

Information Note¹

Event: Malaysia Strategic Trade Act (STA 2010): 10th Anniversary and Conference

Organizers: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Strategic Trade Secretariat (STS), Malaysia, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of State, Export Control and Related Border Security Programme, and U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)

Date and Venue: 8-9 April 2021, via virtual meeting platform

Background

- Resolution 1540 (2004) requires all States to implement, *inter alia*, effective domestic controls to prevent proliferation of nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, their means of delivery, including by establishing appropriate controls over related materials. To this end, the member states shall: establish, develop, review and maintain appropriate effective national export and trans-shipment controls over such items.
- Resolution 2325 (2016) decides that 1540 Committee shall continue to intensify its efforts to promote the full implementation by all States of resolution 1540 (2004) and address all aspects of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of resolution 1540 (2004), particularly noting the need for more attention on national export and transshipment controls, amongst other aspects.
- OP 29 of resolution 2325 (2016) request the 1540 Committee to continue to organize and participate in outreach events on the implementation of

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resolution 1540 (2004) at the international, regional, subregional, and, as appropriate, national level.

- By means of a letter dated 3 February 2020, Mr Kok Che Beng, Strategic Trade Secretariat invited the Chair of the 1540 Committee to nominate a member of the Group of Experts to attend the conference via online platform, and speak on the importance of Operative Paragraph (3) of resolution 1540 (2004) and its regional implementation aspects.

Highlights and Overview:

The event was officially opened by a welcome speech, from MITI secretary-general Datuk Lokman Hakim Ali. The Speech was delivered on behalf of the secretary General by Mr. Jaya Singam Rajoo, Senior Director of MITI. In the speech, he stated the international trade in dual-use goods and technologies for the military as well as commercial purposes were complex and multi-faceted. And preventing the diversion of strategic items and weapons for illicit purposes, and most importantly to safeguard national security and legitimate interests, was the impetus for Malaysia to the enactment of the STA 2010.

The welcoming speech was followed by statements from representatives from other countries' government organisations responsible for non-proliferation policy and strategic trade controls. Speakers include government officials from U.S., Japan, Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Singapore and EU

In the next session, the participating 1540 Committee expert gave a presentation on UNSCR 1540 and its implementation in the region. She described the general requirements of resolution 1540, focusing on relevant requirements related to national control measures over nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and related materials. She also introduced the toolbox of national implementation, including matrix, national report, voluntary national implementation action plan, and the Committee's assistance mechanism, etc.

Representatives from Malaysia relevant government authorities, including Malaysia Ministry of Defense (MoD), Central Bank (BNM), Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), Atomic Energy Licensing Board(AELB), Ministry of Health (MoH), Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD), Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) and Royal Malaysia Police (RMP) introduced Malaysia's whole of government approach to Implementing STA 2010.

The speakers shared their agencies' roles, expertise and plans in relation to the operations of STA.

The next session was dedicated to public and private partnership in the process of implementing the strategic trade control act. Speakers discussed, from industry's perspective, the importance of export control and importance of early engagement of the government and private sectors to bridge the gaps between policy and enforcement as well as between authorities and business community.

On 9 April, the first session was dedicated to the sharing of the history of STA 2010. The strategic trade controllers (STC) shared the journey taken and initiatives introduced during their respective serving period as STC.

The 10th anniversary of the STA 2010 celebration was held after the history sharing session. Ambassadors of U.S., Japan, Republic of Korea and EU delivered congratulatory messages at the celebration event.

Additional Comments

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