

EU support to the HCoC

**EU outreach workshop in support of the
HCoC**

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EU WMD Strategy

- Strategy against proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery – e.g. missiles
- Core principles
 - prevention
 - effective multilateralism: support to international treaties and instruments
 - international cooperation

How does the EU support the HCoC?

- EU has supported Code from the beginning – HCoC is the only multilateral instrument on ballistic missiles
- Active EU participation in the Annual Meetings – EU statements, working papers, proposals, side events
- EU Member States fulfil their HCoC obligations – Annual Declarations and PLNs
- Series of projects in the context of the EU Council Decision

EU Council Decision in support of the HCoC

- Council Decision adopted by EU ministers in 2008 to make support tangible and effective
- Runs from April 2009 to April 2011
- Goals of the projects:
 - Making the Code global (universalization)
 - Making the Code work in practice (implementation at national level)
 - Making the Code stronger (enhancement)

Universalization of the HCoC

- Creation of a universal norm
- All states encouraged to join
- Demonstration of commitment to non-proliferation and multilateralism
- Outreach to non-subscribing states important for the EU
- Paris workshop specifically dedicated to universalization
- EU Activities in support of HCoC: non-subscribing states are always invited

Strengthening and better implementing the HCoC

- Two expert workshops (Prague 2009, Vienna 2010)
- Side events(2009 and 2010):
 - HCoC Annual Meeting
 - 1st Committee in New York
- Study on trends in ballistic missiles, their proliferation and SLV programmes
- E-ICC – secure internet based communication system (adopted in 2010)
- Promoting transparency: Kourou visit

Conclusion

- EU is an active supporter of the HCoC
- With its projects, EU hopes to contribute to universalization, better implementation and strengthening of the Code
- EU wants to engage other subscribing and non-subscribing states in a debate about the HCoC
- EU values opportunities to share experiences about the HCoC and to learn from others