

ASEAN Regional Forum  
**(ARF)**  
Seminar on Missile Defense

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**Bangkok, Thailand**

**CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY REPORT  
OF THE ARF CBM SEMINAR ON MISSILE DEFENSE**

*Bangkok, 6-7 October 2005*

1. The ARF CBM Seminar on "Missile Defense" was held in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-7 October 2005.
2. The Seminar was attended by representatives of ARF participants and the ARF Unit of the ASEAN Secretariat. The List of Delegates appears as ANNEX A.
3. The Seminar was co-chaired by H.E. **Thakur Phanit**, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, and Hon. **Stephen G. Rademaker**, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation of the United States of America.

**AGENDA ITEM 1: WELCOME AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4. In the opening remarks, the Co-Chairs welcomed the participants to the Seminar and stated that the aim of the Seminar was to contribute to greater trust and confidence among ARF participants through dialogue on the issues of missile proliferation and missile defense, and to promoting greater understanding on these issues. The Opening Statements appear as ANNEXES B and C.
5. Seminar participants considered and adopted the Agenda and Programme of Activities which appear as ANNEXES D and E.

**AGENDA ITEM 2: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES AND POLICIES ON MISSILE PROLIFERATION AND/OR MISSILE DEFENSE**

6. Seminar participants exchanged views on the issue of missile proliferation in the region and around the world, including progress that has been achieved in addressing this issue, and on missile defense in relation to the problem of missile proliferation. Statements and presentations under this item appear as ANNEXES F-P
7. Seminar participants agreed that proliferation of missiles is a growing problem, particularly due to their inherent capability to deliver WMD. They further stressed that proliferation in missiles and missile parts and technology is a serious danger to regional as well as global security.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: CHALLENGES IN THE SECURITY ENVIRONMENT, THE IMPACT OF MISSILE PROLIFERATION AND THE ROLE OF MISSILE DEFENSE**

8. Seminar participants had a wide ranging discussion on various aspects of missile defense, reflecting the diversity of views and opinions on this issue. Statements and presentations under this item appear as ANNEXES Q-Y.

9. Seminar participants stressed the importance of promoting transparency on the issue of missile defense and, in this connection, welcomed this Seminar as a first step in promoting such transparency in the **ARF** context.

10. Seminar participants agreed that promotion of transparency on the issue of missile defense will not only enhance better understanding on the issue but also contribute to enhanced trust and confidence in the region. They perceived the benefit of continuing the dialogue on this issue as part of **ARF** confidence-building measures.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION**

11. Seminar participants took note of this Co-Chairs' Summary Report.

12. H.E. **Thakur** Phanit, Deputy Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, delivered his closing remarks which appears as ANNEX Z.

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13. Seminar participants expressed their appreciation to the Government of Thailand for the warm hospitality accorded to them.