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**Administrative Remarks**

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State and my colleagues from the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, and Energy, I would like to welcome all of you to Stockholm and to the 7<sup>th</sup> International Export Control Conference.

As many of you know, my office, the Office of Export Control Cooperation, administers a worldwide, multi-million dollar cooperative training and outreach program - the Export Control and Related Border Security program or EXBS. It is aimed at working with countries to assist them in both the development and improved implementation of the enforcement of export controls over strategic goods. The EXBS program contributes to the funding of these annual conferences on export controls.

We are pleased to have such an outstanding turnout. I would like to thank each of you for making time in your schedules for this event. We believe it is useful for all of us who work in the export control policy, licensing, or enforcement area to come together about once a year in a forum where we can share new ideas and get an update on where we are and where we are going in the area of export controls. It is nice to do this in a conference or seminar that is not regime or treaty related and where colleagues from the academia and nongovernmental organizations can also share ideas with us.

Before going further, I want to thank my colleagues from the Government of Sweden for their efforts in making this conference a reality, in particular, Mr. Richard Ekwall. I also would like to thank the administration of the Karlbergs Slott and the American Embassy in Stockholm, in particular the Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Steve Noble. Steve has a deep understanding of export control issues having served as Deputy Chief of Mission to our Mission to the UN and the other International Organizations in Vienna. Finally, I would like to thank Ms. Joanna Gabryszewski of

my staff with whom many of you have been in contact and Ms. Anne Galer from Los Alamos Technical Associates who has been handling most of the administrative and logistic matters. If you have administrative and logistic questions concerning the conference or your travel, please approach Anne or one of her staff. If you have questions concerning the U.S. EXBS program, please contact Joanna.

I am very pleased to see how this conference has continued to remain popular and to grow since the U.S. and UK sponsored the first conference at Oxford in 1999. I encourage those of you who have been to previous conferences to reach out to new colleagues who are here for the first time and welcome them to the export control community. We are an international group of officials from governments and international organizations, as well as academia and research institutes. We have representatives present from all the world's continents. We are here to share insights on how we can work together to stop the spread of advanced conventional weapons and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and their delivery systems through export controls and enforcement.

The conference will begin with a plenary session for most of today where speakers will address key nonproliferation and export control issues to start us thinking about the threats and how the governments of the two sponsors of this conference have reacted to the threats. After lunch, we want to start on the real theme of this conference, UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and how we as governments are going to fulfill our responsibilities under this resolution.

Rather than wait until tomorrow to move to breakout groups, we are going to change the program somewhat from last year and alternate between plenary sessions and breakout groups. This is what many of you suggested last year. We will move after the afternoon coffee break to three simultaneous breakout sessions, one for policy officials, one for licensing officials, and one for enforcement officials. These breakout sessions are designed for you to have a chance to speak and share your ideas and experiences. Non-attribution rules apply to all out discussions, so please feel free to share your personal views and thoughts. We want to learn from each other and we are not sitting behind our national or organizational nameplates. We have made an attempt to divide all of you

as fairly as possible into what session seems to fit best for you and those lists are posted outside the Plenary.

The policy breakout group will be a chance to talk in more depth about the policy that guides international nonproliferation and export control norms and practices. Andrew Wood of the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defense, Richard Ekwall of the Swedish Foreign Ministry, and Andrew Church of the U.S. Department of State will be facilitators of this discussion. We will have additional presentations in this breakout group on UNSCR 1540, the response of individual and multinational organizations to 1540, Proliferation Security Initiative, and activities of the Nongovernmental Organizations.

The licensing breakout group will be led by another experienced facilitator from last year, Spencer Chilvers of the UK Department of Trade and Industry. He will be assisted by Egon Svensson of the Swedish National Inspectorate of Strategic Products and Gene Christiansen of the U.S. Department of Commerce. There will be additional presentations in this group on licensing related issues such as end-use controls, the role of the Defense Department in licensing, product classification in Sweden, industry compliance and outreach issues, and how electronic licensing systems can be used to assist the licensing process.

The enforcement breakout group will provide some instructional examples of practical techniques to enhance enforcement activities. Lev Kubiak and Phil Warker of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, along with Hakan Eliasson of Swedish Customs will be the facilitators. Discussions on the World Customs Organizations programs, and presentations on the targeting and risk management process, use of technical experts to assist in enforcement and how different enforcement authorities and licensing officers can cooperate should make this an interesting and practical breakout session.

The conference will conclude before lunch on the third day with all participants convening in plenary session where one the facilitators from each session will report to the conference chairman on the breakout sessions and discussions. A conference report will be issued along with electronic versions of the conference materials at a later date on our website, [www.exportcontrol.org](http://www.exportcontrol.org).

Again, let me encourage everyone to take full advantage of our time here together - both during the discussion sessions and on the margins of this conference - to discuss what are the best practices for developing an export control system, how can we help each other to control the trade in strategic goods and how can we help each other comply with UNSCR 1540. Thank You.