

Press Release

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The 25th Annual Regular Meeting of the Subscribing States to The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (HCoC) was held in Vienna on 28th and 29th of May 2026, under the Chairmanship of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Chair for the period 2026-2027, with the participation of 74 registered delegations.

The meeting brought together Subscribing States to exchange views, review developments related to ballistic missiles in the current international context, and continue advancing the goals of the Code.

Participating States reaffirmed the importance of the Code as a unique multilateral instrument for transparency and confidence-building related to ballistic missile proliferation, strengthening the international security architecture on disarmament and non-proliferation. Further, Participating States expressed concern about the ongoing proliferation of ballistic missile technology and about the consequences of its use in multiple military conflicts.

Participants reiterated their commitment to the universalization and full implementation of the Code, underlining the transparency value of pre-launch notifications and annual declarations. Currently, 145 States have subscribed to the Code, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2027.

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