

**STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE PLENARY CHAIR
ON 2025 OUTCOMES
OF
THE WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT¹ ON EXPORT CONTROLS FOR
CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND DUAL-USE GOODS AND TECHNOLOGIES**

The 29th Wassenaar Arrangement (WA) Plenary meeting was chaired by Ambassador Kaifu Atsushi (Japan) and took place in Vienna on 3-4 December 2025.

In 2025, the WA continued to contribute to international and regional security and stability by promoting transparency and greater responsibility in the transfer of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies, thus preventing destabilising accumulations. The WA Control Lists were updated and improved, taking into account international security developments, technological change and market trends. The WA engaged in targeted outreach activities with non-participating states and relevant international and regional organisations in order to promote effective export controls worldwide.

During 2025, WA Participating States:

- continued to exchange information on transfers of arms and dual-use goods and technologies, as well as the risks associated with potentially destabilising arms flows to geographic regions of concern, including areas of conflict;
- reaffirmed the important roles played by strong export controls and close cooperation in preventing arms diversion and the acquisition of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies by terrorists;
- continued a comprehensive and systematic review of the WA Munitions List and the List of Dual-Use Goods and Technologies to ensure their ongoing relevance;
- updated and clarified Control List entries including those covering lasers (including those frequently used in automotive, ship building and aerospace industries), imaging sensors and cameras, seabed surveying equipment, parachutes and paragliders, and ceramic composite materials;
- removed from the Control List entries which had covered certain temperature sensors as well as underwater vision and light systems which are now deemed to have no military significance;
- shared experiences in national export control implementation, including with respect to national licensing and enforcement actions;

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 www.wassenaar.org). Meetings are normally held in Vienna, Austria, where the Arrangement is based. The 42 Participating States of the Wassenaar Arrangement are: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

- updated its Best Practice Guidelines on Internal Compliance Programmes for Dual-Use Goods and Technologies, maintaining the relevance of this useful tool for governments and industry which is available on the WA public website (www.wassenaar.org);
- maintained informal technical contacts with the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) and the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) on Control List issues at the level of experts;
- hosted an Enhanced Technical Briefing to provide updates to non-participating states regarding recent changes to the WA Control Lists and to share experiences regarding implementation of export controls; and
- reviewed the progress of current membership applications.

From 1 January 2026, the Republic of Korea will assume the Chair of the Plenary, Belgium will assume the Chair of the General Working Group, the Netherlands will continue to serve as the Chair of the Experts Group and Canada will continue to serve as the Chair of the Licensing and Enforcement Officers Meeting.

The next regular WA Plenary meeting is to take place in Vienna in December 2026, during which Participating States will mark the 30th Anniversary of the WA.

All key WA documents, including the Control Lists and Best Practice Guidelines, are available on the WA website (www.wassenaar.org).

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