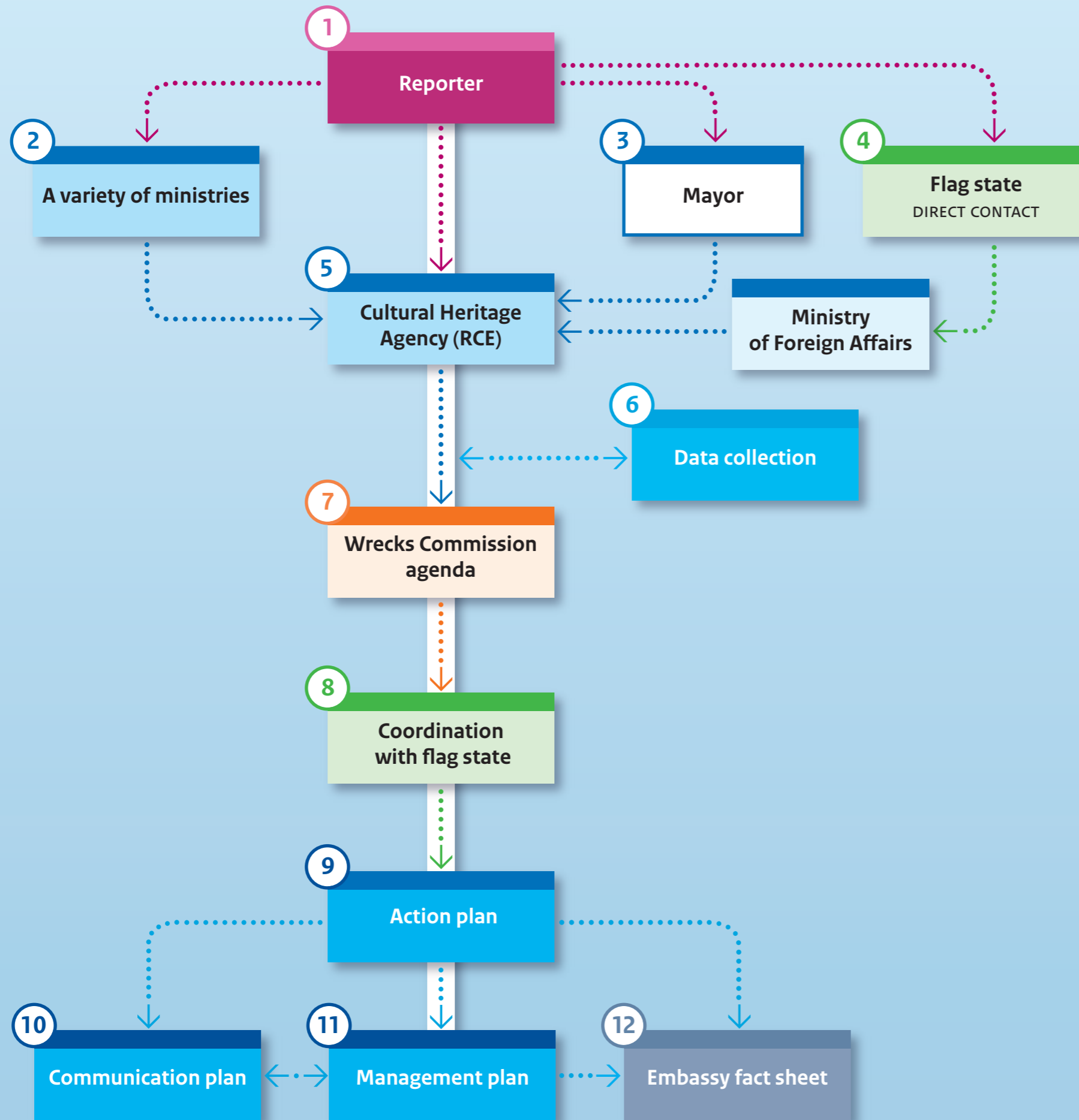


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A variety of ministries: reports can be made directly to the Cultural Heritage Agency (*Rijksdienst voor het Cultureel Erfgoed*, RCE) of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science (OCW) as well as to other Ministries (Foreign Affairs, Defence, *Rijkswaterstaat*, etc.). Reports to ministries are forwarded to the RCE.



