

**WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT ON EXPORT CONTROLS FOR
CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND DUAL-USE GOODS AND TECHNOLOGIES**

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**PRACTICAL EXPORT CONTROLS WORKSHOP
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The Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) was established in 1996 to contribute to regional and international security and stability, by promoting transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies, thus preventing destabilizing accumulations. The WA also works to prevent the acquisition of these items by terrorists.

Within that context, more than 100 government representatives from 46 countries participated on 27-28 June 2016 in a two-day technically-focused Practical Workshop. Hosted by the WA as part of its 20th Anniversary programme, and held at the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna, the Workshop provided a forum to share information at experts level with invited non-WA countries, and to exchange practical experiences in export control implementation.

Workshop speakers included the 2016 WA Plenary Chair Ambassador Anu Laamanen (Finland), 2016 WA General Working Group Chair Ambassador Paul Beijer (Sweden), 2015-2016 WA Experts Group Chair Robertas Rosinas (Lithuania), 2016 WA Licensing and Enforcement Officers Meeting Chair Jon Erik Strömö (Norway), as well as the Head of the WA Secretariat Ambassador Philip Griffiths. The WA's history and operations, the legal and regulatory bases for export controls, the WA Control Lists, as well as licensing and enforcement issues were covered during the first day. The second day focused on technical and implementation issues, with briefings on recent changes to the WA Control Lists and parallel break-out sessions on specific national licensing and enforcement topics¹.

The Practical Workshop reflected the commitment of WA member states to share their experience and expertise to assist other countries to establish or strengthen national export control systems, as well as increasing international recognition of the role of export controls in helping to address security risks related to the spread of conventional arms and sensitive dual-use goods and technologies, including for use in terrorist acts.

The WA is considering possible follow-up events to this Practical Workshop.

¹ General information and important documents, including the most recent version of the WA Control Lists and the Summary of the 2015 Changes to the Lists, are available on the WA website (www.wassenaar.org).