

PUBLIC STATEMENT
2011 PLENARY MEETING
OF
THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CONTROLS FOR
CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND DUAL-USE GOODS AND TECHNOLOGIES

The seventeenth Plenary meeting of the Wassenaar Arrangement,¹ chaired by Ambassador Veronika Kuchyňová Šmigolová of the Czech Republic, was held in Vienna on 13 to 14 December 2011. This meeting concluded the fourth assessment undertaken by the Arrangement to carry out a wide-ranging review and evaluation of its overall functioning and its contribution to regional and international security and stability.

Since the last assessment in 2007, the Arrangement has kept pace with advances in technology and market trends. It has continued its efforts to contribute to international and regional security and stability, although it was recognized that further work was needed to address new challenges. Participating States have continued to work to make the existing control lists more readily understood and user-friendly for licensing authorities and exporters, and to ensure the detection and denial of undesirable exports. Significant efforts have been undertaken to promote the Arrangement and to encourage voluntary adherence to the Arrangement's standards by non-Participating States.

The Plenary adopted *Best Practices Guidelines on Internal Compliance Programmes for Dual-Use Goods and Technologies*, *Best Practices Guidelines on Subsequent Transfer (Re-Export) Controls for Conventional Weapons Systems*, revised *Elements for Objective Analysis and Advice concerning Potentially Destabilising Accumulations of Conventional Weapons*, and *Elements for Controlling Transport of Conventional Arms between Third Countries*, and introduced a number of amendments to the control lists.

The Wassenaar Arrangement continues to undertake outreach in support of its aims and objectives, in particular through post-Plenary briefings, interaction with industry and bilateral dialogue with non-Participating States. The Plenary decided to offer another technical briefing on recent changes to the Wassenaar Arrangement control lists for a number of non-Participating States in 2012.

¹ The Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies was established on the basis of the Initial Elements adopted in July 1996 (see website: www.wassenaar.org). Meetings are normally held in Vienna, Austria, where the Arrangement is based. Currently the Participating States of the Wassenaar Arrangement are: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

The Plenary reiterated that the Wassenaar Arrangement is open for membership to all states in compliance with the agreed criteria.

The Plenary thanked the Chair, Ambassador Veronika Kuchyňová Šmigolová (Czech Republic) for her valuable contribution to the work of the Arrangement. The Plenary also thanked Ambassador Philip Griffiths (New Zealand) for his Chairmanship of the General Working Group, Mr Toshiki Wani (Japan) for his leadership of the Experts Group list-review process and Mr Bart van Hezewijk (Netherlands) for his leadership of the Licensing and Enforcement Officers' Meeting (LEOM) over the last year. The Plenary also expressed its appreciation and gratitude to Ambassador Sune Danielsson (Sweden) as Head of the Wassenaar Arrangement Secretariat and his staff for their ongoing support.

The next regular Wassenaar Arrangement Plenary meeting will take place in Vienna in December 2012. Germany will assume the Chair of the Plenary from 1 January 2012, and has designated Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking, its Permanent Representative to the International Organisations in Vienna, as the Plenary Chair. In addition, from 1 January 2012, Poland will assume the Chairmanship of the General Working Group, Japan will continue to chair the Experts' Group and The Netherlands will continue to chair the LEOM.

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