



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

Thursday, June 26th, 2025, 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hosted at Embassy of Switzerland

Opening by the Chair

- The Chair welcomed all participants and expressed gratitude to the Swiss Embassy for hosting the meeting.
- A special welcome was extended to new members and guests.
- Lighthearted remarks about weather planning, poolside arrangements, and safety around bees and the pool set an informal tone.
- Participants were encouraged to enjoy refreshments and take advantage of a short break before the main session.

General Assembly

The annual financial report and budget

- The financial situation is healthy, with leftover funds from last year due to underspending.
- Some countries are behind on membership fees, but the overall cash flow is strong.
- No need to raise membership fees unless further funds are required.

The annual report from Communications Officer, an Information Technology Officer

- The website is being redesigned, with plans to use GoDaddy's platform for better functionality.
- The new layout includes sections on mission, strategic objectives, and working groups.
- A member section will be added once the subscription is finalized.

The annual report from the Working Group on Industrial Base Cooperation (IBCWG)

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin:

- The focus of the group has been on understanding RDPMOU agreements, providing training sessions, and fostering outreach to Congress.

- Continued efforts will include pushing for international defense engagement and addressing domestic content requirements in defense contracts.

The annual report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Chair ECWG, Martti Wallin (FIN):

- Martti is unavailable today, but Marty was praised for his extensive contributions to the Export Controls group.
- Humorously noted were his in-depth (and perhaps too detailed) feedback sessions.
- Acknowledged for providing thought leadership and helping shape policy recommendations.

The annual report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

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

- Final Rule Pending:
 - The final rule for CMMC certification is still under review and awaiting finalization under 48 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The release of this rule is critical for moving forward with CMMC implementation across various sectors.
- CIO Nomination Update:
 - The Chief Information Officer (CIO) nomination for CMMC remains pending. Katie Arrington, the current interim CIO, is continuing her duties in this role.
 - Kirsten Davies, former CIO at Unilever, has been nominated for the position, pending approval.
- Approval Process:
 - Mr. Duffy holds the final authority over 48 CFR, making his approval an essential step in the regulatory process.
- The working group has made significant strides in establishing a global framework for cybersecurity certification through CMMC, with a clear focus on alignment with U.S. standards while considering the sovereignty and unique requirements of individual nations. Efforts to recruit international participants and expand the CMMC ecosystem are ongoing, with a view toward building a robust and cohesive international cybersecurity posture.

Other Issues Affecting Members

Numerous farewells were given for departing members, highlighting career transitions and personal reflections. New members introduced themselves, including:

Peter Winter, Switzerland (Defense Procurement Counselor)

Suzanne Wilkinson, Canada (Director Government Relations)

An open invitation for one-on-one orientation meetings for new members was offered. Discussions on leveraging DMAG for peer exchange, onboarding, and sharing national experiences.

Review of the previous DMAG meeting record of discussion

No comments -> will be published.

Report from the Executive Committee

Preparation for the September meeting is underway.

DMAG and FPG are working to align their positions on defense sales white papers. A joint paper has been developed by Joachim and Graham. Maintaining strong alignment between DMAG and FPG remains a priority. A guest from FPG is proposed to join the September meeting. The goal is to present a unified position to the U.S. Department of Defense and the State Department. Planned meetings are scheduled with Eric H. Ver Hage (Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, DOD) and Mike Fokar (State Department).

Action Items

- Share and solicit feedback on white paper (Joachim/Graham)
- Coordinate with FPG to present united input at upcoming DOD/State meeting
- Reach out to Mr. Duffy (re: CMMC 48 CFR support)
- Expand participation in Cyber and Export Control working groups
- Monitor AI rulemaking process for new developments
- Track interim FOCI rule and prepare member guidance
- Share CSIS report with group, schedule follow-up briefing
- Confirm Export Control WG Chair

Upcoming DMAG Meetings/Events

The next meeting is expected to take place at the Embassy of Australia in September 2025.

Defense Cooperation Events

N/A

Guest Speaker: Christine Michienzi is a former senior government executive with extensive national and international leadership experience talked about reducing risk and increasing flexibility, defense production should be balanced with healthy civilian production in shared facilities, but current acquisition methods discourage diverse companies from entering the defense market, leading to monopolies and stagnation. The U.S. Defense Production Act (DPA) has powerful tools like Title I (prioritization), Title III (investment in critical shortfalls), and Title VII (collaboration protections), but Title III funding is difficult to access due to strict requirements and the need for presidential determination. Despite efforts to support allied industrial bases and encourage partner nations to share their capabilities, the U.S. system remains fragmented, and there's still insufficient funding to meet all industrial base needs.

DMAG Secretariat

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