



**Seventh Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on
Countering the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the Asia Pacific
Rex Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, May 25-27, 2008**

Agenda

May 25, 2008

Participant arrival and check-in

19:00 Opening Dinner

May 26, 2008

9:00 **Welcome remarks**
(CSCAP Vietnam and USCSCAP)

9:15 **Session 1: The Global Nonproliferation Regime**
Discussions will focus on developments since our last meeting that impact the global nuclear nonproliferation regime. What is the status of the Iranian nuclear program and the U.S.-India civilian nuclear agreement? Are there lessons to be drawn from them? Are there other emerging threats to the GNR? What was the outcome of the April Preparatory Committee Meeting? What is the impact of the editorials by Kissinger, Nunn, Schultz, and Perry on disarmament? What is the impact of recent announcements by Great Britain and France regarding their nuclear programs? Do these developments affect the Asia Pacific region?

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 **Session 2: Developments on the Korean Peninsula**
This session will examine the progress of the Six-Party Talks on Korean Peninsula denuclearization. What progress has been made by the working groups? What is the status of the dismantlement process? What is the impact on the global nonproliferation regime? What is the status of the North Korean declaration on its nuclear programs? What are the actions involved in Phase 3 of the agreement? What kind of positive role can/should CSCAP and/or ARF play in the process?

12:30 Lunch

14:00 **Session 3: UN Security Council Resolution 1540 and the Global Nonproliferation Regime**
This session will address the role UNSCR 1540 plays in ensuring compliance with the GNR. How do national implementation plans relate to regional strategies? What regional benefits can be derived from national implementation of UNSCR 1540? How does UNSCR 1540 relate to the current safeguards system for controlling proliferation? Does it serve as an enabler for expanded use of nuclear energy?

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 **Session 4: Regional Safeguards Arrangements as a Complement to IAEA Safeguards**
This session will examine the role of international nuclear safeguards and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in support of the GNR. It will provide an overview of the safeguards systems and consider how it might be strengthened. What role do safeguards play in the expansion of nuclear power as a source of energy? In Europe and South America regional safeguards arrangements have an important role in building regional confidence and complementing IAEA safeguards. This session will examine the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) and the Brazil-Argentina Agency for Accounting and Control (ABACC) and examine proposals for similar arrangements in Asia.

17:00 Session adjourns

18:30 Dinner

May 27, 2008

9:00 **Session 5: Regional Strategies for WMD**
This session will focus on the implementation of regional strategies to deal specifically with the WMD issue. How has the European Union implemented its WMD Strategy Plan? What obstacles has it faced? Are there lessons for the Asia-Pacific region to be drawn from the EU experience with implementing the plan? How has the Pacific Island States' experience with the South Pacific Nuclear Weapons Free Zone and ASEAN's experience with the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapons Free Zone affected their perspectives on WMD issues? How has each group approached the issue of treaty compliance? What obstacles have they faced in implementing the treaties? How is the adoption of nuclear weapons free zones different from the EU's WMD Strategy Plan approach?

11:30 Coffee break

- 11:45 **Session 6: Asia-Pacific WMD Handbook and Action Plan**
This session will focus on recommendations for completion of Chapter 3 on the threat of WMD and Chapter 5 on the treaties, regimes and protocols.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Session 7: Wrap up and Future Plans**
This session will focus on future work of the Study Group. How should the Study Group focus its efforts? How can it be more relevant to the work of track one and the ASEAN Regional Forum in particular? How can it coordinate with other Study Groups? How can it better disseminate its product and facilitate the implementation of its recommendations?
- 14:45 **Meeting Adjourns**
- 15:00 **Tour of Reunification Palace**
- 18:30 **Farewell Dinner**