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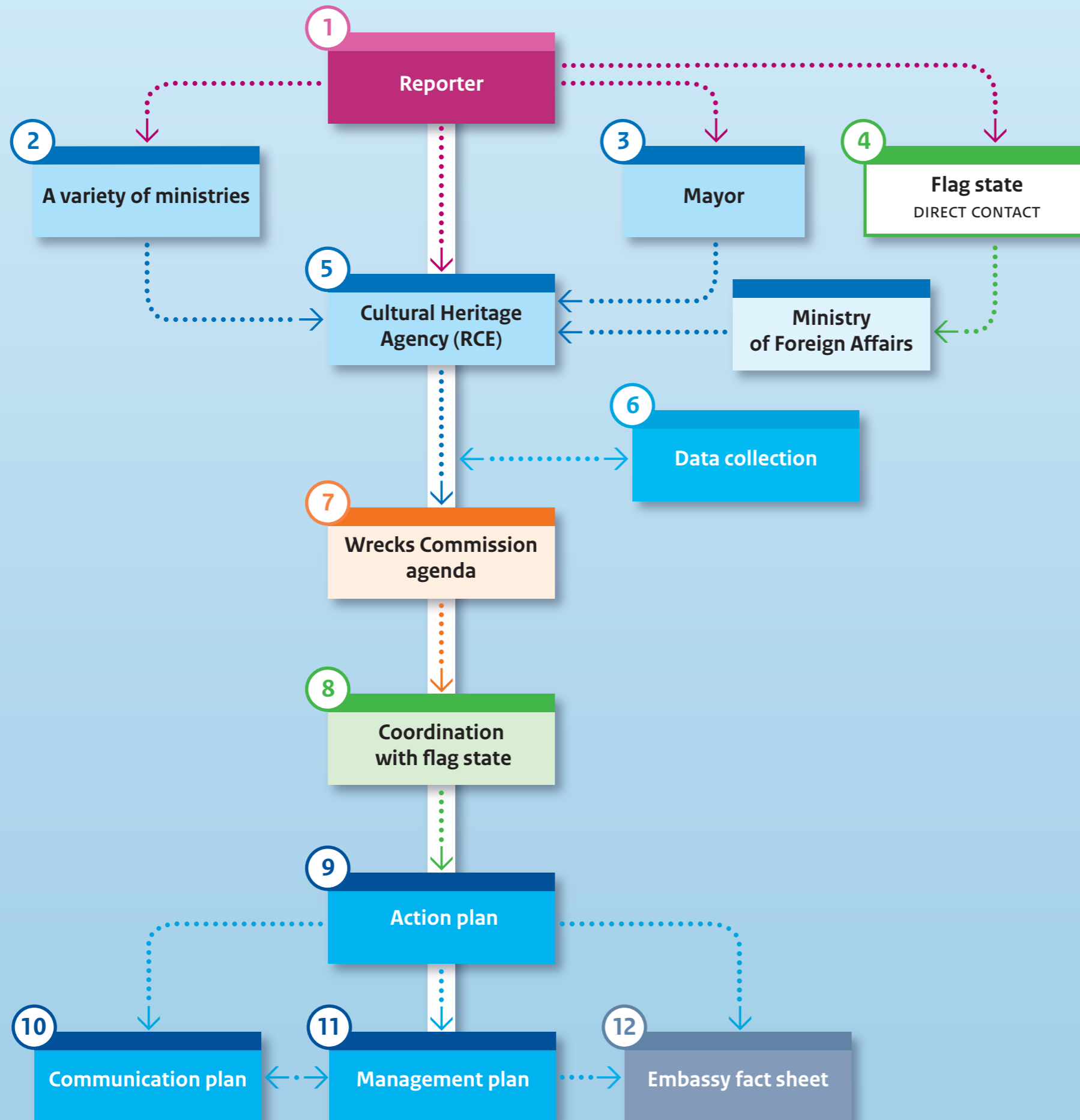


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Mayor: reports can be made to the mayor of the shipwreck site or, for instance, to the reporter's own mayor.



