

ROD
VIRTUAL MEETING DEFENSE MOU ATTACHÉS GROUP

Thursday, May 28 2020

10:00am –12:00pm Meeting Hosted via Webex

VIRTUAL MEETING

Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor	Chairman - Netherlands
Mr. Einar Gustafson	Vice-Chair - Norway
Ms. Chloe Friberg	Secretary - Norway
Ms. Kristine Kivle	(Secretary) - Norway
WGCDR Roger Kropman	Australia
Mr. Andreas Stauber	Austria
Col. Leo Radlingmayer	Austria
Col. Stephen McDonald	Canada
Cdr. Jesper Rasmussen	Denmark
Col. Emmanuel Thome	France
Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz	Germany
Lt. Col. Emmanuel Stefanakis	Greece
Mr. Ori Katzav	Israel
Cdr. Francesco Greco	Italy
Mr. Christian	Italy
Mr. Kaoru Kashimoto	Japan
Ms. Yuko Miyata	Japan
Mr. Ikuo Yoshida	Japan
Mr. Kazuhiro Sugie	Japan
Cdr. Stefan Luteijn	Netherlands
Cdr. Harald Vasset	Norway
Maj. Patricia Hernandez	Spain
Mr. Håkan Soderstedt	Sweden
Mr. Peter Jenni	Switzerland
Mrs. Francesca von Grebmer	Switzerland
Dr. George Spenser	United Kingdom
Ms. Lois Nicholson	United Kingdom
Mr. Ben Grinham	United Kingdom
<i>BrigGen Fritz Urbach</i>	<i>Guest Speaker</i>

1. OPENING / INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

- 1:05pm, Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor welcomed all to the webex meeting and thanked all for their flexibility. The meeting time had to be changed due to a conflicting FPG meeting.

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

- No comments to the previous ROD.

3. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS DMAG MEETING

- Chairman Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor recognized that the Covid-19 curve is slowing down and that life is returning to normal many places. While there are still challenges, things are getting better and it is important to keep a positive spirit and stay safe.
- Chairman Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor underscored that last meeting had an interesting discussion with guest speaker Katie Arrington on CMMC. DMAG has been invited to provide additional information on the CMMC process.
- Cdr. Jesper Rasmussen suggested that it could be useful with a DMAG working group to work more effectively towards Arrington's office. Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor agreed that a working group would be useful and could be a good starting point on how to implement CMMC in the EU and those countries closely associated.
- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor recognized that there is some concern in Europe that the CMMC certification process might hamper business cooperation with US firms, as Europe does not have the CMMC infrastructure in order. Non-US companies will be included in the "second wave" of the process.
- Mr. Peter Jenni, Col. Stephen McDonald, Cdr. Jesper Rasmussen and Col. Emmanuel Thome volunteered to participate in the working group. The group will start working in July and will be strictly informational. The working group will be included as a regular agenda item for DMAG meetings to ensure flow of information amongst members. The working group will cover cyber and not only CMMC.
- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor gave a brief update on the proposed joint event between DMAG and COMDEF which is still in the early planning stage. Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor could report that the COMDEF interview mentioned in the last DMAG meeting has taken place and was a success. The material is not yet ready but will be shared with members as soon as it is published. Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor proposed that next DMAG meeting will discuss the fundamentals of DMAG, the key messages and how to promote them.
- Col. Stephen McDonald, thanked Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor for his leadership and taking the lead on the interview. Col. McDonald further suggested to do a full day DMAG event on a topic of unified interest and fruitfulness. It would be good for networking but also contribute to raise the profile of DMAG. This event could be a substitute for the annual COMDEF event at a partner embassy.

- Ms. Lois Nicholson informed that the British Embassy is already in dialogue with COMDEF on doing a shared event in October. However, Covid-19 might prevent the event from happening. An option would be to include international voices and DMAG participation in this event. Ms. Lois Nicholson will keep DMAG updated.

4. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON EXPORT CONTROL

- Col Radlingmeyer, Dr. Karl Heinz and Chairman Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor discussed the concerns raised about data sharing to the ongoing DMAG survey. They offered to mitigate these concerns and set up a separate meeting for the countries respectively concerned. It was emphasized that the data is strictly for internal and private use only. No information will be shared externally without the consensus of all DMAG members.

5. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL BASE COOPERATION

- No discussion recorded.

6. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON TRADE PROMOTION

- Chairman Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor introduced the DMAG NDIA Joint Memorandum, which was sent to DMAG members as a discussion paper for the May DMAG meeting. The Joint Memorandum proposes to set up a (virtual) meeting between the NDIA chapter in Philadelphia and the defense industry associations in the DMAG countries later this year (Fall) to discuss cooperation and business opportunities. Mr. Einar Gustafson agreed that it would be worthwhile to follow up on it. It has been challenging to envision an event in Philadelphia with respective delegations visiting. A virtual event could thus be a good alternative as proposed. Mr. Gustafson underscored that he likes the idea of connecting with a local NDIA chapter rather than NDIA HQ in Arlington.
- There were no objections to the initiative, but many members indicated that they needed more time to collect input from their national defense industry associations as the Joint Memorandum was circulated only a few days before the meeting,
- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor proposed to resume and continue the discussion at the June DMAG meeting.

7. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON NETWORKING & OUTREACH

- No discussion.

8. OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING MEMBERS

- DMAG will need a new webmaster/ IT officer as of September 2020 as Lt. Col. Emmanuel Stefanakis will be leaving. Any volunteers are welcome.
- Chairman Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor asked members who are rotating this summer, to inform about new arrivals so that the DMAG roster can be updated.
- Members are encouraged to suggest guest speakers for future DMAG meetings.

9. UPCOMING DMAG MEETINGS and EVENTS

Month	Host	Details/Date	Guest Speaker
JUNE	Webex	Thursday June 25	No Guest Speaker

- A virtual summer party celebration was suggested after next meeting as it is the final meeting of the season. More information will be distributed at a later time.

10. DEFENSE COOPERATION EVENTS

- No discussion.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- No discussion.

Guest Speaker BrigGen Fritz Urbach, Military Advisor to the EU Delegation

- Chairman Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor introduced guest speaker BrigGen Fritz Urbach, Military Advisor to the EU Delegation.
- BrigGen Urbach introduced himself and shared the four target audiences he works towards are:
 - The Pentagon
 - Community of the EU member states Defense Attachés
 - Capitol Hill/Think Tanks/ Academia
 - US Veterans
- In this capacity, their efforts are focused on analyzing current threats and challenges that may or may not have a military solution, and where a unified government approach is necessary. In 2016, the EU presented the 'EU Global Strategy' on global structure and integrated approach, including diplomatic, military, development and economic components.
- The EU does not have a standing military structure such as NATO. There is only a standing military staff in Brussel and the rest is force generated on a case by case basis.
- Several initiatives have been introduced, such as the European Defense Fund (EDF), to improve the R&D for military development and where SME's are encouraged to participate.
- The EU does not want to compete with NATO but rather be a complimentary force to strengthen cooperation and joint efforts. The EU has a structure and common vision which includes addressing common and future challenges. The improvements of the military capabilities will strengthen the European pillar of NATO.