

**RECORDS OF DISCUSSION
DEFENSE MOU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING**

**Thursday, April 30 2020
10:00am –12:00pm Meeting Hosted via Webex**

Attendees

Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor	Chairman - Netherlands
Mr. Einar Gustafson	Vice-Chair - Norway
Ms. Chloe Friberg	Secretary - Norway
Ms. Kristine Kivle	(Secretary) - Norway
Col Stephen McDonald	Canada
Cdr Stefan Luteijn	Netherlands
Mr. Peter Jenni	Switzerland
Maj Patricia Hernandez	Spain
Col Mojca Pesec	Slovenia
Ms Metka Urbas	Slovenia
Col Leo Radlingmayer	Austria
Dr Karl-Heinz Seekatz	Germany
Mr Kaoru Kashimoto	Japan
Cdr Jesper Rasmussen	Denmark
Ms Yuko Miyata	Japan
Mr Ori Katzav	Israel
Mr Omer Haim	Israel
Mr Håkan Soderstedt	Sweden
Lt Col Harri Korhonen	Finland
Cdr Harald Vasset	Norway
Mrs Francesca von Grebmer	Switzerland
Col Emilie Tota	France
Col Nicolas Tessaud	France
Cdr Francesco Greco	Italy
Ms Alison Petchell	Australia
Ms Paula Dallaire	Canada
Col Emmanuel Thome	France

1. OPENING / INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor called the meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed to DMAG's first virtual meeting. The Chairman recognized that the meeting format would be an experiment, however due to the Covid-19 crisis it is the best available option to continue DMAG meetings.

2. UPDATE FROM DMAG MEMBERS ON COVID-19 EFFECTS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRY

- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor invited each member to share an update from their respective country on the ongoing pandemic:
 - Italy | Cdr Francesco Greco:** stated that the situation in Italy is gradually improving after the country was hit very severely. The Italian government is looking to slowly re-open institutions and the country from May 4th. While the curve appears to be flattening out, the country is being cautious as there is a likely possibility of a second Covid-19 wave. Italy continues to work with other nations in bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the military and civilian sides. The outbreak has been positive for global cooperation and ensured good alliances.
 - Australia | Ms Alison Petchell:** stated that Australia has been rather lucky in this pandemic considering the few number of cases in contrast with the population of the country. The situation in Australia is continuously improving and there is good control of state and national borders. Australia has unlike other nations not marked defense industry as essential, however, the impact on delivery capability and defense industry has been minimal up to this date. Australia is now reentering out of lock down.
 - Sweden | Mr Håkan Soderstedt:** Sweden has had its own way of handling the crisis. Swedish society has mostly remained open and followed the recommendation of the experts and government. Time will tell how this model compares to other strategies.
 - Norway | Mr Einar Gustafson & Cdr Harald Vasset:** From a defense industry perspective, we are impressed by how the MoD and Defense Industry Association has managed to keep a strong foothold on the situation and managed to support the industry. A new short-term initiative from the NDMA has been to increase/doubled/tripled the multiplier factor for offset/investments which encourage cooperation with US partners. Cdr Vasset also shared that Norway, similar to many countries, closed down the borders and country mid-March and society slowly started reopening last week with schools and some businesses, based on a flattened curve. The government is monitoring the situation closely in preparation for a second wave. From a military perspective, there has been no new port visits and no spreads on ships. Rotation of Norwegian military personnel will happen in the summer with a chartered flight directly from Oslo to Washington DC. Current personnel up for

rotation will be heading back to Norway on the chartered flight. A charter flight option might be of interest to other nations as well, and Cdr Harald Vasset might be able to assist with information in this regard.