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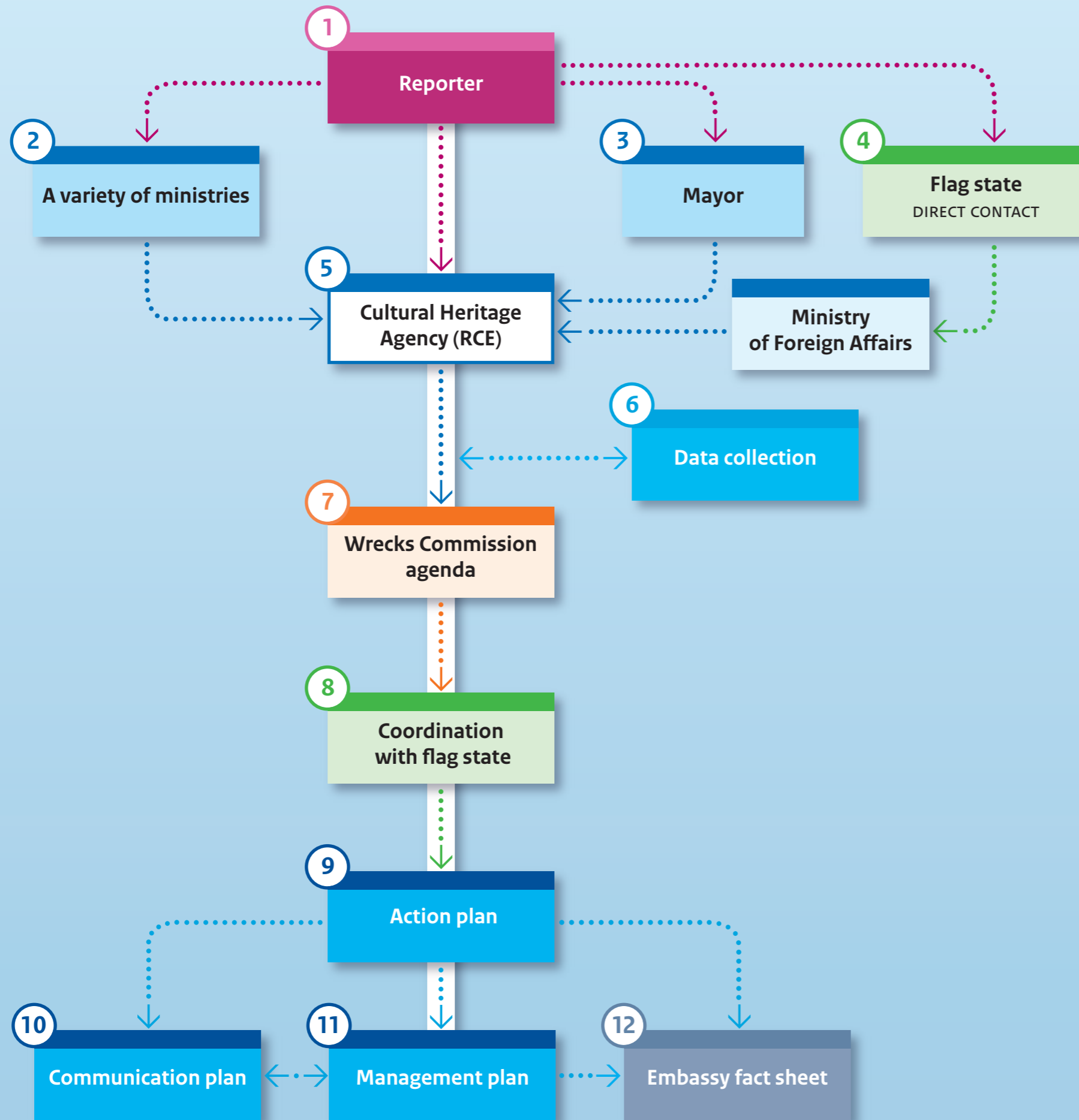


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Flag state, direct contact: direct report to the flag state (the jurisdiction under which the vessel is registered). A shipwreck can be reported directly to the country from which the vessel originated. **The Ministry of Foreign Affairs** will then forward this report to the RCE.



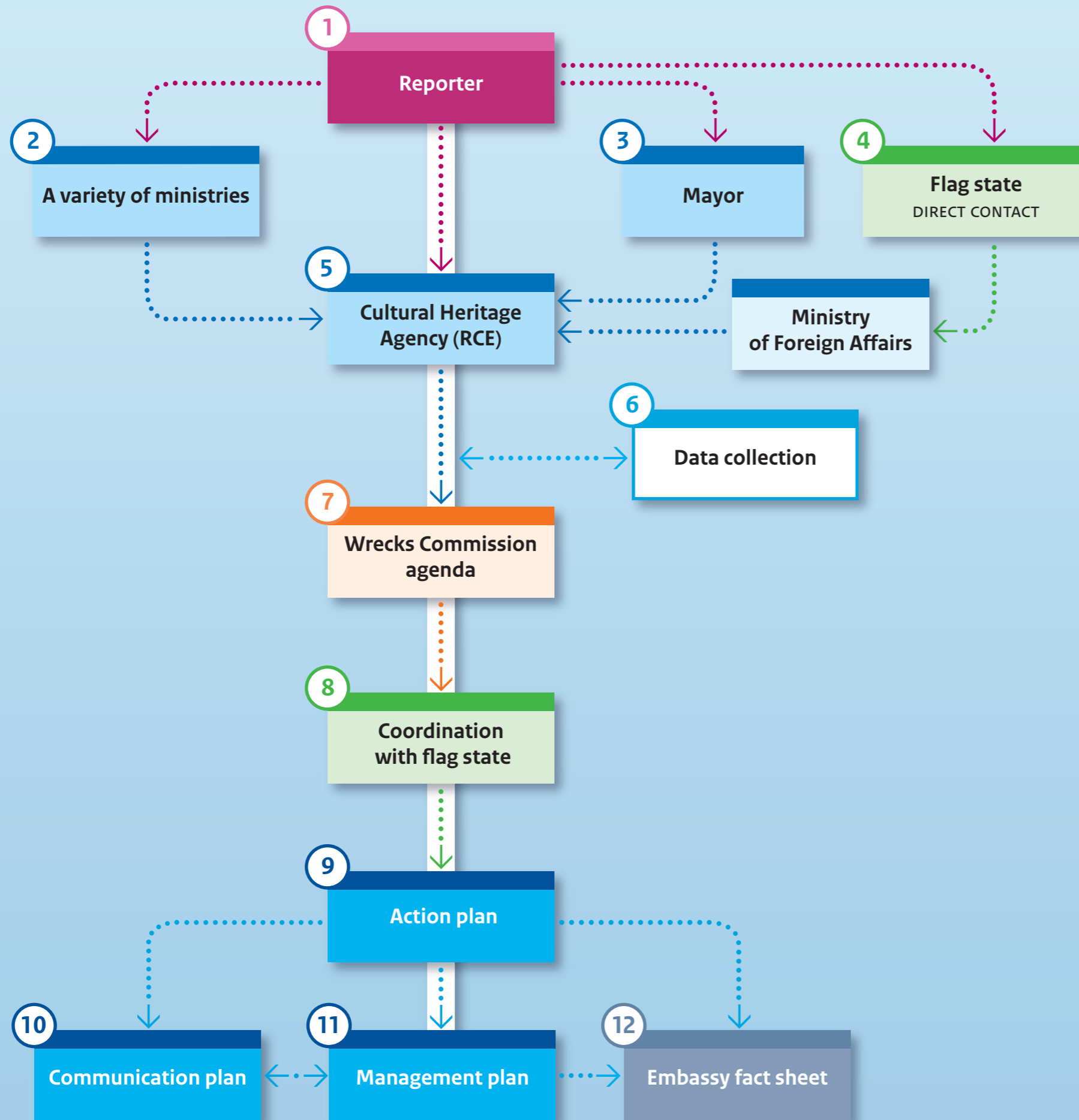
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Cultural Heritage Agency (RCE): direct report to the RCE, which has a report desk and report form.

