



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

Thursday, February 27th, 2025, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Hosted at Embassy of Italy

Opening by the Chair

- Colonel Emanuele Spigolon of the Italian Air Force followed by the Chair of the DMAG opens the meeting.
- New faces joined with the new year our DMAG group.
 - MG Ivo Mogilnijs, Latvia - Defense Attache
 - CAPT Carlos Monginho, Portugal - Defence Attaché
 - Maj Dahyeon Kim, South Korea - Legal Counsel
 - Ms. Belinda Templeman, Australia - Minister-Counsellor Defence Material
- Short overview how DMAG is set up

Review of the previous DMAG meeting record of discussion

No comments -> will be published.

Report from the Executive Committee

With the updated dates, the trip to Arizona and AZDIC has been postponed to April 28th through May 2nd, 2025. Individuals outside the embassy, such as colleagues responsible for offsets, are also welcome to participate. AZDIC will share the program, and it will be passed on to the DMAG afterward.

A meeting with the GAO (Government Accountability Office) is suggested for April 2025.

There are rumors that previously approved licenses from the U.S. Department of Commerce (Bureau of Industry and Security) will be retroactively reviewed in detail. Many, but not all, DMAG countries are now experiencing issues with export licenses, which are under more scrutiny than ever and are often returned without action.

Martti will share the link for the Update Conference on Export Controls and Policy, which will take place from Tuesday, March 18th to Thursday, March 20th, 2025, organized by the Bureau of Industry and Security.

On March 18th, 2025, there will be a short brainstorming meeting to refresh the DMAG website.

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

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin (SWE):

- The Industrial Base Report should be read, but it's worth it.
- The Industrial Base discussion in Congress yesterday lasted for two hours and is available online for those interested. A lot of the conversation centered around bureaucracy, such as it taking three years to secure a prime contract, among other issues like workforce shortages—challenges we are all familiar with. An interesting point was made that last year, commercial sales and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) surpassed domestic sales.
- We must treat the RDP MOUs as defense agreements; they are meant to equip our forces directly, and they are not primarily trade agreements.
- There will be a training session on the RDP MOU this spring.

Report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Chair ECWG, Martti Wallin (FIN):

- As mentioned, Martti will share the link for registration to the Update Conference on Export Controls and Policy. The conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel from March 18th to 20th, 2025. We can provide a summary in the upcoming DMAG meeting for those who are unable to attend the conference. It is assumed that a fee between \$1,000 and \$2,000 will be charged.

Report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

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

- Col Jean-Francois JF Simard is replacing Alain Gilbert as the chair on the working group on cyber.
- The cybersecurity program is still under extensive discussion within the U.S.
- Our biggest obstacle is that we may not be able to establish our own specialized CPC, CSC, Canadian program, and cybersecurity certificate.
- As the new chair of the working group, I will sign and submit the Term of Reference.

Other Issues Affecting Members

Michael Duffey's nomination as Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment was unexpectedly withdrawn due to a clerical error – his name was misspelled as 'Duffy' instead of the correct spelling, 'Duffey'. This technicality led to the need for the nomination to be reevaluated and resubmitted.

In other news, New Zealand has begun discussions with the U.S. State Department regarding the possibility of entering negotiations for a RDP (MOU).

Action Items

Upcoming DMAG Meetings/Events

Host: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands – March 21st, 2025

Defense Cooperation Events

N/A

Guest Speaker: Dak Hardwick, who currently serves as the Vice President of International Affairs at the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA), shared his insights on the current state of the aerospace and defense industries. He outlined the organization's role in representing a wide spectrum of aerospace and defense manufacturers, from large corporations to smaller companies, and encouraged open dialogue about the extraordinary times we're in, highlighting both the challenges and opportunities.

DMAG Secretariat

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