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**10TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBING STATES TO  
THE HAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT AGAINST  
BALLISTIC MISSILE PROLIFERATION**

**PRESS RELEASE BY HCoC SUBSCRIBING STATES**

The tenth annual Plenary meeting of the Subscribing States to the Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC) took place between June 2 - 3, 2011, in Vienna.

The participants recognized the importance of the Code as a unique multilateral confidence building and transparency instrument.

France, as outgoing Chair of the HCoC, outlined the efforts made during the last year to promote the universalization of the HCoC and to reinforce its implementation by Subscribing States. Romania, elected during the last plenary meeting as Chair for 2011 - 2012, introduced the objectives of its presidency for the next year: the full and comprehensive implementation of the Code in all its aspects, conducting outreach activities for advancing the process of HCoC universalization and start preparations for marking the tenth anniversary since its creation. Participants agreed to mandate the Republic of Korea as the next Chair for 2012 - 2013.

The participants welcomed the recent accession of Iraq and the Central African Republic as new members of the Code. Currently, 132 States have subscribed to this instrument.

Subscribing States noted the threat to international peace and security posed by the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery.

The Subscribing States reiterated the importance of UN General Assembly resolution 65/73 in support of the HCoC adopted by 162 UN Member States at the last UN General Assembly. The Subscribing States agreed to continue to support the efforts for reaching universalization of the Code.

The Subscribing States welcomed the recent developments in terms of implementation of the Code since the last Plenary meeting and underlined the importance of further reinforcement of the Code. The European Union presented the visit to Europe's Spaceport in Kourou in French Guiana in May 2011, to which several Subscribing and Non-Subscribing States were invited, as a concrete transparency measure of the Code.