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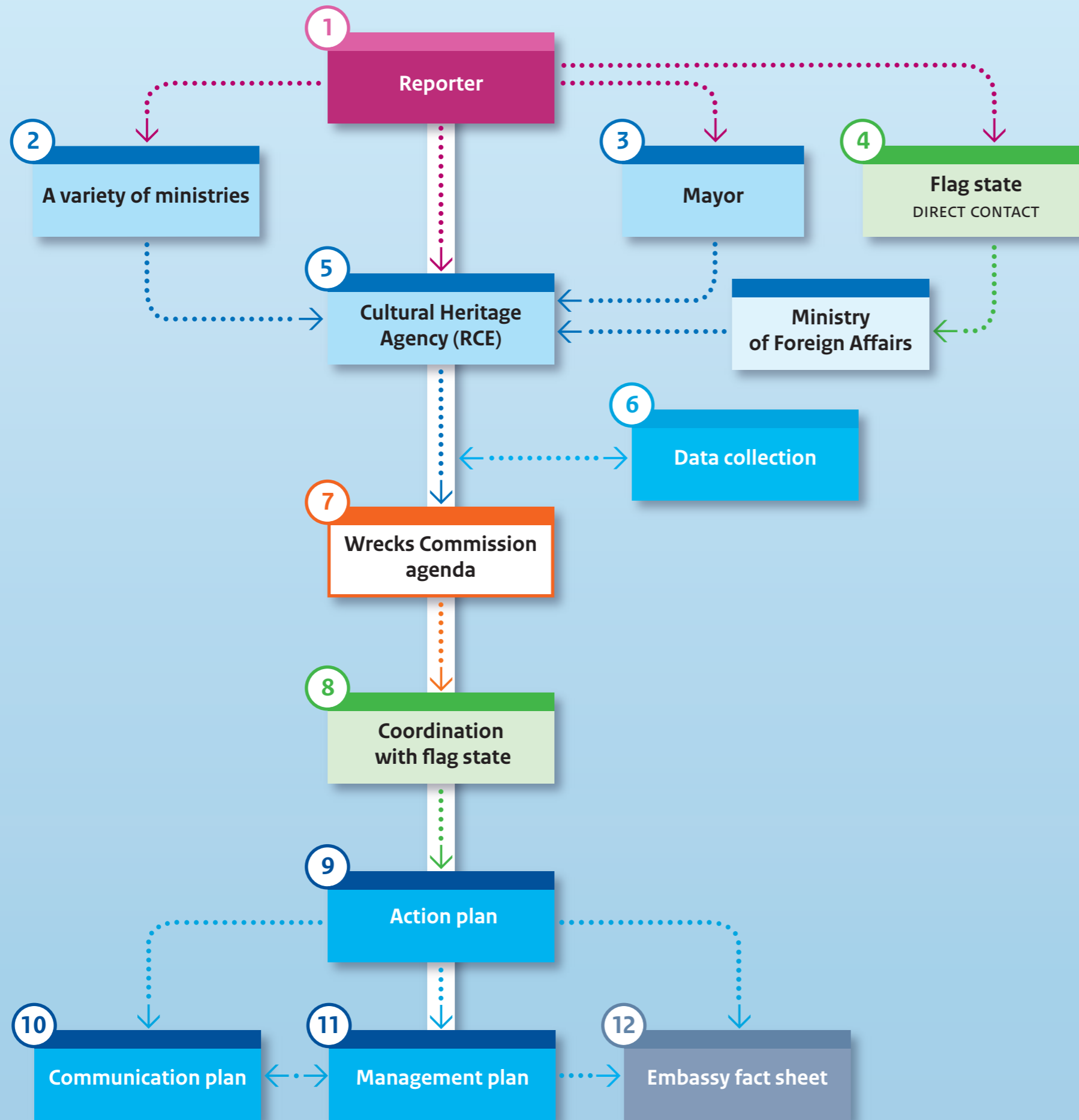


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Data collection: the RCE does fact-finding and data management.



