



Missile Technology Control Regime - MTCR

Berlin Plenary, October 2012, and Chair's Activities

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MTCR – Background:

- established in 1987 by Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, United States (G7)
- now: 34 countries, have equal standing
- informal and voluntary association
- sharing the goals of non-proliferation of missiles and UAVs capable of delivering WMD
- by coordinating national export licensing efforts

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MTCR – Objectives:

- restrict the proliferation of missiles, complete rocket systems, UAVs and related technology (500 kg payload, 300 km) as well as systems intended for delivery of WMD
- control the transfer of missile-related technology without disrupting legitimate trade
- need to strengthen the objectives of the Regime through cooperation with countries outside the MTCR





How the MTCR achieves its Objectives:

- adherence to common export policy guidelines
- applied to an integral common list of controlled items ("MTCR Equipment, Software and Technology Annex")
- MTCR does not take export licensing decisions as a group
- Individual partners are responsible for implementing MTCR Guidelines and Annex on the basis of national discretion and their national legislation and practice





MTCR – Membership

- admission of a new partner is taken by consensus
- In making membership decisions, Partners tend to consider, whether a prospective new member:
- would strengthen international non-proliferation efforts
- demonstrates a sustained and sustainable commitment to non-proliferation
- has a legally based effective export control system that puts into effect MTCR Guidelines and procedures, and
- administers and enforces such controls effectively.



MTCR Plenary Meetings

- Annual Plenary Meetings chaired on a rotational basis
- Plenary host becomes the Chair of the MTCR until the next Plenary Meeting (1 year term)
- held usually in conjuntion with technical meetings (TEM, IEM and LEEM)
- MTCR has no secretariat
- Distribution of papers through a Point of Contact (POC), funtions performed by MFA of France
- Intersessional Meetings (monthly POC meetings, Re-enforced Point of Contact Meeting – RPOC)



MTCR - Berlin Plenary, October 2012

- 25th anniversary Plenary meeting
- Opening by German Foreign Minister Westerwelle
- MTCR: "the gold standard for combating missile proliferation"
- Germany took over MTCR Chair for one year
- Current Chairman: Ambassador Jörg Ranau
- 3 sub-group meetings took place:
- Information Exchange Meeting (IEM)
- Technical Experts Meeting (TEM)
- Licensing and Enforcement Experts Meeting (LEEM)





- discussion of regional issues Iran, DPRK
- discussion of membership issues
- amendments to Technical Annex (control lists)
- press release: 25th anniversary of the MTCR
- decision on next chair(s): Italy (followed by Norway)

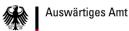


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Dialogue and Outreach

- MTCR Chair and Partners undertake outreach acitivities to non-partners to promote MTCR goals
- to keep non-partners informed about the group's activities
- to encourage all countries to observe the MTCR Guidelines and Annex
- Countries can choose to adhere to the Guidelines without being obligated to join the group
- A number of "adherent countries" have done so
- MTCR partners welcome intensified dialogue with "adherent countries" on proliferation issues

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- The Regime's dialogue with propective partners is conducted through the MTCR Chair, visits to capitals by teams comprised of representatives of four MTCR partners and bilateral exchanges.
- <u>Outreach visits</u> under German Chairmanship (so far):
- Islamabad, Pakistan (February 2013)
- Dubai, United Arab Emirates (February 2013)





For more information: www.mtcr.info

- MTCR website intended to provide non-member countries and the general public with information about the MTCR's goals and activities
- contains basic documents on the regime



Thank you for your attention!

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