

RECORD OF DISCUSSION
MEETING DEFENSE MOU ATTACHÉS GROUP

Thursday, July 15 2021

3:00pm –5:30pm General Assembly Meeting

Hosted by Embassy of The Kingdom of The Netherlands

Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor (Chair)	Netherlands
Mr. Tony Walsh	Australia
Col. Leo Radlingmayer	Austria
Lt. Col. Philippe Loots	Belgium
Ms. Heather Messera	Canada
Col. Steve MacDonald	Canada
Lt. Col. Jiri Klepetko	Czech Republic
BG Muhammad Yawer	Egypt
Ms. Mari Etelapaa	Finland
Lt. Col. Harri Korhonen	Finland
Col. François Watteau	France
Mr. Dominique Dahlmanns	Germany
Ms. Elisa Rosenkranz	Germany
Mr. Ori Katzav	Israel
CDR Francesco Greco	Italy
Mr. Kaoru Kashimoto	Japan
Lt. Col. Erwin Koeken	Netherlands
Mr. Einar Gustafson (Vice-Chair)	Norway
Ms. Chloé Friberg	Norway
Col. Mojca Pesec	Slovenia
Maj. Andrés Octavio Sambeat	Spain
Mr. Håkan Söderstedt	Sweden
Ms. Elizabeth Dall'Acqua	Switzerland
Mr. Peter Jenni	Switzerland
Ms. Erin Morton	United Kingdom
Ms. Lois Nicholson	United Kingdom
Dr. George Spencer	United Kingdom
Mr. Ben Grinham	United Kingdom

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN

- Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor called the first in-person-meeting after the Covid19-Virus to order at 3:15 pm, starting with wishing everyone welcome. He was pleased to be the organizer of the today's General Assembly meeting at the Dutch Embassy and to see everyone in person after a long time of virtual meetings. Each participant introduced her- / himself at the beginning.

2. ADOPTION OF THE DMAG CHARTER 2021

- The Chair of DMAG thanked Mr. Steve MacDonald for the fabulous job of working on the new DMAG charter. Lt. Col. Erwin Koeken started the presentation to go through the charter for giving everyone the opportunity to make comments on several parts if necessary.
- Triggered by a question of Dr. George Spencer about the legal nature of the group there was some discussion on whether it should be made clear what DMAG's status is as a group. The members agreed that a new sentence would be included which would reflect the notion that the DMAG is not a legal entity. It is a group composed by representatives from various countries who act on a voluntary basis to pursue common goals and objectives.
- Charter item No. 11 and No. 20 (*"EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE"* and *"OTHER APPOINTEES"*), Mr. MacDonald explained, gives the Chair the opportunity to choose other people for the Executive Committee due to their professional expertise. PH added that it would provide flexibility and strategic guidance if additionally other people than WG-chairs only would attend the Executive Committee.
- Due to Covid19 or other emergencies, charter point no. 21. d was added to make important decisions faster or if somebody is absent.
- The underlining of the headlines no. 33 and no. 36 have no significance and can be ignored - they will be removed.
- Miss Lois Nicholson raised the issue of increasing/ decreasing the annual membership fee and Mr. Dominique Dahlmanns proposed discussing point no. 23 as a point every year. Mr. Schroor mentioned that it could be an annual agenda point for the DMAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY to speak about the rate of the contribution but not mentioning the exact amount.
- Mr. Steve MacDonald will include the new language as discussed and will share the updated version with the members of the Executive Committee. The final version will be circulated among the DMAG members in due time.

• FINANCIAL RECORDS OF 2020-2021 AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 2021-2022 PROGRESS
REPORT BY FINANCIAL OFFICER

- Our Financial Officer, LtCol Erwin Koeken, gave an overview of DMAG's financial records.

