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The Wassenaar Arrangement faces challenges in adapting to cloud technology, requiring updates to control lists and enforcement mechanisms.

About Wassenaar Arrangement

- It is a multilateral **“export control regime”** for conventional arms and dual-use goods and technologies.
- The body **came into being in 1996** to succeed the Cold War-era Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls.
- The name comes from Wassenaar, a suburb of the Hague, Netherlands, where the agreement to start such a multi-lateral cooperation was reached in 1995.
- **Purpose:** To promote transparency and greater responsibilities for transfers of **conventional arms and dual-use goods**, as well as technologies, to prevent destabilizing actions.
- **Member countries:** 42 members.

- **India joined** the Wassenaar Arrangement **in 2017 and** incorporated its lists into its Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment, and Technologies framework.
- Headquarters: **Vienna, Austria.**

How does Wassenaar Arrangement work?

- The group works by regularly **exchanging information in respect of technology**, both conventional and nuclear-capable, that is sold to, or denied to countries outside the grouping.
- This is done through **maintenance and updating of detailed lists of chemicals**, technologies, processes and products that are considered militarily significant.
- Through this exchange of information, the group aims at controlling the movement of technology, material or components to countries or entities which undermine international security and stability.

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