

Information Note¹

Event:	The Nuclear Suppliers Group and the Future of Nuclear Trade
Date and Location:	9-10 May 2011, Brussels, Belgium
Organizers or Sponsors:	Carnegie Endowment and the Government of the Netherlands
Participants:	<i>States:</i> Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom <i>International Organizations:</i> European Union, IAEA, Zangger Committee, 1540 Committee <i>Others:</i> Areva; Bengelsdorf, McGoldrick & Associates; Defense Science Centre (former Director – New Delhi); Enrichment Technology Co.; European Atomic Forum (FORATOM – Brussels); Institute for National Security Studies (INSS - Tel Aviv); Liege University; Monterey Institute for International Studies (MIIS); South Asia Strategic Stability Institute (SASSI); Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI); and Westinghouse Electric

1. Objectives for participating in the workshop

- The meeting discussed forward-looking topics which will be on the NSG's agenda in coming years, prompted by the evolution of the nuclear trade regime and in particular the emergence of new nuclear suppliers
- To provide input for the Government of the Netherlands to present at an internal meeting of NSG participating governments on 12 May 2011.
- The 1540 Committee was asked to provide technical input on nuclear export controls and resolution 1977 (2011) regarding export and trans-shipment controls on nuclear and nuclear-related materials.

2. Background

The Government of the Netherlands, which will assume the Chair of the Nuclear Suppliers Group in June 2011 requested the Carnegie Endowment to organize a workshop on trends in nuclear trade and export controls to include not only all the NSG members, but non-member States (such as India) involved in NSG outreach efforts and implementation of nuclear non-proliferation export controls.

Historically, the NSG Chairs have exchanged letters with the 1540 Committee Chairs, briefed the 1540 Committee, participated in the 1540 Committee comprehensive review, and have stated their support of the NSG for the work of the 1540 Committee, including their readiness to encourage its participating

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governments to offer support and cooperation to the 1540 Committee. This meeting offered opportunities to follow-up on considerations arising from the 18th Asian Export Control Seminar in Tokyo during February 2011, when the current NSG Chair indicated that they intend to respond to a recent letter sent by the 1540 Committee and they would like to distribute any relevant assistance requests to their members. In addition to doing a fundamental review of their control list, they also want to review their outreach efforts, perhaps establishing more formal relationships with dialogue partners, including the 1540 Committee.

3. Highlights

Participants discussed recent developments in multilateral export controls and nuclear nonproliferation, including transshipment and illicit trafficking, the most recent views on the supply of nuclear fuel and related materials, nuclear trade equities, trade in enrichment and reprocessing goods and technologies and other major issues in nuclear trade, the accomplishments of the NSG over the last decade, the future of NSG membership, the relationship of the NSG with the IAEA, the Zangger Committee, and the 1540 Committee, and the future of enforcement of NSG Guidelines by partner governments.

4. Additional comments

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