



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

September 25th, 2025

Hosted at Embassy of Australia

Opening by the Chair

- The Chair of the DMAG opens the meeting.
- A warm welcome to all new members. Chair will kindly ask the secretariat to request all new members to share their contact details for future communication.
- Dep Chair chairs informs the Group about the exemption of RDP MoUs in DFARS and potential waiver for duties and tariffs. NADIC has mentioned this on their website.
- The DMAG charter as of June 2025 is accepted and will be signed by Chair and Dep Chair and shared with Elizabeth Dall'Acqua-Harrington to upload on the website.
- Shortly DMAG we finalize chairs for DMAG WGs that are vacant.
- Please share your candidates. For now we have Mr Peter Winter (SWI) as candidate for Chair of WG Communication and Ms. Kinga Paulik (NLD) as Chair for WG EC

Review of the previous DMAG meeting record of discussion

No comments -> will be published.

Report from the Executive Committee

- An update on Sec. 908 in SASC version of the NDAA on the modification of organization and authorities of Assistant Secretaries of Defense with duties relating to industrial base policy and readiness. The SASC recommends a provision that would create a new "Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Armaments Cooperation", eliminate the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness, and rename the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, and Capabilities as the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Strategy, Plans, Capabilities, and Readiness.
- Discussed the need for awareness training
- Discussed the effects of a government shutdown for AUSA and other engagements for example.
- Need for more people in WGs.

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

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin (SWE):

- Dates for the awareness training will be shared with the Group.

- Norway welcomes to host the session at their Embassy.

Report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

Chair CWG, Colonel Simard (CAN):

Colonel Simard gave an outstanding brief on CMMC. The slides will be shared with the Group after the meeting.

Report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Dep Chair ECWG, Graham (UK): no updates at this point. Waiting for new chair to be assigned by the Group with Kinga Paulik as candidate.

Other Issues Affecting Members

- DMAG has identified to potential winners for the yearly *"Defense MoU Attachés Group 2025 Annual Award"* for *"Outstanding Achievement in International Defense-Industrial Cooperation"*. The Chair will send an email with a request for the vote as soon as possible.

The candidates this year are:

- o *Vote 1 :* Mike Vaccaro – Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Defense Trade Controls Bureau of Pol-Mil Affairs
- o *Vote :* Dak Hardwick – VP International Affairs at Aerospace Industries Association
- o *Vote 3:* Other...

Criteria from last year :

1. Positive attitude towards engaging with international partners.
 2. Tangible results within the area of international defense-industrial programs.
 3. Long-term persistence in the international defense-industrial arena.
 4. Quality and frequency of international outreach activities.
 5. Breadth in defense-industrial activities, including number of countries engaged.
- Elizabeth Dall'Acqua-Harrington mentioned that the company "GoDaddy" is able to restore the DMAG website. Work in progress and hopefully there is a website in place before the end of the year.

Action Items

Voting Defense MoU Attachés Group 2025 Annual Award.

Upcoming DMAG Meetings/Events

See Agenda.

Defense Cooperation Events

Guest Speaker: Wilson Beaver Senior Policy Advisor, Defense Budgeting and NATO Policy, Allison Center for National Security.