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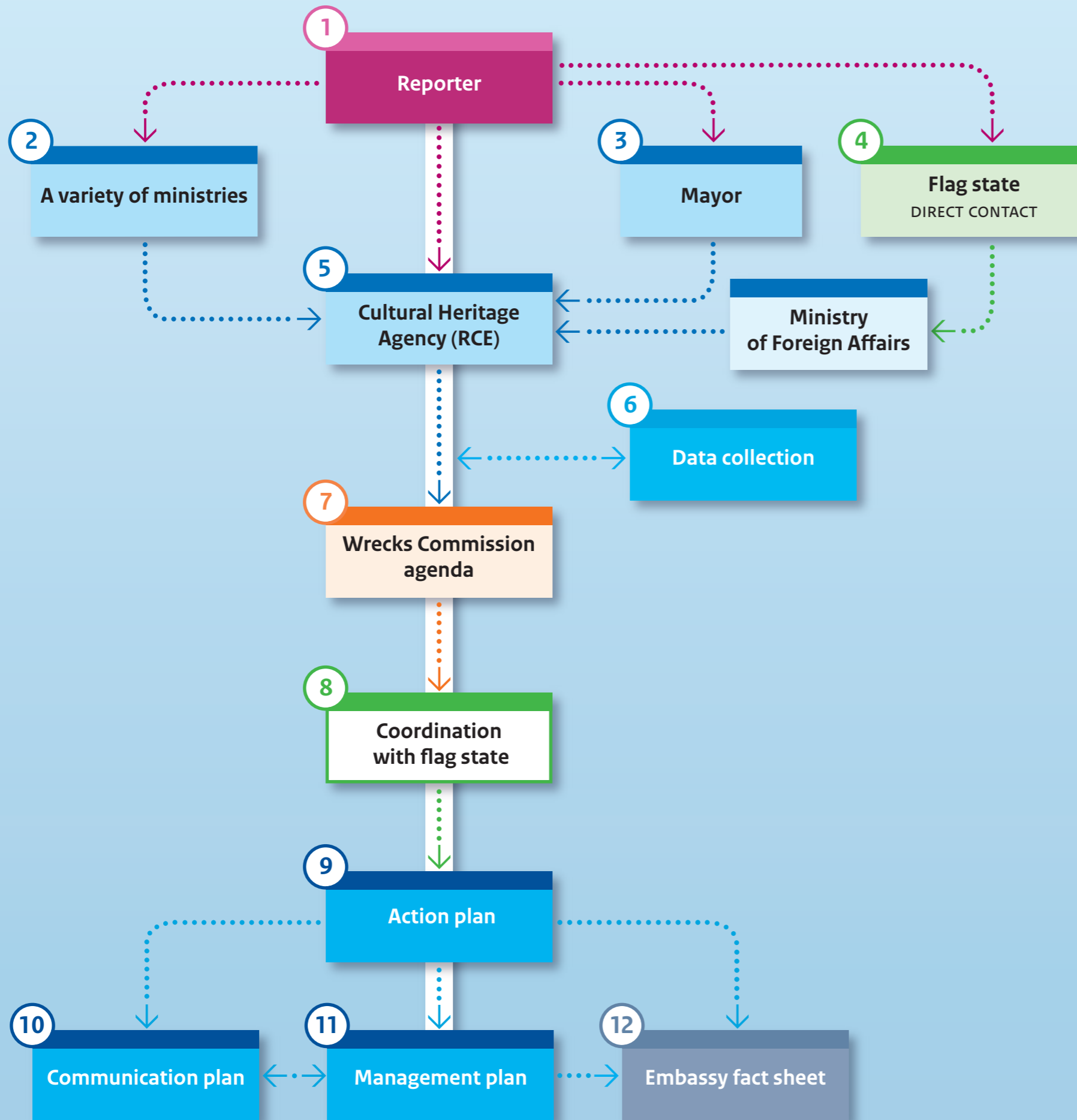


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Wrecks Commission agenda: the case is discussed by the Wrecks Commission.



