

Record of Discussion  
VIRTUAL MEETING DEFENSE MOU ATTACHÉS GROUP

Thursday, June 25 2020

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

VIRTUAL MEETING

| Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor      | Chairman - Netherlands |
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| Mr. Einar Gustafson          | Vice-Chair - Norway    |
| Ms. Chloe Friberg            | Secretary - Norway     |
| Ms. Kristine Kivle           | (Secretary) - Norway   |
| Lt. Col. Harri Korhonen      | Finland                |
| Ms. Alison Petchell          | Australia              |
| Ms. Paula Folkes-Dallaire    | Canada                 |
| Ms. Melissa Fuerth           | Canada                 |
| Ms. Metka Urbas              | Slovenia               |
| Col. Nicolas Tessaud         | France                 |
| Mr. Omer Haim                | Israel                 |
| Col. Leo Radlingmayer        | Austria                |
| Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz       | Germany                |
| Lt. Col. Emmanuel Stefanakis | Greece                 |
| Mr. Ori Katzav               | Israel                 |
| Cdr. Francesco Greco         | Italy                  |
| Mr. Kaoru Kashimoto          | Japan                  |
| Ms. Yuko Miyata              | Japan                  |
| Mr. Ikuo Yoshida             | Japan                  |
| Mr. Kazuhiro Sugie           | Japan                  |
| Cdr. Stefan Luteijn          | Netherlands            |
| Maj. Patricia Hernandez      | Spain                  |
| Mr. Håkan Soderstedt         | Sweden                 |
| Mr. Andreas Stauber          | Austria                |
| Ms. Lois Nicholson           | United Kingdom         |

## 1. OPENING / INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

- Welcome remarks by Chairman-Pieter Henk Schroor, who informed that this will be the last DMAG meeting for the summer. The focus of the meeting will be the fundamentals of DMAG and a run through of the draft DMAG presentation.
- Chairman-Pieter Henk Schroor went through each slide from the DMAG presentation and shared suggestion for updates to the text.
- Ms Friberg offered to help update the DMAG logo including Japan who is a new member nation.
- Mr Gustafson agreed to take action on contacting members with outstanding membership dues to figure out if they are active members or want to continue their DMAG membership.
- It was suggested that Chairman Pieter-Henk could reach out to the members to see if any Embassy had interns that could help update the different graphs in the presentation, such as the comparative Defense budget slide, total defense procurement spending the US has in DMAG countries and vice versa.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor shared updated slides for the mission, vision, summary and priorities, and received input from members during the discussion.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk will circulate the updated slides based on today's discussion.

## 2. FPG BRIEF

- Ms. Paula Folkes-Dallaire head of the Foreign Procurement Group (FPG) gave an insightful presentation of the status of FPG and how they have maintained online meeting during the Corona Pandemic. There are currently 46-member nations of the FPG and Ms. Paula Folkes-Dallaire encourages any nations wishing to become a member to reach out for further information.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk thanked Ms. Paula Folkes-Dallaire for the brief and FPG for their continuous efforts. There were no follow up questions.
- Previously DMAG has discussed the option of helping FPG establish a website. DMAG decided not to provide financial support for this but rather offer an FPG tab on the current DMAG website. Lt. Col. Emmanuel Stefanakis has been in contact with the FPG IT officer and is awaiting further action.

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

- No discussion.
- Col. Leo Radlingmayer noted that his name was misspelled on page 3 of the previous ROD.

#### **4. FOLLOW-UP ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS DMAG MEETING**

- The previous DMAG meeting saw an extensive discussion on CMMC, and it was determined that a CMMC/Cyber working group would be established. This group will start their work in late July/ early August and Chairman Pieter-Henk will reach out to explore the progress and goals for the group.
- Mr. Omer Haim, from Israel, volunteered to join the working group and underscored that CMMC will be increasingly important in the coming years.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk shared that a preview of the COMDEF interview has been shared with all DMAG members. The full interview and final product will be circulated as soon as it is available.
- Ms. Lois Nicholson is still in discussion with COMDEF in regards to hosting a shared event in October. Updates on this will be provided as they are received.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor is still in contact with the NDIA Philadelphia chapter and a memorandum was shared before the last DMAG meeting. A potential meeting will be explorative in nature and seek to determine where opportunities lies. France, Germany, Italy and Australia were among nations that expressed positive interest to participating in such a meeting
- Col. Leo Radlingmayer noted that the NDIA is not extensively known internationally, so that it would be useful with some information on their efforts that could be shared with Departments and Ministries in the respective DMAG countries. This effort was supported by Cdr. Francesco Greco on behalf of Italy.
- Ms. Metka Urbas will return to Slovenia this summer and attended her last official DMAG meeting. Chairman Pieter-Henk thanked her for her insightful input and valuable cooperation throughout.

#### **5. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON EXPORT CONTROL**

- Col. Leo Radlingmayer shared that the working group is still missing quite a lot of responses to the DMAG survey. Ideally, responses are needed from 18 out of 24 DMAG countries to ensure a good representation. Col. Leo Radlingmayer reiterated that no data will be shared outside DMAG before all members have reviewed the data and consensus to share is granted.
- Cdr. Stefan Luteijn strongly encouraged all colleagues to submit to the survey which would be beneficial for all members.

#### **6. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL BASE COOPERATION**

- The working group will continue to cooperate on upcoming COMDEF event and maintain contact with NDIA Philadelphia as referenced above.

## 7. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON TRADE PROMOTION

- Mr. Andreas Stauber shared that an event for Austrian companies with subsidiaries in the US, scheduled for September, has been cancelled due to Covid-19. He would appreciate feedback on future events and opportunities. Mr. Andreas Stauber will leave the US mid-September and hope to introduce his successor to DMAG before this return to Austria.
- Chairman Pieter-Henk thanked Mr. Andreas Stauber for all input and help along the way. As Chairman of the working group on trade promotion Mr. Andreas Stauber has done an excellent job despite severe Covid-19 challenges.

## 8. REPORT FROM WORKING GROUP ON NETWORKING & OUTREACH

- No discussion

## 9. OTHER ISSUES AFFECTING MEMBERS

- DMAG IT officer, Lt. Col. Emmanuel Stefanakis, will leave for Greece mid-August and his successor will arrive at the same time. There is currently no information on who the next IT officer will be, and Chairman Pieter-Henk would like to invite every member to consider taking on this important role. The workload is very doable and few things has to be done to maintain the website etc. Cdr. Francesco Greco will consider the role if the role is not too comprehensive.
- Lt. Col. Emmanuel Stefanakis offered to maintain his role until the end of 2020 if no one is able to replace him. Chairman Pieter-Henk thanked him for his continuous efforts for DMAG and a job well done.
- Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz, will return to Germany this fall, leaving the position as financial officer vacant. The workload is manageable and all members are encouraged to consider taking on this role.
- Dr. Karl-Heinz Seekatz also wanted to remind all members leaving DMAG, to please inform him and Ms. Chloe Friberg so that they can provide DMAG plates.

## 10. UPCOMING DMAG MEETINGS and EVENTS

| Month     | Host | Details/Date          | Guest Speaker |
|-----------|------|-----------------------|---------------|
| September | TBD  | Thursday September 24 | TBD           |

## 11. DEFENSE COOPERATION EVENTS

- No further discussion

*Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor thanked everyone for joining the meeting. The meeting concluded at 1:02pm.*