Information Note

Event: "Nonproliferation and Strategic Trade Management: the Nexus of Security and Economic Development"

Date and Location: 19-21 July 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia

Organizers or Sponsors: Nuclear Energy Regulatory Agency of Indonesia (BAPETEN) and the Center for Trade and Security at the University of Georgia (CITS/UGA)

Participants:
States: Indonesia (various agencies), United States
International Organizations: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), United Nations Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), 1540 Committee
Others: Carnegie Corporation, CITS/UGA, Center for Strategic and International Studies of Indonesia

1. Objectives for the workshop
   - Develop a common understanding of the challenges of nonproliferation and strategic trade controls; and consider next steps.

2. Background

This seminar is the first in a series of three such events to be held in the region, the next two of which will focus on nuclear safety, security and safeguards. Historically, CITS/UGA has participated in or helped organize multiple events related to furthering the implementation of resolution 1540. Several States and organizations, including several of the participants in the meeting, have an interest in responding positively to the informal assistance requests made by BAPETEN and Indonesian border enforcement agencies in detecting illicit trafficking in strategic trade, especially nuclear materials, which the 1540 Committee expert can facilitate.

3. Highlights

Participants concluded that despite the events in Fukushima, several States in the region continue to plan substantial increases in their number of nuclear power reactors. Officials in region also believe that the threats from proliferation remain high and that proliferators are likely to increase efforts to exploit Indonesian territory to gain access to or transfer sensitive materials. Participants considered the status of Indonesia’s nuclear infrastructure, its current authorities in managing trade in dual-use materials related to nuclear, chemical, biological and radiological weapons, and steps Indonesia plans to take to address these issues.

4. Additional comments

Participants discussed the implications of the new Nuclear Security Series guidance documents (NSS-13, NSS-14 and NSS-15) on physical protection of nuclear and radiological materials.

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