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Lebanon poses a significant proliferation risk due to: 1) its location; 2) its status as a transit/transshipment hub in the Middle East; 3) its disputed and porous border with Syria; 4) the significant number of weapons and militants within its territory; 5) the heightened role of Hezbollah in Lebanese politics and its longstanding economic and political ties in both Iran and Syria; and 6) the absence of effective legal authorities and institutions to enable the Government of Lebanon (GOL) to regulate and enforce trade in most strategic goods and technologies effectively.

We therefore propose, after significant research and compiling, to conduct an introductory seminar on strategic trade control legislation and implementing regulations in Beirut, Lebanon over a two-and-half-day period with the general purpose of providing an overview of the elements of a comprehensive strategic trade control law and regulations that are consistent with U.S., E.U., and international policies, practices, and recommendations. Following the seminar, we propose to engage selected GOL agencies that are likely to play a significant, ongoing role in the development of Lebanon's strategic trade control system in a series of one-on-one and/or small group meetings in order to focus on and address their specific questions, concerns, and interests and to enhance their understanding of strategic trade control concepts introduced during the seminar.