



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

Thursday April 25th, 2024, 10:00 – 12:00 pm

Hosted at Embassy of Sweden/House of Sweden

Opening by the Chair

- The Chair of the DMAG thanks the host and opens the monthly meeting after a brief introduction about the House of Sweden by Joakim Lewin.
- Ms Alison Petchell, Minister-Counsellor Defence Material from Australia, and LTC Kyeongkyun Ryu from South Korea are the two new faces and are welcomed to the DMAG as members.

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.

The DMAG Chair was invited by the Defense Innovation Board, chaired by Mike Bloomberg, to provide an insight into DMAG. This online meeting was one week prior to this DMAG meeting. DIB is currently in the process of preparing a report on innovation in collaboration with its allies and partners. Furthermore, the executive committee and the chair and deputy chair of the working group were invited to have an unvarnished opinion at barriers and to lowering the barriers in terms of innovation with RDP MOU countries. A two-page document to showcase the perspective of DMAG will be shared with DIB under Chatham House Rule. Members are requested to send their input to Ms. Marije Hoogeveen by May 2nd, 2024, in order for her to gather it and create a two-pager for the group.

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

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin:

- Chair Joakim explains the outline for a letter to the House Armed Forces Committee this year.
- The key message is to elevate the full potential of our collective resources and capabilities and address barriers,
- Three factors will be mentioned in this letter and is supported by members in this meeting:
 1. Foreign disclosure markings that prohibit industry from allies and partners from participating.
 2. Export control regulations that make it more difficult or time-consuming.

3. Ensure that procurement guidelines align with the objectives of our Memorandums of Understandings.
4. It would also be advisable to recommend the reinstatement of the senior position for international cooperation at the Department of Defense supporting armaments cooperation.

The letter has to be sent by May 15th, 2024 and will be staffed by the DMAG Excomm and then shared with the wider group.

Report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Chair ECWG, Martti Wallin (FIN):

- The National Defense Authorization Act of 2024 (NDAA) granted the Biden administration a period of 120 days to ascertain whether Australia and the United Kingdom possess export control frameworks that are comparable to those of the United States.
- The specified deadline was met on Saturday, April 20th, 2024.
- On April 19th, 2024, the State Department declared its intention to conclude trade exemptions within the next 120 days.
- ITAR exemptions for the AUS and UK are essential for cooperation.
- The Department of Defense has repeatedly declined to include additional allies at this juncture.
- On April 18th, 2024, the Commerce Department announced that it would be reducing its export control requirements for dual-use products (similar to Canada)

Report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

Chair CWG, LCDR Alain Gilbert (CAN):

- Perhaps it would be beneficial to engage in a more private manner with the CIO office.
- The CIO is currently engaged in the CMMC program, including rule-making.
- The CIO office has communicated that it is imperative for defense and base companies that contract with DoD to ensure compliance with CMMC 2.0 by the end of 2024.
- CMMC will become a precondition for any contract defense contracting agreement.

Other Issues Affecting Members

South Korea request a letter to A&S requested a brief on NDIS and include concerns of the DMAG. Chair proposes to forward the DMAG letter with a cover letter to DoD.

Action Items

- The Terms of Reference for the Defense MoU Attachés Group Export Control Working Group are signed and will be uploaded to the DMAG website.
- The NOFORN case studies and the introduction for new members will remain as action items.
- The proposal was raised by the member of the Republic of South Korea to send a 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

Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024 at the Embassy of Australia.

Defense Cooperation Events

N/A

Guest Speaker: Dr. Bill Greenwalt, American Enterprise Institute (AEI) talked about the political environment of the past few decades and corresponding transformations. What factors made the predictions for the last elections easier, and what factors made them even more difficult for the upcoming election. It is imperative to augment the industrial base to provide incentives, thereby enabling us to develop innovative defenses similar to those of the 1950s.

DMAG Secretariat

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