

Information Note¹

- Event:** NSG Workshop on Experiences in Licensing and Export Control Enforcement
- Organizer:** Government of the United States of America (US), in their capacity as Chair of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)
- Venue and Date:** San Francisco, United States of America (USA), 2-3 May 2013
- Participants:** Canada, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Japan, Netherlands, Pakistan, Poland, Serbia, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, USA, 1540 Committee expert

1. Objectives of the meeting

To exchange information on experiences in identifying and managing proliferation threats associated with export control licensing and enforcement issues.

2. Background

The US Government, in their capacity as Chair of the NSG, and on behalf of the NSG Troika, hosted a two-day workshop on exchanging experiences in identifying and managing proliferation threats associated with export control licensing and enforcement issues, which was held from 2-3 May 2013 in San Francisco, USA. In addition to the participation of an expert supporting the work of the 1540 Committee, the workshop participants included licensing and enforcement experts from interested Participating Governments of the NSG as well as other outreach partners of the NSG.

An objective of the workshop was to focus on case studies associated with actual proliferation cases to heighten the awareness of the threat of nuclear proliferation. The workshop provided an opportunity to discuss and share experiences related to export control licensing and enforcement issues between the NSG Participating Governments and its outreach partners. In this regard, providing, on a voluntarily basis, of information on States' effective practices in implementing resolution 1540 (2004), as well as to promote the sharing of experience, lessons learned and effective practices, in the areas covered by resolution 1540 (2004), is encouraged in operative paragraphs 7 and 11 of resolution 1977 (2011).

3. Highlights of discussions

During the workshop information was exchanged on the national export control systems in certain NSG Participating Governments. Furthermore, specific case studies were highlighted, such as on illegal carbon fibre exports and vacuum equipment for centrifuge enrichment. Information was also exchanged on the activities of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the US nuclear weapons stockpile stewardship programme. Information was also provided on various national industry outreach programmes. In addition, an update was provided on the NSG's comprehensive review of its export control annexes.

4. Additional comments

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