- V. **Switzerland | Mr Peter Jenni** : Switzerland has experienced almost 30 000 cases of Covid-19. The curve is fortunately starting to flatten, and a gradual reopening of the country is underway.
- VI. **Denmark | CDR Jesper Rasmussen**: Denmark has been following the same approach as Norway with a nationwide shut down. The curve is seemingly flattening out and Denmark is slowly reopening. The Danish government is pleased to see the successful effect of the shutdown. The armed services have maintained operation capability and has been fully operational through the process.
- VII. **Japan | Mr Kaoru Kashimoto**: Japan is still in a state of emergency, unfortunately the situation is currently not looking good, the lockdown period is thus likely to be extended. There have been no infected military personnel on deployed ships. The Embassy in D.C. follows the local guidelines regarding working remotely.
- VIII. **Germany | Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatzs**: Germany has maintained a high level of testing capability since the start of the pandemic, with nationwide health centers, universities and pharmacies operating as test facilities. This has enabled a good system of identifying cases of Covid-19. Germany is cautious in the re-opening of society as the fear of a second wave is pressing.
- IX. **Austria | Col Leo Radlinmayer**: The situation in Austria is gradually improving and following many of the same guidelines as seen in other countries. The government has retrieved several military troops and personnel from international missions to prevent illness. The military is currently supporting the police force in Austria.
- X. **Israel | Omer Haim**: Israel has faced challenges associated with Covid-19 and quickly enforced a full quarantine on the country. Simultaneously, there have been political issues associated with the election as there is still no official government. Next week a gradual re-opening of society will commence, and schools in particular will have limited hours. The MoD has been instrumental in helping to procure essential medical equipment and would like to extend a thank you for those nations that have contributed to this effort.
- XI. **France | Col. Nicolas Tessaud** : The situation in France has been quite bad, but the government is saying the situation is getting better with an expected gradual opening from May 11. Many steps are taken to help and support the industry with extra focus on small businesses.
- XII. **Canada | Col. Stephen McDonald**: Canada has been hit very regionally by the pandemic, where Ontario and Quebec are the hardest impacted areas. Some provinces are expected to reopening the economy already May 1 and some will open later when they see the curve flatten and get more data on how the virus is spreading. Form a defense perspective, the MoD is working closely with the industry and industry associations. The defense industry is still up and running with a high % in capacity but experiencing certain delays and impacts in the supply chain.
- XIII. **Netherlands | Cdr. Stefan Luteijn**: In the Netherlands the spread of Covid-19 is finally starting to slow down. The government quickly imposed a stay at home order and

aimed at minimizing the infectious rate below 1. The current intention is to re-open the society gradually in the next few weeks. There have been very few infections detected within the Armed Forces, but the Netherlands had retrieved some individuals. The government has ensured payroll protection for business and financial support measures.

- XIV. **Spain | Maj. Patricia Hernandez :** The situation in Spain has been grim but is slowly getting better after being severely impacted by Covid-19. The government is doing its best at handling the situation and will start de-escalation of measures in a 4-phase system. Phase 1 will start on Monday and the new normal will start soon.
- XV. **Slovenia | Col. Mojca Pesec:** The government in Slovenia quickly implemented very strict policies due to the small population. Fortunately, the measures have been quite successful and contributed to the curve flattening. 70% of the military were ordered to stay at home with 30% remaining active. The armed services are helping the police and boarder police in their efforts and major exercises has been cancelled. Slovenia has conducted 2 medical evacuations from Mali and Kosovo, but experienced logistical issues with a lack of transportation. NATO rules restricted Slovenia from borrowing a plane that could land in Mali, and the solution was a French plane. The evacuation was successful but was an important lesson learned in terms of national capability. Slovenia might need different military planes in the future to allow sovereign capability, this might be applicable to other DMAG members as well.
- XVI. **Finland | Lt Col Harry Korhonen:** Finland has experienced a lockdown like other countries, but had an individual approach in terms of closing off very populated areas such as Helsinki, from other parts of the country to curb the spread from the hotspots. This was made possible by strict boarder control all around the city/ cities. The government has done a good job and listened carefully to the experts and have been in good control of the spread. The management of the virus has worked out well for active duty military and conscription. The Finish emergency stock was opened for the first time since WWII.

