



## **STMO conducted Hybrid Planning and Consultative Sessions with the National Security Council – Strategic Trade Management Committee (NSC-STMCom) Subcommittees on Technical Reachback and Risk Assessment**

The Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO) shared with its government partners its recent achievement of increasing the Philippine ranking from 86th in 2019/2020 to 49th 2021/2022 in the Peddling Peril Index (PPI). The PPI is the first comprehensive and in-depth ranking of the effectiveness of strategic export controls that assessed 200 countries, territories, and entities. The consultative hybrid meeting with government partners was held last 22-26 November 2021 at Baguio City.

Aside from sharing the improvement on PPI Ranking, the Planning and Consultative Meetings aimed to discuss STMO's other accomplishments from 2020-2021, identify areas for collaboration for the effective implementation of the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA), and increase further the Philippines' ranking in the Peddling Peril Index (PPI). The event highlighted the importance of the whole-of-government approach in combatting the illicit cross-border movement of strategic goods.

The following member agencies from the NSC-STMCom Subcommittee on Technical Reachback (SCTR) and Subcommittee on Risk Assessment (SCRA) were represented during the meeting:

**SCTR**

Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)  
Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI)  
DOST - Industrial Technology Development Institute (ITDI)  
DOST - Metals Industry Research and Development Center (MIRDC)  
DOST - Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI)  
Philippine Space Agency (PhilSA)

**SCRA**

Anti-Terrorism Council- Program Management Center (ATC-PMC)  
Department of Foreign Affairs – United Nations and International Organizations (DFA-UNIO)  
Department of National Defense (DND)  
National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)  
National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA)  
National Security Council – Secretariat (NSC-S)  
Philippine Center on Transnational Crime-International Criminal Police Cooperation (PCTC-Interpol)  
Philippine National Police – Directorate for Intelligence (PNP-DI)  
PNP – Firearms and Explosives Office (PNP-FEO)  
Office of the Special Envoy and Transnational Crime (OSETC)

STMO Director Atty. Luis Manuel Catibayan emphasized in his opening remarks the importance of interagency cooperation in the efficient and effective implementation of the provisions of the STMA. Such collaboration played a crucial role in STMO's Accomplishments for 2020-2021, presented by Assistant Director Atty. Janice Dimayacyac.

For the second day, Engr. Lorenz Anthony Fernando presented in detail the PPI ranking, which ranks 200 countries according to their adoption and implementation of export controls (or strategic trade controls), and assesses how well those systems are performing at preventing the trafficking in nuclear and other strategic commodities. From 86th in the 2019/2020 edition, the Philippines, recognized as the most improved country, moved to 49th (out of 200 countries) with 755 points. The presentation was followed by Ms. Domina Pia Salazar's presentation on STMO Roadmap to provide the participants with an overview of STMO's plans and relevant policy implementation from 2022-2018. To end the morning session, Ms. Danelle Mantilla provided an overview and updates on the first catch-all application and application denial of the STMO. A special dialogue with the STMO, DFA, and NSC focused on the Wassenaar Arrangement membership, ratification of nonproliferation treaties and conventions, and the UNSCR 1540 and 1718 reportorial requirements were conducted in the afternoon.

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For the third day, SCTR and SCRA inter-agency collaboration updates were discussed by Ms. Alethea Bravo. In line with the STMO's implementation roadmap, the General Authorization Guidelines were tackled by Ms. Danelle Mantilla. Mr. Christian Mark Cardenas presented the Harmonization of Nonproliferation Obligations and Ease of Doing Business (EODB) compliance. Another special dialogue was also conducted in the afternoon session with STMO, DND, DFA, OSETC, and PNP-FEO, which discussed the Foreign Investment Negative List, Defense Industry Accreditation System, and harmonization of military goods regulations between STMO and PNP-FEO.

On Day 4, parallel sessions with the SCTR and SCRA members were held to discuss their new functions in the National Strategic Goods List (NSGL) Review, Catch-all Controls, and NSGL Annex 3 Goods. The SCTR meeting also discussed Intangible Technology Transfer, Governmental End-Use Assurance, and DTI-STMO-PNRI collaboration on nuclear security detection architecture presented by Ms. Vida Flor Magbual and Ms. Bravo. Meanwhile, the SCRA members covered the Sanctions Implementation Framework and Harmonization Initiatives with Philippine National Police – Firearms and Explosives Office (PNP-FEO).

In conclusion to the week-long meeting, the member agencies adopted the discussion summary and summarized action points to improve STMO processes and strengthen interagency coordination and cooperation. END

