



**Records of Discussion
VIRTUAL MEETING DEFENSE MOU ATTACHÉS GROUP**

Thursday, September 29 2022

2:30 - 4:30pm Meeting Hosted at Royal Norwegian Embassy

Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor (Chair)	Netherlands
Ms. Irene Lack-Hageneder	Austria
Col. Heinz-Peter Kunzer	Austria
Ms. Heather Messera	Canada
Mr. Stephen L. MacDonald	Canada
Lt. Col Jiri Klepetko	Czech Republic
Ms. Mari Eteläpää	Finland
LTC Markus Mecklin	Finland
COL Loïc Bonnevie	France
Mr. Dominique Dahlmanns	Germany
Mr. Ori Katzav	Israel
Mr. Emanuele Spigolon	Italy
Ms. Mei Sato	Japan
Lt. Col. Erwin Koeken	Netherlands
CDR Stefan Luteijn	Netherlands
Mr. Einar Gustafson	Norway
CDR Harald Vasset	Norway
Ms. Kate Offord	Norway
Mr. Correia Cardoso Luis Miguel	Portugal
Lt. Col. Jesus Parra Pecharromán	Spain
CAPT (SPN) Ignacio Sanchez De Toca	Spain
Mr. Magnus Bergman	Sweden
Ms. Elizabeth Dall'Acqua	Switzerland
Ms. Erin Morten	United Kingdom
Mr. Graham Farnsworth	United Kingdom



1. OPENING / INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor opened the meeting at 2:43pm and thanks Mr. Gustafson and CDR Vasset for their kindness of hosting DMAG General Assembly meeting and social. He mentioned that he was looking forward to today's guest speaker, Mr. Alexander Lovett, valuable remarks.

2. REVIEW OF THE RECORD OF DISCUSSION OF THE PREVIOUS DMAG MEETING

- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor noted how the previous meetings minutes were delayed in distribution and will be send out after the meeting. As a result, PH states he wishes to go through regular business and begins with a review of DMAG's previous minutes shown on the screen.

3. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS DMAG MEETING

- Chair Pieter-Henk addressed the previous discussion about raising the annual DMAG membership fee to maintain the website and noted that as a solution has been found, a third discussion is no longer needed.
- At the suggestion of Ms. Heather Messera, a reception has been organized following the meeting to welcome new members to the DMAG.

4. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- PH mentioned he reached out to the Baltic states to see if they were interested in DMAG membership. As they did not attend COMDEF, this remains an action item to execute.
- PH has also been in discussion with the Korean defense attaché who is interested in joining DMAG in due course.

5. REPORT FROM THE TREASUER

- PH mentioned to Lt. Col. Erwin Koeken about continuing his role as Treasurer. They will discuss the way forward after the meeting.
- Chair Pieter-Henk also noted it was important that the DMAG was financially in order, to which all members agreed it was.

6. REPORT FROM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

- Ms. Elizabeth Dall'Acqua confirmed she will perform the role as information technology officer. PH noted it would be valuable to use the website as a vehicle





of communication, sending out invitations and registrations. Ms. Dall'Acqua agreed.

7. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON CYBER

- PH mentioned the interim Chairman left the position last year and we are still looking for a volunteer to fill the role.
- Mr. Steve MacDonald gave a summary on the CMMC, noting significant internal churn within the DoD regarding collaboration, agreements, and discussion of legalities. The General Council is actively working to solve the issue but, as the CMMC accreditation value is only certified with 23% of third-party organizations, Mr. MacDonald does not predict anything will be rolled out in the short term. We are exploring opportunities to connect DMAG to CMMC and Mr. MacDonald recommended countries approach Ms. Bostjanick, the director of CMMC accreditation body, directly to understand the regulations themselves. Mr. Ori Katzac adds that Ms. Bostjanick has been supportive of Israeli queries and will be happy to work with other nations on this. Mr. MacDonald confirms there remains work to do before the program will be fully implemented and will probably be in DoD discussions around May 2023. PH thanked Mr. MacDonald for his support on the issue.

8. REPORT ON EXPORT CONTROL

- On review of the previous minutes, PH noted the working group had not made the progress they intended to make over the year but hopefully with the support of others, it can make positive advancements. Col. Heinz-Peter Kunzer said there was no news to report from the working group at this time.

