



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

Thursday May 23rd, 2024, 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Hosted at Embassy of Australia

Opening by the Chair

- The Chair of the DMAG thanks the host and opens the monthly meeting after a brief introduction about the 'beautiful new building', the Embassy of Australia by Alison Petchell.
- LTC Jan Novotny (Defense Cooperation Attaché and Deputy Defense Attaché - Embassy of Czech Republic), David Hartog (Director Commercial and FMS Operations International Materiel Branch - Embassy of Australia), Elizabeth Olsen (Export Controls Adviser - Embassy of Australia) and Fabrice Grübel (Academic Associate, Defense Procurement Department, EDA GRUFA - Embassy of Switzerland) are new faces and are welcomed to the DMAG.

Review of the previous DMAG meeting record of discussion

No comments -> will be published.

Report from the Executive Committee

The Excomm discussed this year's letter to House Armed Services Committee, how we will address the DMAG agenda.

Additionally, the letter to Dr. Laura Taylor-Kale and a request to come to DMAG to discuss the implementing strategy.

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

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin:

- HASC letter: We want to send a letter that we don't have to respond to, the letter should be sent proactively.
- The main idea is to remove barriers and add more resources.
- The statement made by Californian Congressman John Garamendi (D-Calif.) states that the United States purchases more than the European Union.
- John Garamendi proposed an amendment that would restrict diesel engines, which would affect Rolls-Royce and give Fairbanks Morse an advantage.
- Sales figures available are inconsistent.
- So far, there have been no developments in the U.S. DoD implementation.

- Marije Hoogeveen from the Embassy of the Netherlands will provide a one-pager on the MOUs.
- Our goal is to provide further training to the working groups.

Chair DMAG, Sander Oude Hengel:

- Members were inquired as to the reason behind the sending of the letter and the need for an undersecretary for international cooperation.
- We aspire to conduct research based on the FFRDC, an illustration of which is the RAND corporation.
- Keith Webster provided the idea, as well as advice from our Australian colleagues.

Embassy of Australia - Director, Industry, Alexander Berger

- The official tracking of where they get pulled the money and in addition two other useful links:
 - [FEC.gov](https://www.fec.gov) (independent regulatory agency charged with administering and enforcing the federal campaign finance law)
 - www.senate.gov/legislative/opr.htm (The Senate Office of Public Records (OPR) receives, processes, and maintains for public inspection records, reports, and other documents filed with the Secretary of the Senate involving the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA))
 - [opensecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org) (tracks and publishes data on campaign finance and lobbying)

John Garamendi proposed amendment:

- “(G) Diesel engines that operate at a maximum of not greater than 1200 revolutions per minute and are capable of generating a power output of greater than 3500 kilowatts.”.

Report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Chair ECWG, Martti Wallin (FIN):

- Martti is unavailable today

Report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

Chair CWG, LCDR Alain Gilbert (CAN):

- Alain is unavailable today

Other Issues Affecting Members

No other issue affecting members.

Action Items

- The NOFORN case studies and the introduction for new members will remain as action items.
- Follow up to letter to the Office of Dr. Lora Taylor-Kale, the first Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy (ASD (IBP)), regarding the implementation plan for NDIS.

Upcoming DMAG Meetings/Events

Thursday, June 27th, 2024 at the Embassy of Netherlands.

Defense Cooperation Events

N/A

Guest Speaker: Dr. Stephen Tankel, Director for Defense Policy and Strategy - NSC (National Security Council) talked about two broad issue updates on the NDIS and ‘I really want to drill down into what we talk terming global defense production, which is co-development, co-sustainment, co-production and other cooperative arrangements with other countries.

Other features that need to be taken into consideration are: sustainable supply chain, global defense production -> working supply chain, uplift industrial base, internal guidance, uplift capabilities, integration US base with other base, regional sustainable framework, work with local authorities and contract under Chatham House Rule.

DMAG Secretariat

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