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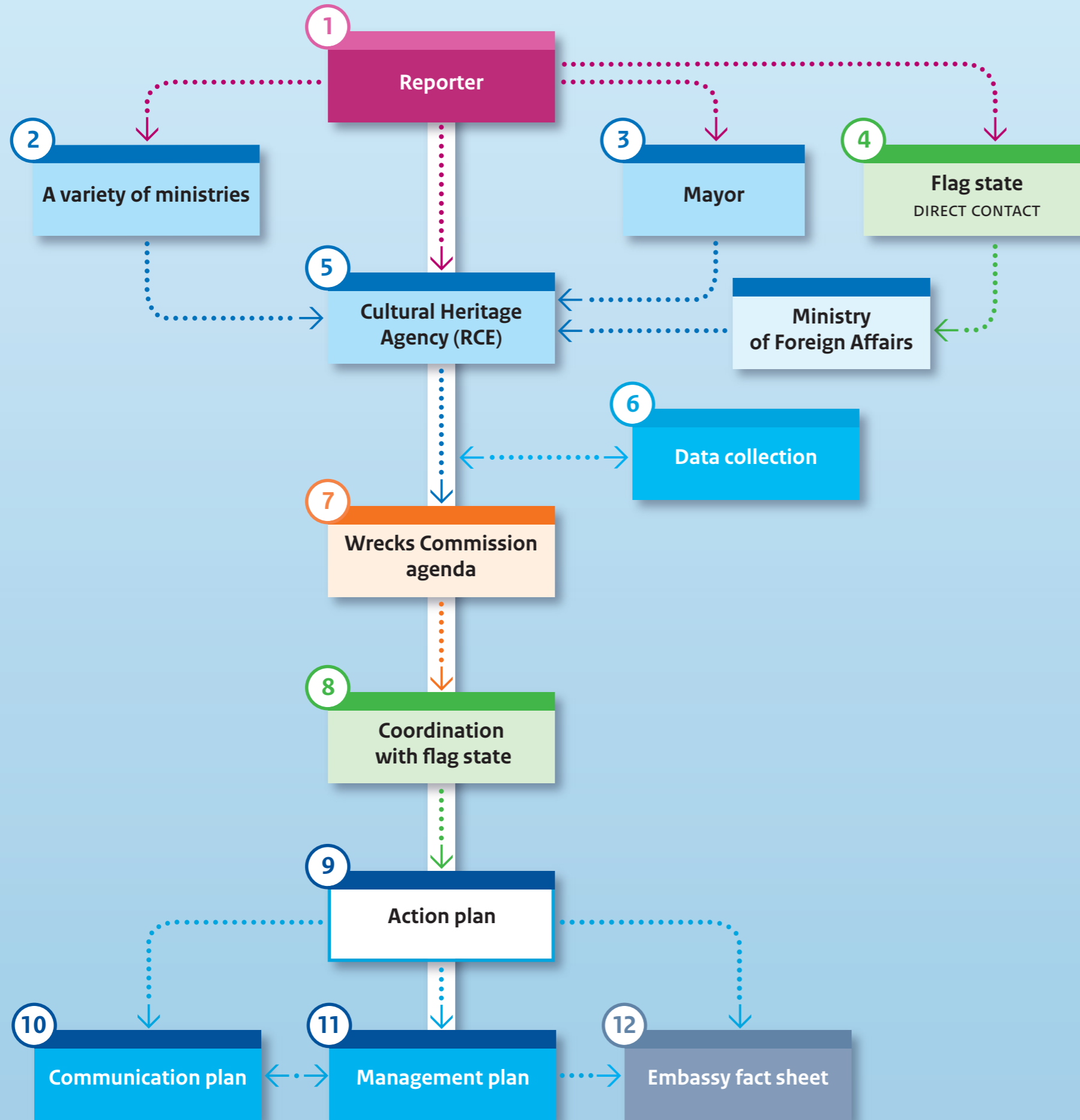


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Coordination with flag state: the RCE and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs make contact with the flag state via the embassy and heritage service. Needs are identified.