9. REPORT FROM INDUSTRIAL BASE COOPERATION

- Pieter-Henk notes developments in the political domain will affect the wider group and is an important topic for DMAG. Ms. Erin Morten and Ms. Heather Messera, who closely monitor Hill activity and have bigger defense cooperation's in their embassies, are encouraged to continue informing the group at large. Should action be needed, as we saw in the summer with letter drafted to the Senate, then DMAG should be informed.
- Ms. Heather Messera provided a summary of the Congressional situation over the summer. Congressman Norcross's 'buy America' language in the NDAA was passed in the House and the Senate will debate this in October. Ms. Messera heard from Senator Duckworth's office that the drafted legislation will contain similar, but not identical, language to Rep. Norcross. This is a positive for DMAG countries, as it elongates the time we can advocate for the removal of specific wording and





engage Congress to change the policy. As ‘buy America’ often has less support in the Senate, Ms. Messera noted countries should share intelligence and express concern towards the language on behalf of DMAG in the hope it will not pass as it is. Ms. Messera confirmed that, if the bill were to pass in its current form, it will codify the requirements in law. Mr. Steven Luteijn asks if it is possible to start this process earlier to avoid these issues and Ms. Messera agrees that each individual country should be more proactive on the issue. The group agreed the process should begin in February instead.

- PH asked Ms. Messera to briefly inform the group after the meeting via email on the intricacies of this. Ms. Messera agreed, noting the bills specifics are not crucial, but more the difference in proposed language between the House and Senate. This demonstrates the Senate are not entirely committed and allows DMAG to continue to push against “buy America” policies.

10. UPCOMING DMAG MEETINGS and EVENTS

- The meeting in December will be Pieter-Henk’s last as Chair, he leaves on January 1st. His successor will attend the next meeting to make introductions.

Month	Host	Details/Date	Guest Speaker
DEC	Netherlands	Thursday, December 15	TBD

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No comments.

3:52pm GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Alexander Lovett

Mr Pieter-Henk Schroor welcomes Mr. Alexander Lovett, the Director for Prototypes and Experiments for the Deputy Chief Technology Officer for Mission Capabilities (DCTO(MC)) in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD(R&E)). Mr. Lovett thanked the Chairman and DMAG for the opportunity to join the meeting and gave an insight to OUSD (R&E) current initiatives.

As the United States addresses its global challenges, Mr. Lovett wants to double the current budget of \$1.2bn over the next five years to identify capabilities in other host nations and allies. Mr. Lovett outlined how his department were looking for more opportunities for bilateral experimentation and faster ways to get solutions in front of users to refine requirements and get them into acquisition. The latest new initiative,





RDER, is a campaign level of continuous experimentation to accelerate capabilities. The program identifies challenges already demonstrated by U.S. forces in joint coalition constructs which must be integrated to close the gaps.

RDER will leverage end-to-end mission analysis and experimentation to capitalize quickly on innovative ideas. Secondly, it will enable departments to bring new capabilities to joint force, and these current experimentation efforts will inform and redefine Joint Warfighting Concept (JWC). The program aims for capabilities to be demonstrated in two years, which are then brought back to DepSecDef who will make acquisition decisions.

It is a currently \$600m effort which is open to experimentation and solutions. With a focus on Europe and Indo-Pacific regions, Embassies are encouraged to get in touch regarding the program. The best single point of contact is the international team who were present at the meeting and available to chat further at the reception. Mr. Lovett concluded he will work with NDIA to hold an unclassified industry day in 2023, tailored towards the DMAG to discuss current problems and FY23 funds.

Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor thanked Mr. Lovett for his valuable remarks and stated that DMAG looks forward to continuing the cooperation with OUSD(R&E).

4:29pm GUEST SPEAKER: Mr. Joe Welsh, NDIA, Philadelphia Chapter

PH introduced Mr. Joe Welsh from NDIA Philadelphia chapter who gives an update on NDIA activities and their upcoming conference on December 6th, 2022. Following the success of the joint planning committee, which was held in the Spring and attended by Vice Chair Einar Gustafson, NDIA decided to insert DMAG into their annual conference to grant businesses the opportunity to understand of what it looks like to have a global supply chain. NDIA will run a DMAG session during the event to discuss what members wish to prioritize and how their companies' capabilities may fit in the U.S. market. Mr. Welsh stressed the intend of NDIA is to work in collaboration with DMAG on your markets and defense associations. All are invited and members agreed it is a worthwhile opportunity.

Chairman Pieter-Henk concluded the meeting at 4:47pm.

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