



RECORDS OF DISCUSSION

DEFENSE MoU ATTACHÉS GROUP MEETING

Thursday, June 11th, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hosted at Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany

Opening by the Chair (Acting Chairperson, J-F (Jean-Francois))

The Chair welcomed members and thanked the German Embassy for hosting the meeting. Members were reminded of the upcoming DMAG General Assembly and Farewell Reception on July 1st, 2026, followed by the Dutch Embassy barbecue, with partners invited.

The Chair also acknowledged several members concluding their Washington postings and requested that departures be communicated to DMAG to ensure appropriate recognition during the July meeting.

Review of the previous DMAG meeting record of discussion

The Chair advised that, due to an administrative oversight, no official Record of Discussion had been prepared for the previous meeting.

Report from the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee reported on several ongoing initiatives.

RDPMOU Awareness Program

Following the departure of the current course lead, the Executive Committee discussed establishing a sustainable RDPMOU awareness program through:

- rotational instructors from member embassies;
- participation from CSIS, NDIA, AIA, and other subject matter experts;
- continued support from recognized experts on reciprocal defense procurement.

The objective is to preserve institutional knowledge while reducing reliance on a single presenter.

Congressional Engagement

Members were informed that the annual DMAG policy letter had been delivered to Congressional offices and had received positive engagement, including interest from Senator Sullivan's office.

The Committee will continue monitoring FY27 NDAA development and determine whether additional congressional engagement is required as legislation progresses.

Industry Engagement Visit

Following cancellation of the previously planned Ohio visit, discussions are underway with the Colorado Defense Industrial Coalition regarding a possible industry-focused delegation during February–March 2027.

Planning will continue with emphasis on industrial demonstrations, Arctic capability, and defense innovation.

Report from the Working Group on Industrial Base Cooperation (IBCWG)

Chair IBCWG, Joakim Lewin (SWE):

No formal presentation was provided due to the Working Group Chair's absence.

The Executive Committee reiterated the importance of continuing RDPMOU education and industrial engagement initiatives throughout the coming year.

Report from the Working Group on Export Controls (ECWG)

Deputy Chair ECWG, Graham Farnsworth (UK)/Chair ECWG, Kinga Paulik (NL):

Members discussed continued challenges with U.S. export licensing timelines.

Recent developments include:

- Routine licensing cases no longer requiring senior-level approval, reducing processing time for lower-risk applications.
- Complex cases continue to experience significant delays due to staffing limitations within the Department of State.
- PM has introduced additional management measures intended to improve workflow efficiency.

Members also discussed:

- the absence of dedicated country points of contact;
- continued reliance on centralized help desk processes;
- inconsistent visibility of application status.

Several members noted that improved case tracking and periodic status reporting would significantly improve transparency.

Report from the Working Group on Cyber (CWG)

Chair CWG, Col Jean-Francois JF Simard (CAN):

The Working Group provided a brief update.

Key observations included:

- No significant policy changes regarding CMMC implementation since the previous meeting.

- Continued uncertainty surrounding international implementation and engagement with allied industries.
- Members agreed to revisit CMMC developments in greater depth during a future meeting as additional information becomes available.

Other Issues Affecting Members

Members discussed broader U.S. defense policy developments, including implementation of recent Executive Orders affecting defense exports and prioritization.

Discussion focused on:

- increased emphasis on geopolitical considerations during export reviews;
- potential impacts on allied procurement timelines;
- importance of maintaining strong bilateral industrial cooperation narratives with U.S. stakeholders.

Members observed that priority considerations increasingly include:

- allied defense spending commitments;
- support to Ukraine;
- industrial investment with the United States;
- broader strategic cooperation.

Website Development

Members received a demonstration of the new DMAG website.

Features include:

- public information on DMAG and member nations;
- secure members-only content;
- Working Group resource libraries;
- RDPMOU reference materials;
- historical meeting archives;
- annual awards;
- integration with LinkedIn for current news and updates.

The website is currently in prototype form and members were invited to submit additional recommendations prior to final publication.

Action Items

Action	Responsible	Timeline
Provide feedback on export control priorities for DMAG policy letter	All Members	By March 15 th , 2026
Encourage additional participation in the Cyber Working Group	All Members	Ongoing
Provide inputs for DMAG Annual Letter (content and priorities)	All Members	Ongoing/ASAP
Develop long-term RDPMOU awareness and training program	Executive Committee	July 2026

Upcoming DMAG Meetings/Events

July 1st, 2026 – DMAG Monthly Meeting and General Assembly

July 1st, 2026 – Dutch Embassy Summer Barbecue

General Assembly will include:

- review of DMAG Charter;
- strategic review of Working Groups;
- discussion of future priorities for the 2026–2027 program year.

Defense Cooperation Events

Planning continues for a possible Colorado Defense Industrial Engagement Visit in early 2027, focused on industrial capability demonstrations, innovation, and defense cooperation opportunities.

Guest Speakers: Bran Hobbs and Yu Hwa

The guest speaker outlined Canada's new Defence Industrial Strategy, explaining that it is designed to strengthen Canada's economy and national security by increasing defense spending, expanding domestic industrial capacity, and meeting NATO's long-term defense commitments. He emphasized that Canada is not seeking to decouple from the United States but rather to diversify its defense partnerships while maintaining close integration with the U.S. defense industrial base through a "Build, Partner, Buy" approach. He also highlighted major investments in procurement, innovation, critical minerals, and defense manufacturing to grow Canadian industry, improve military readiness, and increase exports while working closely with allies on co-development, co-production, and co-sustainment

DMAG Secretariat

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