



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



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 conjunction with technical meetings (TEM, IEM and LEEM)
- ▶ MTCR has no secretariat
- ▶ Distribution of papers through a Point of Contact (POC), functions 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)



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- ▶ 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)



Dialogue and Outreach

- ▶ MTCR Chair and Partners undertake outreach activities 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



MTCR – Current Chair's Activities:

- The Regime's dialogue with prospective partners is conducted through the MTCR Chair, visits to capitals by teams comprised of representatives of four MTCR partners and bilateral exchanges.
- Outreach visits 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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