There is an ongoing need for Taiwan to have opportunities to engage with experts from countries with advanced strategic trade control licensing systems to help Taiwan authorities to continue strengthening their own system. Thus, Taiwan’s strategic trade licensing agencies would benefit from a roundtable event in Taiwan that included experts and practitioners from the European Union, Japan, Korea, as well as the United States. In particular, Taiwan licensing agencies would benefit from an event that included sessions on the role of licensing officers in risk assessment; the role of technical evaluation in license review; the role of enforcement in license review; the role of industry in licensing; the overall license decision making process; communication between licensing officials, technical evaluators, industry; and, electronic licensing systems. Representatives from Taiwan licensing agencies would also benefit from information on and examples of strategic trade licensing “best practices” from the aforementioned countries and others with similar trade characteristics and/or regional connections to Taiwan (such as Singapore, Hong Kong, and Australia) in the areas of transit/transshipment/re-export, brokering and trade intermediary activities, and technology transfers, as a means of presenting Taiwanese authorities with different approaches to addressing some of the few remaining gaps in their licensing system.

CPR therefore proposes to conduct a two-day roundtable on strategic trade licensing designed for representatives from Taiwan’s key licensing agencies, with the participation of experts and practitioners—or in the least, examples—from the aforementioned countries. The Roundtable will identify, discuss, and emphasize the essential components of Taiwan’s current strategic trade licensing and how to further enhance it (in a way that will help, not hinder) the island’s business interests in a constructive, peer-to-peer manner that would remain sensitive to Taiwan’s unique circumstances. Therefore, CPR would structure the activity to be a roundtable in the truest sense of the concept, with a two-way sharing of views, experiences, practices, and ideas as opposed to more lecture-oriented “trainings”. Each session would include dedicated time for presentation from at least one relevant Taiwan strategic trade licensing agency. The CPR Project Team will utilize its research and understanding of and experience with Taiwan’s strategic trade licensing system (and global systems as well) to suggest a strong candidate for each “Lead-Off Discussant” role. And to ensure that the interactive and open-flow nature of the roundtable is maintained throughout, the CPR Project Team proposes to arrange each session to include only brief, informative “dialogue-starting” presentations from the Lead-Off Discussants, and leave the majority
of time in each session for group discussion and/or practical exercises meant to reinforce the topics addressed.