



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

Monday, May 19th, 2025, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Hosted at Embassy of Poland

Opening by the Chair

Welcome by the Chair of DMAG and hosts at the Polish Embassy. Historical remarks about the embassy (est. 1910, operating since 1919) by the host.

Review of the previous DMAG meeting record of discussion

No comments -> will be published.

Report from the Executive Committee

- CMMC discussion and related briefings
- Preparation for General Assembly in June
- Strategic review of DMAG direction with the new administration
- Foreign Military Sales (FMS) overlaps highlighted
- Proposal to align efforts with the Foreign Procurement Group (FPG)
- Suggestion to invite Joanne Lostracco (Canadian Embassy) to meetings_____
- Discussion centered around burden sharing and the need to streamline acquisition processes.
- Remarks highlighted ongoing concerns regarding export control, co-production agreements, and customer service issues within FMS frameworks.

Report from the Working Group on Industrial Base Cooperation (IBCWG)

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin (SWE):

- No major developments; monitoring executive orders and changes
- Suggestion to coordinate with FPG for updated FMS guidance
- Plan to condense FPG's two-pager into a one-pager for Congressional outreach
- Timeline pressure: FMS priority submission due by June 8th, 2025_____

- Emphasis on the need for reciprocal support from U.S. administration if allied countries are expected to increase FMS purchases.
- Support for enabling indigenous production with U.S. industry cooperation underpinned by regulatory reform.
- Noted that the U.S. lacks production capacity to meet rising demands, reinforcing the need for shared manufacturing and co-production models.
- Challenges with concluding co-production MOUs—average 3+ years due to complex U.S. DOD bureaucracy and internal legal reviews.

Report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Chair ECWG, Martti Wallin (FIN):

- Martti isn't available today
- Ongoing Hill engagement on using existing regulations more effectively
- Messaging: focus on regulatory efficiency, not proliferation
- Reinforcement needed from all DMAG members during Hill interactions_____
- Export control permits are still hampered by lack of transparency and inefficiencies, particularly when Congressional notification is involved.
- The Atacig (ATACIG – Advanced Technology and Capabilities Interagency Group) was raised as a dormant oversight mechanism that could be revitalized to expedite technology release decisions.
- Proposed shift from sequential to parallel interagency processing to improve turnaround times.

Report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

Chair CWG, Col Jean-Francois JF Simard (CAN):

- Cybersecurity focus was on the CMMC (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification).
- Multiple participants expressed concern that the CMMC rule is in jeopardy due to:
- Lack of finalization of CFR Part 48 (acquisition regulation).
- Dependencies on political appointments (e.g., Michael Duffy) and regulatory coordination with FAR, OMB, and CISA.
- Misalignment between CMMC's implementation and broader administrative goals of deregulation (10-for-1 rule).
- Planned circulation of a briefing document summarizing CMMC status and key questions.

Proposal for a future lunch briefing with Stacey and CMMC leadership post-nomination confirmation.
Noted risks for small and innovative businesses due to costly compliance burdens.

Other Issues Affecting Members

- Reflections on recent DMAG member industry trip
 - Noted positive impact: networking, engagement with U.S. defense industry
 - Proposal: repeat similar engagement annually (Arizona, Florida, Texas, Colorado)
 - Action: Add next year's trip into DMAG planning/budgets
 - Request to collect and share trip outcomes and follow-up contacts
- International engagement concerns noted following organizational changes within R&E (Research & Engineering). International Office functions now under ASD.
 - Multiple positions transferred or vacant; uncertainty in technical cooperation continuity.
 - Suggestion to monitor cooperation obstacles and prepare for potential outreach.

- Acknowledgment of personnel changes within committee and recognition of departing members.

Action Items

- Plan for 2026 industry trip (budget inclusion requested)
- Upload Arizona trip presentations to the DMAG Member Section
- Develop one-pager on FMS for member and Hill use
- Engage DASD Industrial Policy (temporary contact) cautiously
- Coordinate with Marty, Graeme, and others on ITAR impact_____
- Remove resolved items: Arizona reference (closed), initial CISO queries.
- Continue tracking:
 - Development of position papers on FMS and CMMC concerns.
 - Circulation of draft CMMC briefing/report.
 - Outreach strategy for R&E transitions and possible member concerns.
 - Confirm CIO (Chief Information Officer) nomination and prepare for further strategic input post-confirmation.

Upcoming DMAG Meetings/Events

Host: Embassy of Switzerland June 26th, 2025

- Includes General Assembly – focus on DMAG Charter and strategy

Defense Cooperation Events

N/A

Guest Speaker: Dr. William C. Greenwalt emphasized that the U.S. defense and arms cooperation systems are outdated, slow, and unfit for the pace and scale of today's global security needs. They proposed creating a more streamlined, pre-approved process for working with key allies—similar to a “GSA schedule” for weapons systems—to reduce bureaucracy, improve industrial base coordination, and speed up delivery. The speaker stressed the importance of involving allies in planning, stockpiling, and production to strengthen collective defense and keep up with technological innovation. Overall, the message was clear: the U.S. must modernize its processes and treat allies as strategic partners rather than as transactional customers.

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