



## Wassenaar Arrangement

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**For exchange of information on transfers of conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies**




## About

- **Voluntary** export control regime **formally estd. in 1996**
- Succeeded the Cold War-era **Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls**

## Objective

- Controlling the movement of technology material or components to countries or entities which **undermine international security and stability**

## Members

- **42** members (mostly NATO and EU states)  
- The **P5** (except **China**) of UNSC are members 

## India's Membership of WA

- India joined as a **member in 2017** (latest entrant)
- India's membership implies that it is **recognised to have dual use technology**
- Being a non-signatory to the NPT, the WA membership is significant for India to **boost its credentials to enter the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)**

## Secretariat

- **Vienna, Austria**

## WA Plenary

- Decision-making body with **representatives from all participating states**
- Plenary **chair rotates annually; India's chairmanship begins from 1st Jan, 2023**



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