

Proliferation Security Initiative 10th Anniversary: Joint Statement on Strengthening Authorities for Action

A core part of the Proliferation Security Initiative Statement of Interdiction Principles is that actions taken by States in support of their PSI commitments be “consistent with national legal authorities and relevant international law and frameworks, including the UN Security Council.” States also commit to “Review and work to strengthen their relevant national legal authorities where necessary [...] and work to strengthen when necessary relevant international law and frameworks in appropriate ways”.

Since the PSI’s inception in 2003, many endorsing States have worked both individually and cooperatively to strengthen national and international authorities. These steps have improved the ability of States to meet their PSI commitments and have laid a foundation for the further strengthening of authorities where necessary and appropriate. They also contribute to fostering legitimate trade, economic and technology cooperation by diminishing the risk of illicit transfers of WMD, their delivery systems and related materials.

We, the PSI-endorsing States indicated below, consistent with our PSI commitments, authorities and resources, therefore:

1. **Encourage** all PSI-endorsing States to continue to meet their PSI commitments – to prevent, or if that fails to stop, illicit shipments of WMD, their delivery systems and related materials to and from states or non-state actors of proliferation concern – through the appropriate use of available national authorities and consistent with their obligations under international law and frameworks;
2. **Welcome** the progress that States have made since the establishment of the PSI in 2003 in strengthening the authorities available to combat proliferation of WMD, their delivery systems and related materials – consistent with their PSI commitments;
3. **Encourage** all PSI-endorsing States to improve information-sharing, including on their national authorities relevant to their PSI commitments, with the aim of strengthening cooperation among PSI States;
4. **Urge** all PSI endorsing States to undertake work to further strengthen their national authorities, in order to establish a more coordinated and effective

legal basis for preventing proliferation of WMD, their delivery systems, and related materials, or conducting interdictions, according to their PSI commitments;

5. **Urge** all States to work to further strengthen international authorities for countering the proliferation of WMD, their delivery systems and related items,
6. **Undertake** to consider accession to international instruments for countering the proliferation of WMD, including the *2005 Protocol to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against the Safety of Maritime Navigation* (“SUA Protocol”) and the *2010 Convention on the Suppression of Unlawful Acts Relating to International Civil Aviation* (“Beijing Convention”);
7. **Reaffirm** the importance of full and effective implementation of nonproliferation-related UN Security Council resolutions, including 1540 (2004), as a means of meeting PSI commitments.

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Supporting states:

Afghanistan	Bulgaria	FYROM	Latvia	Norway	Slovakia
Albania	Canada	Georgia	Liechtenstein	Panama	Slovenia
Andorra	Chile	Germany	Lithuania	Paraguay	Spain
Antigua and Barbuda	Colombia	Greece	Luxembourg	Philippines	Sri Lanka
Argentina	Croatia	Honduras	Malta	Poland	Sweden
Armenia	Cyprus	Hungary	Marshall Islands	Portugal	Switzerland
Australia	Czech Republic	Ireland	Moldova	Republic of Korea	Thailand
Austria	Denmark	Israel	Mongolia	Romania	Turkey
Bahrain	El Salvador	Italy	Montenegro	Russian Federation	Ukraine
Belarus	Estonia	Japan	Morroco	Samoa	United Arab Emirates
Belgium	Finland	Kazakhstan	Netherlands	Serbia	United Kingdon
Bosnia and Herzegovina	France	Kuwait	New Zealand	Singapore	United States