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On behalf of the U.S. Department of State and my colleagues from the Departments of Commerce, Homeland Security, and Energy, I would like to welcome you all to Bangkok and to the Global Transshipment and Enforcement Seminar: Synergies of Strategic Trade Controls Elements

My office, the Office of Export Controls in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, administers a worldwide, multi-million dollar assistance program – the Export Control and Related Border Security (EXBS) Program – aimed at assisting countries to develop, implement, and enforce export controls over strategic items. This seminar is funded as part of that program.

We are pleased to have such an outstanding turn out. I would like to thank each of you for making time in your schedules for this event, which I expect to be very useful for all of us. I also especially would like to extend a special welcome to first-time participants from Greece, Kenya, Lebanon,

Morocco, Sri Lanka, and Tanzania. I hope that you find your participation in this seminar to discuss such an important global security issue as Transshipment Controls to be as fruitful as it has to other participants that have attended previous conferences and seminars.

Before I go further, I want to thank my colleagues from the Royal Government of Thailand for co-sponsoring this seminar. They are represented here from many important ministries, such Foreign Affairs, Finance, Commerce, Defense, Public Health, Agriculture, Industry, Science and Technology, and the Office of the Prime Minister for co-sponsoring this conference.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Katherine Crouch and Dan Forbes from my office. If you have questions concerning the U.S. EXBS program, please direct your inquiries to Katherine Crouch who coordinates the EXBS efforts globally. Dan Forbes is the main point of contact for the U.S. automated licensing system, called Tracker, which the U.S. has developed to assist countries who want to move their licensing and enforcement of strategic goods to an electronic or paperless system. Dan

will be available all during the conference to answer questions about the Tracker system and to demonstrate its capabilities.

I also would like to introduce you to Evan Stefanik and Brent Evans of Los Alamos Technical Associates (LATA). Evan and his staff have been working closely with my office on seminar administrative and logistic matters. I would encourage you to approach Evan and his staff if you have administrative and logistic questions concerning the conference or your travel.

The seminar will begin with a plenary session today where speakers will address key nonproliferation and export control issues and a few new topical issues to get us thinking, including notable topics, such as WMD Proliferation Trends and Challenges, Integrated Border Inspection Project, and Illicit Transfer of Funds. Starting tomorrow, participants will attend one of the three simultaneous break-out sessions. These breakout sessions are designed for you to have a chance to speak and share your ideas and experiences. Non-attribution rules, or Chatham House rules, apply, so please feel free to share your personal views and thoughts. We want to learn from each other.

The first session will provide opportunities to discuss practical enforcement techniques to enhance enforcement capabilities. Mr. Tada Choomchaiyo from the Royal Thai Customs and Mr. Michael Vanacore of the United States' Department of Homeland Security will be the facilitators for this session. Speakers will address challenges between private port authorities and enforcement officials, targeting techniques, and the usefulness of automated system.

The second session is devoted to the discussion of using technology and coordination to leverage strategic trade controls. Mr. Ian Saunders of the United States' Department of Homeland Security will be the facilitator for this session. Speakers will address supply chain security framework, targeting transshipment, and challenges of transit and transshipment.

The third session features strategies for industry outreach and compliance. Mr. Song Ju-ho of the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Construction, Industry, and Energy and Ms. Mi Yong Kim of the United States Department of Commerce will be the facilitators for this session. Speakers will address benefits of internal compliance programs and industry

compliance. Mr. Forbes will also give a brief demonstration of the Tracker system during this session.

The conference will conclude with all the participants convening at the plenary session where facilitators will report to the conference chairman the outcome of the break-out discussion groups.

On Friday, July 21, participants have the option of attending an in depth demonstration of the Tracker system, the Product Identification Took, and the Internal Control Program here at the Hotel or a visit the port of Bangkok to learn from the authority how they administer controls at this busy and active port, including a demonstration of a number of non-intrusive equipments that are utilized at that Port. Please let Evan and LATA staff know your preference soonest.

The dress code after today is business casual, including for the reception tonight, so I encourage all participants to get comfortable and get to know participants from other countries with keen interest in transshipment controls.

Again, let me encourage everyone to take full advantage of our time here together – both during the discussion sessions and on the margins of this conference – to discuss what are the best practices for developing an export control system for your economy.

We are fortunate to have two important keynote speakers for this seminar. The first is Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Mr. John Clark from the United States Department of Homeland Security who will be addressing how proliferation threatens both our security and our economies and on the recent developments and how effective export controls are helping to address the most serious proliferation challenges faced by the international community.

The second keynote speaker is Director General Sathit Limpongpan, from the Royal Thai Customs, in the Royal Thai Government who will share with us Thailand's experience in strengthening strategic trade controls and Thai Customs roles and responsibilities.

With that, I would like to introduce you to the Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States Embassy Bangkok, Mr. Alex Arvizu. Mr. Arvizu and his staff here in Bangkok have provided outstanding support for this seminar.