

LETTER OF INTENT

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND

AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

ON

THE DEVELOPMENT OF INCREASED MOBILITY PLATFORMS

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Finland and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia (hereinafter referred as "the Signatories"),

Recognizing longstanding multilateral defence cooperation among the Signatories and mutually shared interest to promote it further,

Underlining the positive impact enhanced regional armaments cooperation and compatibility has on efficient use of resources available within their respective defence investment programs,

Acknowledging the particular importance of cooperative programmes for strengthening European military capabilities and establishing strong European Defence Technological and Industrial Base,

Understanding important role defence research and development plays in keeping European Defence Technological and Industrial Base militarily relevant and globally competitive,

Wishing to contribute to the development of Future Defence Capabilities through innovation and maturation of existing technologies, while also recognizing high research and development costs of complex weapon systems, often preventing separate national defence programmes,

And considering potential European multinational cooperation framework provides in enabling the Signatories to meet these objectives in most efficient way,

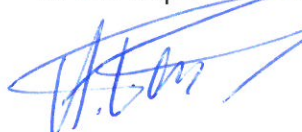
Hereby declare their intent to engage in common consultations, exploring possibility to establish a cooperative programme for the development of increased mobility platforms able to carry a squad size unit. Based on current security requirements the Signatories will focus on solutions that deliver the best value for money for their Defence Forces.

The Letter of Intent does not constitute a legally binding commitment between the Signatories, neither under national law nor under international law. Any related contractual or financial commitment will be subject to establishment of appropriate international instrument(s) such as a Memorandum of Understanding, which will state the financial, contractual and other commitments, such instrument(s) being subject to their respective national approval procedure.

Signed in three copies in the English language.

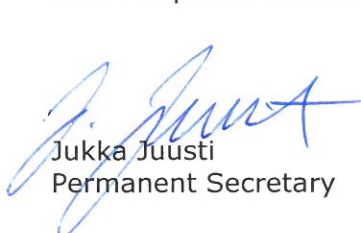
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For the Ministry of Defence
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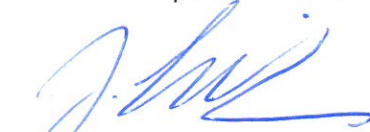
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