

## India enters Wassenaar Arrangement

The MEA spokesperson said, "While membership of the Arrangement would not automatically entail any preferential treatment from other WA members, it would create the grounds for realignment of India in the export control policy framework of other WA members, including eligibility for certain licensing exceptions."

Membership in the Arrangement has been part of India's quest for membership in the export control organisations.

*The Hindu* had earlier reported that Russia had expressed optimism about India's membership in the Wassenaar Arrangement. Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov had said earlier this week that Russian support for Indian membership in the organisation will help bilateral ties, and added, "This is an example and reflection of Russia's unwavering support to India's membership of international nuclear control regimes."

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***Sergey Ryabkov Deputy Foreign Minister, Russia***

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