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Hello,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of Project Alpha's activities over the last couple of months.

As you know, Alpha has worked since 2011 to improve the implementation of trade controls in order to prevent nuclear proliferation.

As a reminder, our three main strains of work are:

1. Understanding illicit trade;
2. Improving the implementation of trade controls by governments and the private sector;
3. Informing and improving international efforts to prevent proliferation.

#### **Events**

On the 29th March, Project Alpha will hold a workshop on the subject of intangible technology (export) controls. The event is intended for practitioners in industry and academia. The purpose of the event is twofold:

- To examine practical measures that industry and academia can take to implement intangible technology controls. This will include consideration of issues such as approaches to internal compliance, the storage of information (i.e. Cloud computing) and the need for contractual language concerning export controls with research partners, distributors etc.
- To collate views on a study prepared by KCL on the subject of intangible technology controls which is intended to inform the review of the EU regulation, 428/2009. This study is funded by an agency of the Swedish government and a draft of this report will be circulated to those who attend.

The event is free to attend and is being undertaken under the auspices of the Project Alpha 'partners' initiative. It will take place on the 29th of March, at King's College London's Strand Campus, and will run from 10am to 3pm.

The event will also provide attendees with an opportunity to meet other practitioners.

If you are a company or university export compliance official and wish to attend this event please RSVP to This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

#### **New Website**

The Project Alpha website has moved to a new domain, <http://projectalpha.eu/>. This contains all of our past resources, as well as a multitude of new features, making our research more accessible and easier to navigate than ever. To consolidate our involvement in the implementation of the Iran Nuclear Deal, we have also launched a [new website](#) on behalf of UNSC Resolution 2231, adopted on 20 July 2015 in support of the long-term plan agreed by the international community under the JCPOA. This contains useful guidelines, references and contacts with regard to Resolution 2231 and the JCPOA, as well as additional information about Iranian nuclear trade and designations.

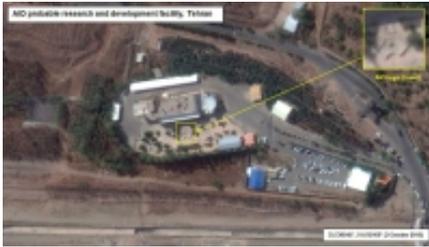
**Alpha on Iran** Following implementation day of the Iran nuclear agreement, we have recently made available a wide range of [resources on Iran](#) through a series of case studies and articles covering issues relating to sanctions, procurement for Iran's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes and technical aspects of Iran's nuclear activities.

EU Partner to Partner Programme on Dual-use Goods. On the 1st September 2015, a new consortia that includes Project Alpha took over implementation of the EU Partner to Partner programme on dual-use goods (formally called the EU outreach program on dual-use goods. Details are available from [this](#) page.

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## Alpha In Depth: Iran's missile industry

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Project Alpha is today unveiling a new series of reports - Alpha In Depth. Alpha In Depth reports are intended as comprehensive studies of issues of particular interest to policymakers. They will be available for purchase from Project Alpha. The first Alpha In Depth report to be released, titled *Iran's missile industry: a baseline study*, is now available. For pricing and purchasing information, please contact [This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.](mailto:This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.)

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## Implementation Day for the Iran nuclear deal

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Visit the dedicated Alpha website on the Iran nuclear agreement at: [www.unscr2231.info](http://www.unscr2231.info)

On the 16<sup>th</sup> January, Iran and the E3+3, also referred to as the P5+1 (China, France, Russia, the United Kingdom, the United States and Germany) announced the official implementation of the [Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action \(JCPOA\)](#), so marking an important step in the negotiations on Iran's nuclear programme in exchange for relief from sanctions.

A joint statement issued by Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, and the EU foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, announced:

"Today, we have reached Implementation Day of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Ever since Adoption Day, we worked hard and showed mutual commitment and collective will to finally bring the JCPOA to implementation. Today, six months after finalisation of the historic deal, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has verified that Iran has implemented its nuclear related commitments under the JCPOA."

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## Information on the Procurement Channel by the Joint Commission

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Information on the Procurement Channel by the Joint Commission under Resolution 2231 (2015)

The Joint Commission has issued [new information](#) on the operational aspects of the Procurement Channel established under the JCPOA and Resolution 2231 (S/RES/2231), summarised below:

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## CASE STUDY SERIES

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### New Alpha case study: Brazil's nuclear programme

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Brazilian naval nuclear facility: Aramar Experimental Center at Iperó

Project Alpha is releasing today the latest in its *Proliferation Case Study* series. This new report is an in-depth study of how Brazil has used foreign assistance to support its nuclear programme – particularly its efforts to enrich uranium using centrifuge technology.

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## VISUALISATION TOOLS

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An [interactive visualisation tool](#) might be of interest for those of you looking to get a clearer picture of global export controls efforts. This includes overviews of:

- Countries that have prosecuted WMD export controls violators;
- Countries under EU and UN sanctions/restrictions;
- Global participation in non-proliferation measures;
- Data on US and UK license denials;
- Commercial producers of NSG-controlled dual-use goods;
- Global WMD export control prosecutions;
- World Trade in nuclear related items;
- Trade in strategic goods;
- Iranian nuclear procurement: origin and transshipment points;

You can stay up to date with our most recent content by regularly following our [news](#). Project Alpha staff are also available for training, consultancy and media work in relation to export control, non-proliferation and sanctions issues. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact Dominic Williams (This email address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. ). Best regards, The Alpha Team