UPSC Civil Services Examination IAS Prelims

Topic – Hague Code of Conduct (HCoC)

The Hague Code of Conduct (HCoC) is an international code of conduct against ballistic missile proliferation. The HCoC consists of a set of general principles, commitments, and limited confidence-building measures.

The HCOC is a sum of international efforts put forward to control the access to ballistic missiles which can be a major reason for mass destruction. Ballistic missiles and the agreements related to the sharing of these have always been in news making this topic important for <u>IAS Exam</u> aspirants.

This article will brief you about Hague Code of Conduct, providing you with relevant facts important for <u>UPSC Prelims</u> and Mains.

Important Details about Hague Code of Conduct

When was Hague Code of Conduct adopted?	25th November 2002	
What does this Code support?	Non-Proliferation of Ballistic Missiles	
What are Ballistic Missiles?	A missile with a high, arching trajectory, which is initially powered and guided but falls under gravity on to its target.	
Is it unilateral or multilateral code?	A multilateral code of conduct	
Does it ban ballistic missiles?	No, it does not. It only limits their production, testing and export.	
Is India a part of Hague Code of Conduct?	Yes, Indian joined this code in 2016	
How many members are a part of HCoC?	143	
Neighbours of India which are not part of HCoC?	Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, China	

What is the main objective of the Hague Code of Conduct?

The main objective of the Hague Code of Conduct is to strengthen national and international security arrangements and to promote disarmament on an international basis.

In order to achieve this, all the participating countries try all possible measures to impose maximum restraint in the development, testing, and deployment of ballistic missiles that are capable of carrying weapons that might result in mass destruction.

Hague Code of Conduct Related Links:

Missile Technology Control Regime	Nuclear Suppliers Group
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