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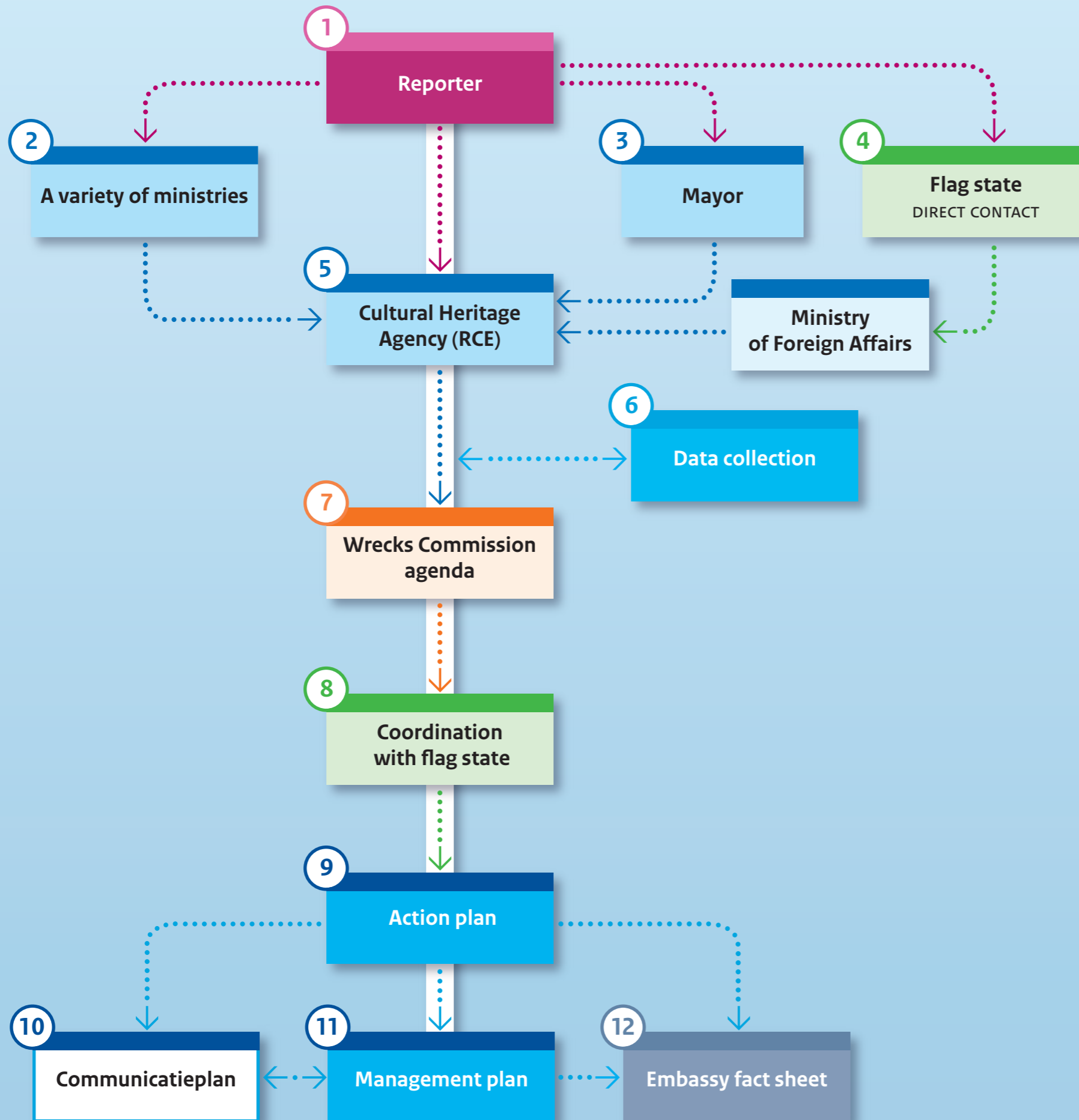


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Action plan: after discussion of the case in the Wrecks Commission (and the flag state) an action plan is drawn up. The RCE is coordinator.



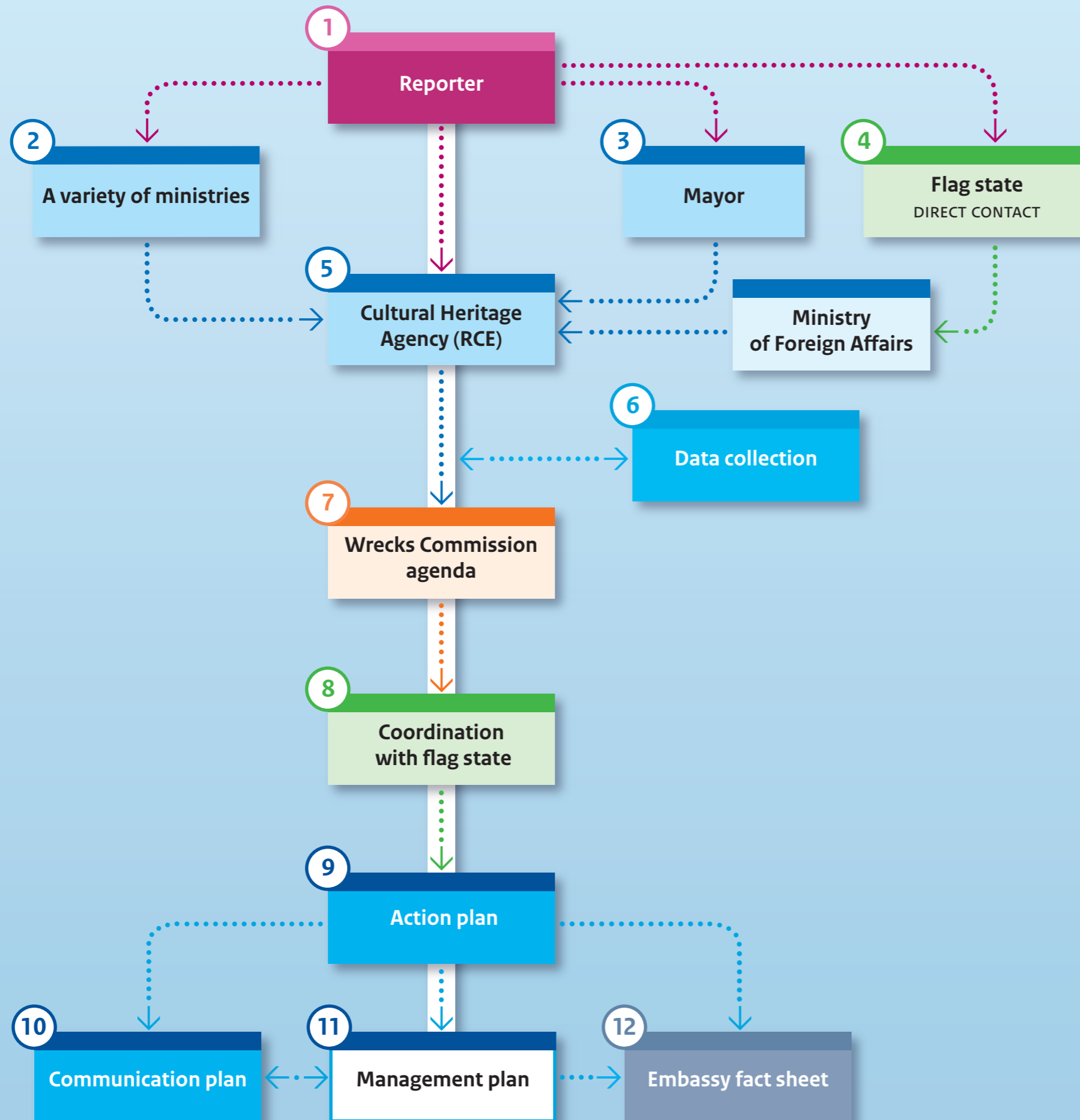
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Communication plan: the management plan includes a communication plan agreed between the countries involved.