- Financial record 2020-2021:

DEBIT:

Previous funds	\$ 4,933.24	
Received subscriptions	<u>\$ 3,150.00</u>	
<i>Total Debit</i>		\$ 8,038.24

CREDIT:

Website	\$ 180.85	
Farewell plates	\$ 813.00	
General assembly party (approx.)	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	
<i>Total Credit</i>		<i>\$ 2,493.85</i>

Funds left 2020-2021	\$ 5,589.39
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- Financial forecast 2021-2022:

DEBIT:

Previous funds 2020-2021	\$ 5,589.39	
Subscriptions to collect	<u>\$ 3,150.00</u>	←
<i>Total Debit</i>		\$ 8,739.39

Based on \$ 150

CREDIT:

Website	\$ 180.85	
Farewell plates	\$ 900.00	←
Events	\$ 4,000.00	←
<i>Total Credit</i>		<i>\$ 5,080.85</i>

Based on 2021 + inflation

General assembly
+ extra big event

Funds left 2021-2022	\$ 3,658.54
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3. REVIEW OF THE WORKING GROUPS 2020-2021

a. WORKING GROUP ON EXPORT CONTROLS – PROGRESS REPORT BY WG CHAIR, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Col Leo Radlingmayer reported about his Export Control Survey, which has the idea to make a comparison to Department of State and Department of Commerce. He has already had two in-person meetings since Covid19. Just one day before he had the chance to present the survey on “How we can go forward?” Both sides agreed

to get in touch personally and not over the helpdesk and as a first result this would be a perfect way to work together in the future - quicker responses would be the result

- Both sides agreed to brief to get training for new persons of DMAG. In the timeframe October/ November 2021 they will brief and give a training.
- To get an update from them, it's planned three times a year to come together –in the form of social events to get to know each other.
- Col Radlingmayer gave the important advice keeping these channels open. Whenever his successor, Col Heinz-Peter Kunzer, will get new information he will let the whole membership know what's going on. That's one of the most important facts of the WG of Export Control: Reporting to the DMAG Members always means reporting to all 25 member nations in one time.
- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor thanked Col Radlingmayer for the great job and the always solid membership.

b. WORKING GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL BASE COORDINATION – PROGRESS REPORT BY WG CO-CHAIRS, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Miss Lois Nicholson told there were good ambitions and requirements to create this WG in the past, but this WG hasn't delivered what they expected and at the end it did not meet the original ideas. There could be the opportunity to reset the WG: Perhaps it is time to reenergize the group and to get together crafting out and to make it to a group of common interests. Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor added his thought to invite other people to revitalize and at the same time he asked who would like to take the main role.
- Miss Nicholson expressed the proposal for reforming and to find a new chair for this WG for the reason to get another view.
- Mr. MacDonald took the floor and announced that we have to decide what happens with this WG not today. Miss Nicholson thought this would be a good idea and it would create space to get voluntaries and a new chair for the WG on Industrial Base Coordination.
- Mr. Schroor mentioned that in the past there were a lot of discussions if the WG should end with its work. The terms of reference have a signaling function. The WG helps to keep other members updated and informed. The decision does not necessarily have to be made today. Mr. Schroor encouraged all members that it is absolutely possible to find some volunteers after the DMAG's Summer break, which means continuing with the WG.
- Mr. MacDonald advised observing on progress on what is going on. Another opinion could be to have an NDAA WG instead of this WG. The following points would speak in favor of this: NDAA has is a yearly recurring process, which needs close attention and is a high priority for DMAG.

c. WORKING GROUP ON TRADE PROMOTION – PROGRESS REPORT BY WG CHAIR, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, Mrs. Irene Lack-Hageneder wasn't able to attend the General assembly, but she pre-discussed this point with Mr. Schroor. The WG has never come to fruition as it was partly taken over by other the WG on Networking and Outreach. All members felt there was no need to continue this WG and therefore it was decided to put the WG in a dormant status for one year. Next year this decision would be taken in consideration again.

• WORKING GROUP ON NETWORK AND OUTREACH – PROGRESS REPORT BY WG CHAIR, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Mr. Steve MacDonald mentioned that now that DMAG has a Communications Officer there is no need any more for this WG although it remains important to keep the DMAG charter and the presentation updated. It is also key to remain visible for the outside world by communicating with a clear voice about DMAG's objectives and activities. Together with the IT Officer the Communications he will make a communication plan which sets out the objectives for next year and how to utilize the DMAG website to that end.

d. WORKING GROUP ON CYBER SECURITY – PROGRESS REPORT BY WG CHAIR, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Mr. Peter Jenni started his presentation of WG on Cyber Security. At the moment the main focus is on (Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification) CMMC.
- The presentation of Cyber Working Group will be added to the minutes and it is an essential part of the ROD.
- September 30 will be the last DMAG meeting for Mr. Jenni and he is trying to find a successor to chair this WG. Mr. Ben Grinham expressed the intention to be interested in being a member of this Group. .
- Mr. Pieter-Henk Schroor thanked the members of the WG on Cyber because this WG plays an important role and will also in future.

