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Closing Remarks

On behalf of the U.S. Department of State and my colleagues from the Departments of Commerce, Homeland Security, and Energy, I would like to thank you all for attending this seminar. I hope that these past three days have been productive for all participants in our endeavor to promote effective export controls without hindering the flow of legitimate trade.

I believe that this seminar has strengthened the cooperative relationships that are critical to combating the spread of WMD and also provided an opportunity to share valuable information, insights and experiences. This knowledge is essential for the development of effective domestic export control systems that comply with the requirements of UNSCR 1540 and reinforces other international measures to combat WMD proliferation.

The main focus of this seminar has been on importance of transshipment controls and enforcement issues to prevent diversion of legitimate trade and

to prevent the use of legitimate trade channels to facilitate the proliferation of WMD.

The most important message we must take away from this seminar is that as responsible members of the international community, we must work together to combat proliferation activities around the world.

Before we adjourn, I would like to thank the following:

-- our co-sponsor of this seminar, the Royal Thai Government's Ministries Foreign Affairs, Finance, Commerce Defense, Public Health, Agriculture, Industry, Science and Technology, and the Office of the Prime Minister;

-- U.S. experts from the Departments of State, Commerce, and Homeland Security who provided in-depth information in developing an export control system;

-- Katherine Crouch of my office for coordinating this seminar.

Thank you all for participating. I hope you have enjoyed your stay in Bangkok. Before I adjourn the seminar I would like to remind you all of the options for tomorrow morning for participants to attend either an in depth demonstration of the Tracker system here at the Hotel or visit the port of Bangkok.

Seminar is adjourned.