

Information Note¹

Event	Anti-proliferation Conference: Engaging the Private Sector in preventing proliferation
Date and Venue	London, United Kingdom, 20-21 March 2013
Organizers	<i>Project Alpha</i> , King's College, London
Participants	Governments representatives (Australia, China, Japan, United Kingdom and United States); United Nations (UNODA, 1540 Group of Experts, 1737 Committee Panel of Experts); Private sector (Rolls Royce, Rakon), Academia (Institute for Defence studies and analyses (India)), others CISTEC (Japan) and EU JRC.

1. Objectives of participation

- Make a presentation about resolution 1540 (2004) highlighting the significance and importance of working with industry (paragraph 8(d)) and sharing best practices as encouraged in resolution 1977 (2011) paragraphs 7 and 12.
- Network with government and industry participants to raise awareness of resolution 1540 (2004) and to help inform future 1540 industry outreach events.

2. Background

- The Conference brought together a number of specialists from government, the private sector and academia to explore existing and future strategies for engaging non-state actors and the private sector in the implementation of non-proliferation measures, such as export controls.
- The conference was aimed at identifying good practices with regards to private sector outreach and engagement on trade control issues.
- Project Alpha produced a background paper (available with the Group of Experts) proposing a series of measures to be taken by national authorities and the private sector to improve implementation of trade controls, based upon the principle of partnership. As a follow-up to the conference a document of outreach of good practices will be made available for governments interested in implementing or improving on their own private sector engagement strategies.

3. Highlights

- The workshop was a good opportunity to listen from relevant actors of the private sector about their experiences in implementing export controls. During the workshop the participants were involved in a series of interactive discussions aimed at experience-sharing, exchange of views and good practices and question and answer sessions. Participants from private sector had a good opportunity to get first hand information on the status of implementation future priorities of the 1540 Committee. The workshop helped to identify some specific areas requiring further focus. The

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Proceedings of the Workshop (Attachment 1) which include a list of future actions to be taken were circulated after the workshop.

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