

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT MEETING WITH SINGAPORE INDUSTRY

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Introduction to the Wassenaar Arrangement



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WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT

PURPOSES

To contribute to regional and international security and stability by promoting:

- Transparency
- Greater responsibility in transfers of **conventional arms** and sensitive **dual-use goods & technologies**, thus preventing:
 - destabilising accumulations
 - acquisition by terrorists

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT BASIC COMMITMENTS

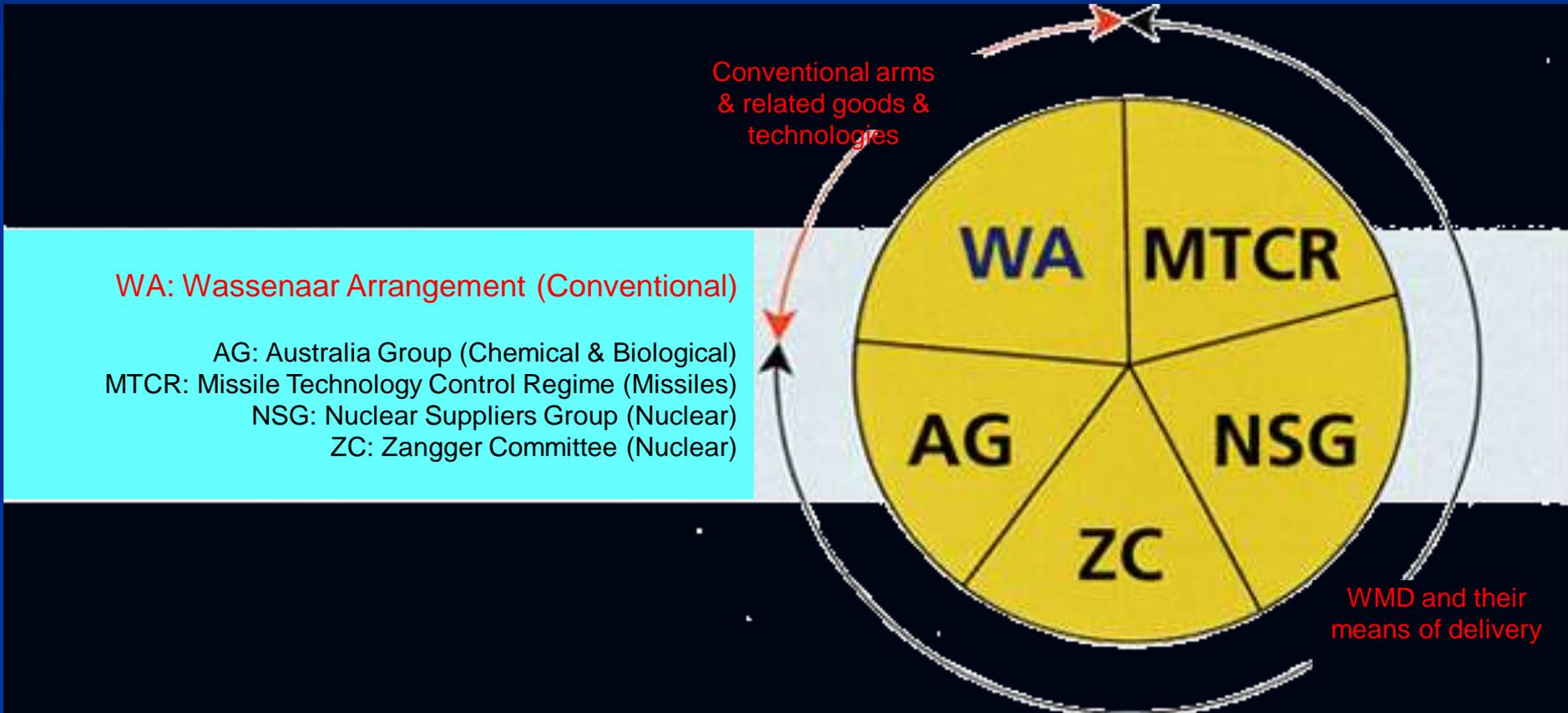
WA Participating States undertake to:

- Apply fully effective export controls at the national level based on the collectively agreed WA Munitions and Dual-Use Control Lists
- Report to WA partners on a regular basis on transfers of conventional arms and sensitive dual-use items and all dual-use transfer denials

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT CURRENTLY 41 PARTICIPATING STATES



WHERE DOES THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT FIT?



WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT

WA Collective Work

- WA Munitions and Dual-Use Export Control Lists
- General and Specific Information Exchange
- Best Practices, Elements and Procedures



National Implementation

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT CONTROL LISTS

- Munitions List (approx. 300 entries in 22 categories):
 - including ammunition, parts and components, production equipment, technology, software
- Dual-Use List (over 1,000 entries in 9 categories):
 - Sensitive List (170 entries)
 - Very Sensitive List (80 entries)

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Non-listed dual-use exports are also controlled in certain circumstances (“catch-all”)

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

General Information Exchange:

- Regional Views
- Discussion of transfer risks and concerns, e.g.
 - - Suspicious acquisition/brokering activities
 - - Projects and programmes of concern
 - - Diversion activities

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

Specific Information Exchange:

- Semi-annual reporting of certain transfers and denials to non-WA members
- 8 categories of arms transfers
- Sensitive dual-use transfers
- All dual-use denials

WAIS – secure electronic communications network

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT

BEST PRACTICES, ELEMENTS AND PROCEDURES

- Some 25 best practices, elements and procedures
- Non-binding guidance for national export control policy and practice
- A thematically-based Compendium issued
- Regular review and updating
- Available on the WA website

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT OUTREACH

- Collective briefings
- Bilateral dialogue/visits
- International conferences, including industry/academia
- Other export control regimes and relevant organisations
- Individual WA Participating States active in their national and/or regional capacities

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT & ARMS TRADE TREATY (ATT)

- Wide-spread international acceptance of need for regulation of international transfers of conventional arms
- Goals of ATT align with those of WA
- WA members ready to share experience & expertise with other countries
- WA Secretariat monitoring opportunities for WA to contribute to international cooperation

WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT OTHER WORK IN 2016

- Fifth internal **Assessment** of overall functioning:
 - Conclusions adopted by 2016 WA Plenary
- **20th Anniversary** of the WA's inception (1996), including:
 - **Practical Workshop**, 27-28 June 2016, Vienna
 - **Commemorative Event**, 6 December 2016, Vienna
- Upgrading of **WA outreach tools** (see website)

THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT

On Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies

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The Wassenaar Arrangement has been established in order 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 destabilising accumulations. The aim is also to prevent the acquisition of these items by terrorists.

Participating States seek, through their national policies, to ensure that transfers of these items do not contribute to the development or enhancement of military capabilities which undermine these goals, and are not diverted to support such capabilities.

What's New

Statement by the 2015 Plenary Chair, 3 Dec 2015

Best Practice Guidelines for Transit or Transshipment

Elements for the Effective Fulfilment of National Reporting Requirements

List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies and Munitions List as at Dec. 2015

Summary of Changes to the Lists as at Dec. 2015

WA 20th Anniversary 2016

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Vienna - where the Wassenaar Arrangement holds its regular meetings and the permanent Secretariat is located





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