- **11am / GUEST SPEAKER**

Ms Katie Arrington, Chief Information Security Officer, OUSD A&S, DoD

- Chairman Pieter-Henk introduced Ms Katie Arrington
- *Katie Arrington is the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, ASD(A), for Cyber. In this position, she serves as the central hub and integrator within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, OUSD(A&S), to align acquisition cyber strategy. (<https://www.ndia.org/events/2019/7/9/9pc4---july-procurement/plenary-speakers/katie-arrington>)*
- A PowerPoint of Ms. Arrington's presentation will be attached to the ROD and sent out to DMAG members.
- In her presentation Ms. Arrington addressed the new requirements for cyber certification that is divided into a 5-level of maturity model. This process ensures that that a company has the right virus detection program, safety

structures and cyber hygiene. Hard work has been put into creating a model and incorporate international standards while aiming for a global model.

- Following her presentation Ms. Arrington opened for a Q&A session:
- Cdr Jesper Rasmussen questioned whether the international certifiers could be deployed to other countries and their certification process?

A: The intent is that the accreditation body will allow partners to come in, receive training and have foreign representatives come over as well. This can also happen through other bodies such as E&Y.

- Col Leo Radlingmayer asked how long the certification will last?

A: The initial structure allows for a 3-year cycle, but the DOD is open for discussion with each country based on respective preferences.

- Mr Håkan Soderstedt raised the question of how best to protect technology as a resource.

A: To protect technology partners have to unite in a group effort and utilize global platforms. Community is in this regard very important.

- The chair thanked Ms. Arrington for a very constructive dialogue and expressed DMAG's intention to continue to closely monitor the CMMC process and to feed into that process wherever deemed appropriate. Ms Arrington invited DMAG to keep the dialogue open and she welcomed feedback on a list of topics that she would send to the chair in due course.

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

No discussion

4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS DMAG MEETING

- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor shared that the Export Control event in Las Vegas that a few DMAG members attended in February was very valuable and comprehensive. The only thing missing was that it mainly focused on a direct commercial sales and not so much on Foreign Military Sales (FMS). Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor discussed this aspect with the course leadership and they showed some willingness to include that in future courses. The course gave a profound introduction and important insight into items you should be aware of. It is highly recommended for other DMAG members to attend the next course.

5. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON EXPORT CONTROL

- Col Leo Radlingmayer shared updates on amunitions lists / license / and will provide the document outlining the updates to the Secretary.

- The working group is still missing input from a number of countries for the DMAG survey and will need a 75% result before analyzing responds. Members were encouraged to respond to the survey at their earliest convenience.

6. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL BASE COOPERATION

- No updates from the working group representatives.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor added updates on next ComDef event in October highlighting all the important developments between US and partner nations on defense cooperation.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor shared he had been invited to do an interview with Mr Quentin Whiteree & COMDEF on behalf of DMAG and there were no objections to this. Mr. Einar Gustafson, Cdr Francesco Greco, Ms Alison Petchell, Dr. George Spencer and Col Steve MacDonald volunteered for interview support and will be invited for a separate webex discussion next week.

7. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON TRADE PROMOTION

- No discussion

8. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON NETWORKING & OUTREACH

- Col Steve MacDonald is working on the DMAG presentation and the upcoming interview will be a good source of information.

9. OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING MEMBERS

- Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz requested an update on AUSA October 2020 as to whether it will proceed as planned or not. There is not definitive answer yet and we will have to evaluate the situation frequently.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor has been approached by the IT working group of FPG, seeking DMAG funding to establish an individual FPG website. DMAG members opposed the idea as a principle and will instead look into the option of using the DMAG website as a communicating platform to help support FPG with their digital needs.

10. UPCOMING DMAG MEETINGS and EVENTS

Month	Host	Details/Date	Guest Speaker
May	Webex	Thursday May 28	BrigGen Fritz Urbach Military Advisor to the EU Delegation

11. DEFENSE COOPERATION EVENTS

- No updates were recorded on this agenda item

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No updates were recorded on this agenda item

Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor concluded the DMAG meeting at 1:30 pm

