

## Information Note<sup>1</sup>

**Event:** 25<sup>th</sup> Asian Export Control Seminar

**Organizer:** Centre for Information on Security Trade Control (CISTEC) under the auspices of the Government of Japan (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

**Date and Venue:** 27 February-1 March 2018, Tokyo, Japan

**Participants:** *Governments:* Australia, Cambodia, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hong Kong-China, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the United States and Viet Nam.

*International Organisations & Arrangements:* Australia Group (AG), European Union (EU), Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR), Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), Wassenaar Arrangement (WA), UN 1540 Committee Group of Experts, UN 1718 Committee Panel of Experts, UN Department of Political Affairs (United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015) And Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action), UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR).

*Non-governmental Organizations:* CISTEC, Global Trade Security Consulting Pte Ltd, JTEKT Corporation, King's College London University, Nagoya University, State University of New York, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute; Syndicat des Industries Exportatrices de Produits Stratégiques of France; James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies.

### **Background**

On 30 October 2017, the Centre for Information on Security Trade Control (CISTEC) invited the 1540 Committee Group of Experts to participate in the 25th Asian Export Control Seminar. The Asian Export Control Seminar has been held annually since 1993 and is organised by CISTEC jointly with the Japanese Government (Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The Seminar

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aims to deepen the understanding of participants from Asian countries of export control systems and to promote discussions on related issues including implementation of the relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions. The conference attracts the largest number of expert-level export control officials both from governments and industry in the Asian region

Resolution 1977 (2011) encourages the 1540 Committee, with the support of necessary relevant expertise, to actively engage in dialogue with States on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) and to continue to participate in outreach events on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional, sub regional and national level.

In resolution 2325 (2016) the Security Council decided that “the 1540 Committee shall continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States...particularly noting the need for more attention on: enforcement measures; measures relating to: ...accounting for and securing related materials; and national export and transshipment controls” (operative paragraph 12). In addition in the same resolution the Security Council recalled its decision “that all States shall take and enforce effective measures to establish domestic controls to prevent the proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons and their means of delivery, including by establishing appropriate control over related materials, and calls upon States that have not done so to start developing effective national control lists at the earliest opportunity for the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004)” (operative paragraph 14).

The role of industry in the effective implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) has been referred to in operative paragraph 8 of resolution 1540 (2004), operative paragraphs 12 and 30 of resolution 1977 (2011) which, respectively, call upon all States to develop appropriate ways to cooperate, work with and inform industry and the public regarding their obligations under the laws relating to the resolution.

## **Highlights**

The seminar brought together approximately 220 participants from 33 countries and regions, international organizations, think tanks, universities and other organizations, including ASEAN economies, India, China, the United States and European countries. As in previous years, the seminar provided an excellent opportunity to get an update on current export control related developments, in particular in the Asia-Pacific region.

The seminar was successfully held with a large participation of delegates from the Asia Pacific region and beyond, as well as international organisations, think tanks, universities and other non-governmental organizations. The comprehensive exchange of information and opinions on various issues and efforts concerning export controls from various perspectives was extremely useful. Such exchanges provided the participating countries with an opportunity to raise their

awareness of matters, such as the need to cooperate further on non-proliferation of WMD and related items so as to promote strategic trade control and the need to conduct export controls through collaboration between the public and private sectors in order to maintain economic development.

### **Additional Comments**

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