

Minutes of Meeting
TECRO and AIT
Consultations on Strategic Trade Controls
May 16-17, 1996

Delegates from TECRO and AIT met in Taipei on May 16-17, 1996 to discuss bilateral and multilateral export control developments .

TECRO delivered a presentation on the status of its export control system. TECRO established a nationwide export control system, which became effective on July 1, 1995, as agreed to in the "MOU on the Protection of Trade in Strategic Commodities and Technical Data," signed on May 4, 1990. AIT commended the progress made in preventing the spread of materials, equipment, and technologies associated with weapons of mass destruction. TECRO stressed its hope to receive from AIT additional licensing benefits, accordingly. AIT took note of TECRO's request.

AIT briefed the importance of non-proliferation to the United States, and its high priority in the U.S. Administration's national security and foreign policy agenda. AIT explained the legal framework for the U.S. export control system, including investigations, prosecutions, training, and the "outreach program." A general discussion of the U.S. inter-agency process on license application was then held.

AIT briefed the U.S. "Enhanced Proliferation Control Initiative," the "catch-all" provision, "know your customer" guidance, and increasing concern regarding the role of brokers in proliferation activity. TECRO agreed to look into these matters.

AIT provided a briefing on the status of the newly established Wassenaar Arrangement (WA). TECRO reiterated its commitment to closer cooperation with the United States, and urged the United States to render assistance in helping TECRO to establish better links with the WA. TECRO's statement was noted by AIT, which undertook to make those views known in Washington. AIT advised TECRO to continue its efforts to meet the criteria required for participation in the Arrangement by adhering unilaterally to the principles and guidelines of the international non-proliferation control regimes and by implementing comprehensive controls on items of proliferation concern.

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The two parties also exchanged views on the technical-level operation of the export control system. Upon TECRO's request, AIT will provide information regarding U.S. experiences in preventing the use of in-transit or in-bond facilities of sensitive commodities and other relevant information to evade export control. AIT also agreed to provide information about training in non-proliferation enforcement. TECRO expressed its appreciation to AIT for its assistance.

The two sides agreed to continue their consultations under the MOU.

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