

Transnational Networks and Nonproliferation: Strengthening the Multilateral Export Control Regime

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Spirit of Khan Lives On

- Illicit Procurement networks remain active
 - Iran, North Korea, Pakistan, Syria, Burma...?
- Obscured by legitimate trade
- High priority, highly complex

Countering the Khans: The Multinational Export Control Regime

- Treaties/UNSC mandates (e.g. NPT, 1540)
- Multilateral institutions (e.g. IAEA, WCO)
- Supplier cartels (e.g. NSG, MTCR)
- **Transnational cooperation** (agency-agency)
- Domestic law/enforcement
- Industry/Private Sector

Transnational Cooperation

- “Disaggregated state”
- Agency-agency interaction
 - technical assistance
 - information sharing
 - norm transmission
- Harmonization and Enhancement

Incentives for Foreign Government Cooperation

- Commitment to nonproliferation
- Professional development generally
- Diplomatic pressure
- Threat of sanctions
- Bureaucratic influence/resources
- Trade benefits
- Donation of equipment/grants
- Prestige factor
- Cost minimization

Incentives for Company Cooperation

- Commitment/reputation
- Agency transparency/involvement with industry
- Trusted sender/shipper status
- Sanctions
- Ease of sharing
- Cooperation credit
- Trade facilitation
- Insurance

Maximizing Returns

- Clear measurement/evaluation criteria
- Donor coordination
- Institutional design
- Information sharing