

PTS 2020 | L2 Test 12 - Solutions | ForumIAS**Q.1)****Ans) c****Exp) Option (c) is the correct answer.**

Statement 1 is incorrect. Participating States in the **Wassenaar Arrangement** apply export controls to all items set forth in the List of **Dual-Use Goods and Technologies and Munitions List**, with the objective of preventing unauthorized transfers or re-transfers of those items.

Statement 2 is incorrect. The **Australia Group (AG)** is an informal forum of countries which seeks to ensure that exports do not contribute to the development of **chemical or biological weapons**.

Statement 3 is correct. **MTCR's** mission is to coordinate national export licensing efforts aimed at preventing the proliferation of unmanned delivery systems capable of delivering **weapons of mass destruction**.

KB) Wassenaar Arrangement:

- The Wassenaar Arrangement has been established in order to contribute to regional and international security and stability, by promoting transparency and greater responsibility in transfers of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
- It prevents destabilizing accumulations of conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
- The Participating States through their national policies seek to ensure that transfers of these items do not contribute to the development or enhancement of military capabilities which undermine these goals, and are not diverted to support such capabilities.
- The aim is also to prevent the acquisition of these items by terrorists.

Australian Group:

- The Australia Group is a multilateral export control regime (MECR)
- It is an informal group of countries (now joined by the European Commission)
- It was established in 1985 (after the use of chemical weapons by Iraq in 1984)
- It seeks to help member countries to identify those exports which need to be controlled so that they do not contribute to the spread of chemical and biological weapons.
- Coordination of national export control measures assists Australia Group participants to fulfill their obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention and the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention to the fullest extent possible.

Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR):

- The Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) is a multilateral export control regime.
- It is an informal political understanding among 35 member states that seek to limit the proliferation of missiles and missile technology.
- The regime was formed in 1987 by the G-7 industrialized countries.
- The MTCR seeks to limit the risks of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) by controlling exports of goods and technologies that could make a contribution to delivery systems (other than manned aircraft) for such weapons.
- The aim of the MTCR is to restrict the proliferation of missiles, complete rocket systems, unmanned air vehicles, and related technology for those systems capable of carrying a 500-kilogram payload at least 300 kilometers, as well as systems intended for the delivery of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).
- The MTCR and the International Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation (the Hague Code of Conduct):
 - MTCR partners initiated the process that resulted in The Hague Code of Conduct.