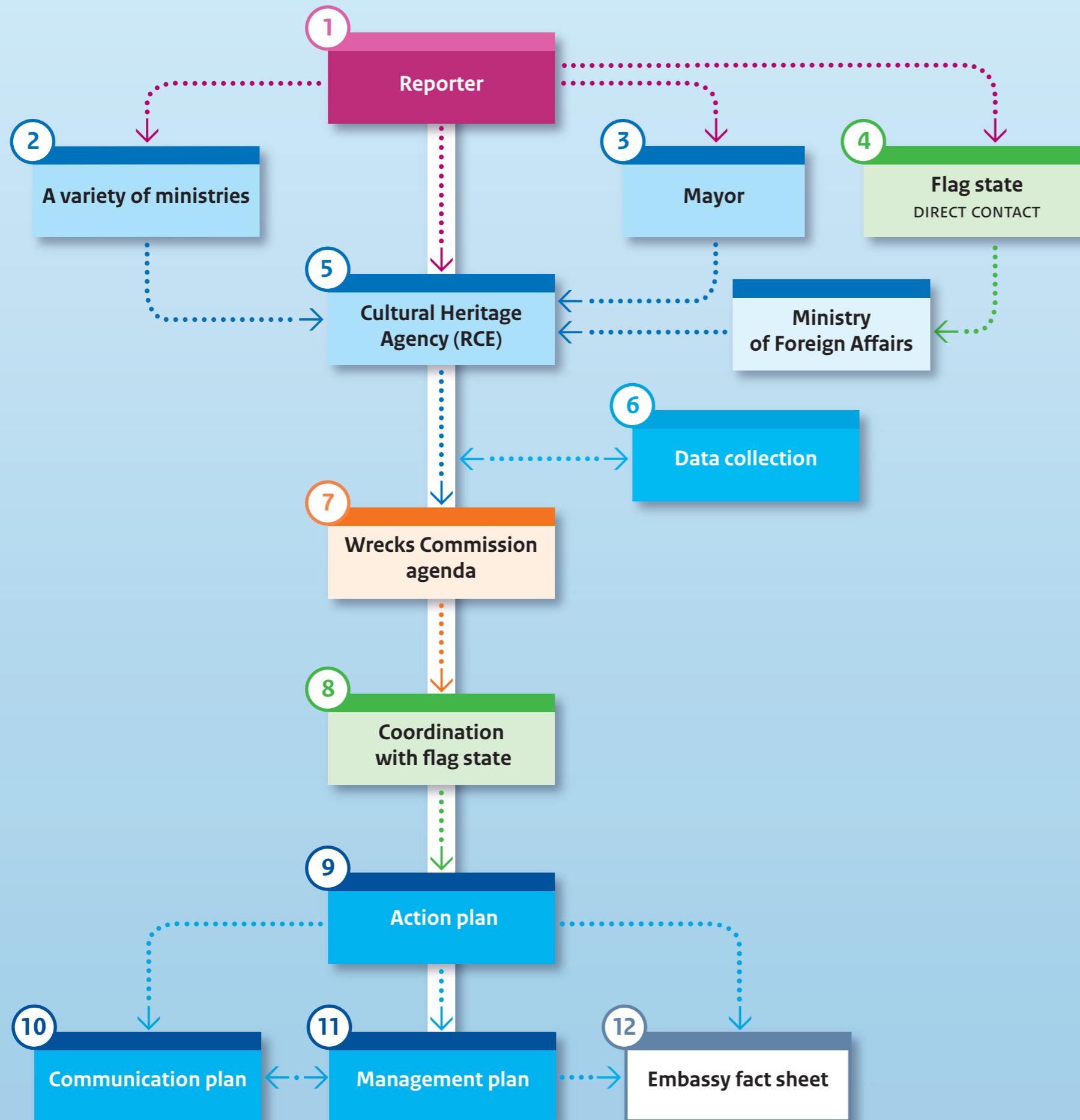
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Management plan: working with the flag state, a management plan is drawn up.

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Embassy fact sheet: updated every year.

