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SUBJECT: DOD Holds First Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) War Game

- Naval War College (NWC) hosted the first multinational PSI maritime interdiction game, sponsored by OSD, from September 27 to October 1.
- 175 delegates from 17 countries in the PSI Operational Experts Group participated (Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Russia, the UK, and the U.S.).
- Interagency country teams shared information and under short timelines developed regional interdiction responses to nine fictitious proliferation-related shipments.
- The game resulted in successful interdictions that identified new potential legal authorities for boarding and searching vessels.
- Participants overcame operational challenges related to interdicting container ships and political complications with interdicting “dual-use” items.
- The U.S. team was led by OSD and included Joint Staff, Office of General Counsel, PACOM, EUCOM, DIA, Navy, NSC, Coast Guard, Customs, and State officials.
- PDUSDP Ryan Henry attended one day of the game and addressed participants to stress the importance of developing PSI operational concepts.
- PSI Operational Experts will discuss legal, intelligence, and operational issues raised during the game at their next meeting in Australia November 30 – December 2.
- OSD leads the Operational Experts process.

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