4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – PROGRESS REPORT BY DMAG CHAIR, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- This WG was invented in the course of the year 2021 because strategic guidance was needed. It serves a great purpose as a coordination mechanism and as a forum to discuss topics of interest to DMAG, launch new initiatives and set up a calendar for events and potential guest speakers for DMAG meetings.
- The plan is continuing with this efficient group and to meet each month before the regular meeting.

5. REVIEW OF DMAG WEBSITE AND OUTLOOK FOR 2021-2022 – PROGRESS REPORT BY THE IT OFFICER, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- The IT-Officer of DMAG, CDR Francesco Greco, gave a short update to the DMAG website (<https://www.dmagdc.info/>), which will be renewed every year.
- The idea is to create two sections: public and private. The private area will give the opportunity to post the charter on that. Should members have further ideas for the website, CDR Greco is pleased to receive suggestions from the members. He encouraged the members to spread the website link and to make this address known to other people.
- Finally he will find a way to advertise public events on this website.
- Mr. Schroor asked if it would be possible to insert something like a twitter-account as a social network. This option will be discussed in the next Executive Committee meeting.
- Mr. Schoor's wife is a photographer and will take a picture of the whole group at the end of the General Assembly. If everyone agrees, a picture will be put on the website.

6. ESTABLISHMENT OF MONTHLY MEETINGS SCHEDULE, INCLUDING POTENTIAL GUEST SPEAKERS FOR 2021-2022

- The group decided not to extensively deal with this item today.
- The idea is to go back to in-person meetings after summer and follow the proven model whereby meeting start at 10.00 at an Embassy (on a rotating basis), invite guest speaker from 11.30 followed by a lunch for all participants including guest speakers.
- Of course for some countries it could be challenging to find a room and hosting a lunch. To encourage smaller delegations to host these events it could be an option to reimburse them – the level of reimbursement should be discussed soon.
- At the moment we are looking for four embassies to host the DMAG meetings after the summer break (Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec).

7. SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2021-2022

- After the Covid19 situation, it would be a good idea to have two bigger social events during the year: the General Assembly before summer break and additionally an event with partners in the near of Christmas time, which will increase social cohesion . Such an event should be planned a few months before to make sure there is enough budget.
- COMDEF on September 28 2021 will take place as a hybrid event, that means in person and virtually. It is the most important event for Defense Cooperation Attachés: to gain knowledge and to expand knowledge of other people.

8. DMAG MEMBERSHIP – POSITION OF DORMANT MEMBERS

- DMAG has 25 member countries, but some of them haven't shown up the last time. Mr. Schroor reached out to these members. Egypt is represented today and not a dormant member anymore.

- Portugal and Turkey will stay dormant, maybe to reactivate someday but won't end the membership. That also means to us that we don't have to modify our DMAG logo.
- Mr. Schroor hasn't reached out to Luxembourg but he will get in contact as soon as possible.

9. FAREWELL OF DMAG MEMBERS AND PARTICIPANTS

- Time to say goodbye to members who will leave Washington DC this summer and therefore it is a tradition to give them something to remember DMAG:
- The Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor handed over a plate to: Dr. George Spencer, LtCol Philippe Loots, Mr. Kaoru Kashimoto, Col Leo Radlingmayer, Mr. Peter Jenni, Col Emmanuel Thomé and Maj. Patricia Hernandez. He thanked these members for their consistently enriching cooperation and wished all the best for their future.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Month	Host	Details/Date	Guest Speaker
September	TBD	Thursday September 30	TBD

- Mr. Peter Jenni mentioned that we should update our list of DMAG members in September as usual when new people arrived. The best way to do so would be resending a reminder to update data.

11. CLOSING REMARKS – TRANSFER TO GARDEN PARTY

- Miss Lois Nicholson took to floor thanking the Chairman for his great work and engagement within DMAG.

Chairman Pieter-Henk Schroor thanked everyone for joining the meeting. The meeting concluded at 5:36 pm with subsequent transfer to the Garden Party.