

**Center for International Trade and
Security at the University of Georgia –
CITS UGA**

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CITS – Origins and Early Years

- *In 1987 the University of Georgia (UGA) established the Center under the initial name “Center for East-West Trade Policy” with the goal of using its research, education and service to promote peace, trade and security.*
- *The early work of the Center developed under the guidance and inspiration of the late Dean Rusk, former Secretary of State and Martin Hillenbrand former ambassador and Assistant Secretary of State. Upon retirement both men came to UGA to share their experience and expertise*
- *The Centers primary focus in the early days was to research and analyze trade and security aspects in relation to the former Soviet Union, but also efforts made to coordinate export control within the COCOM. This focus has expanded over the years and incorporated many other fields of research*
- *Today we are known as “The Center for International Trade and Security” – CITS, an intellectual enterprise and not-for-profit NGO that addressed threats posed by the trade of weapons of mass destruction and military related items*

CITS - Today

- *Over the last, almost twenty, years CITS has developed its role as an NGO primarily targeted on export control issues, however CITS remain vigilant and flexible in order to address other related ideas and topics.*
- *In the last decade CITS' in-country activities have broadened beyond the states of the former Soviet Union. The CITS has today a presence, not only in the Russian Federation, but has well developed and ongoing program activities in, par example, China and India as well.*
- *CITS runs a number of programs, the largest by far being our export control work.*
- *CITS issues a quarterly newsletter on non-proliferation issues – The Monitor.*
- *The CITS also publish separate briefs, reports and research papers, many of them are available, not only here today, but on our website www.uga.edu/cits*
- *CITS has also an innovative Security Leadership Program preparing students for careers in nonproliferation and international security*

CITS – Programs and Projects in the Field of Export Control

- **National Export Control Evaluations** - CITS has developed a unique methodology to provide periodic, independent and detailed assessments of states' efforts to formulate and implement nonproliferation policies preventing and regulating the transfer of strategic, weapons-related technology, including nuclear, chemical, biological, missile and advanced conventional weapons.
 - This evaluation capability has lead CITS to work closely with, and for a number of governmental institutions and entities.
- **Legislative Outreach** - where CITS work together with legislators in the U.S and in other countries to enhance understanding of export control and nonproliferation issues
- **Industry Evaluations and Outreach** - CITS has had the opportunity to work closely with the industry community in the US and in Europe studying compliance practices and promoting industry awareness of 'best practices.'
- **Export Control Regime Evaluations**. Many of the IECC participants might be familiar with the CITS research in this field. A range of publications are available on our website
- **Export Control Database**. The CITS export control database is composed of selected articles, official documents, book references, and internet links pertaining to all aspects of nonproliferation export controls. Under this project CITS cooperates with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- **International Export Control Conference for NGO Experts** – CITS is working to establish a network of independent international experts working on export control issues.
- **Export Control Fellows Program** – Intensive training for export control officials and professionals from a range of countries.
- **Export Control Newsletter** - Bi-monthly electronic newsletter on international export control developments with an audience of over 1,500.

CITS – Mission and Future

- *CITS has grown over the last couple of years and has recently opened an office in Washington DC. The main office however, remains in Athens, Georgia*
- *CITS continues to investigate and research pressing export control and nonproliferation issues, such as implementation of the UNSCR 1540, the Proliferation Security Initiative, etc.*
- *CITS remains committed to raise awareness on non-proliferation through dialogue. Participating in an event such as this is therefore an important part our outreach.*

CITS – Archway to Excellence

- *“What about that Arch”*
 - *University symbol but also CITS guiding principle*
 - *“Through the Arch to the future”*
 - *The way we do business*
 - *We are here for you!*

Thank you for your attention!

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