



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

**A.I.A.D.**

**The Italian Industries Federation for Aerospace Defence and Security**

and

**BDSV**

**The Federation of German Security and Defence Industries Association**

### **MISSION**

To provide a forum for developing and sustaining an Italian-German Defence industry dialogue on defence technological and industrial cooperation and to offer appropriate recommendations of the national industries to the German Ministry of Defence and Italian Ministry of Defence.

AIAD and BDSV have already established six working groups as listed below:

- Aeronautics
- Land
- Security
- Avionics
- Naval
- Space

Issues to be addressed (in accordance with the industries) will include, but not be limited to:

- Missile Systems
- UAS (Unmanned Aerial Systems)
- UGV (Unmanned Ground Vehicle)
- Battlefield EW Systems
- Guided Ammunition
- Satellite Systems

### **ESTABLISHMENT and PURPOSE**

- a) The terms of Reference of the joint German-Italian Defence Industry Cooperation Group (DICG) are established by the Italian Industries Federation for Aerospace, Defence and Security and the Federation of German Security and Defence Industries Association, to be known informally as the "German-Italian DICG".

- b) The primary purpose of the German-Italian DICG is to address defense industrial cooperation programs for the mutual benefit of Italy and Germany and to provide information and advice to our respective Governments.
- c) Appropriate Working Groups will address areas of particular cooperative projects. The names of such working groups shall be "DICG Working Groups for (for example, electronics, ammunition)". Working Groups will report to the DICG.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- a) The Germany-Italy DICG will be composed by no more than 5 industries members from each country. Representatives shall be designated by the Board of Directors of the Italian Industries Federation for Aerospace, Defence and Security (AIAD) for Italy and the Federation of the German Security and Defence Industries Association (BDSV) for Germany. Industry participants must be drawn from the ranks of companies active in the international defence-trade marketplace as well as corporate members of either AIAD or BDSV. It is expected that all German members will have significant interest in the Italian marketplace and all Italian members will have significant interest in the German marketplace.
- b) The DICG may invite advisory participation from the appropriate offices within the Italian Ministry of Defence and the German Ministry of Defence.

## **DICG LEADERSHIP**

The German-Italian DICG will elect two Chairmen belonging to its respective membership. Working Groups will be chaired as designated by the Co-Chairmen of the German-Italian DICG. The Co-Chairmen will appoint a Secretary. The Secretary will assist the Co-Chair in organizing and managing DICG activities on behalf of their delegation.

## **TERMS OF OFFICE**

Members will serve 3 year terms, with reappointment at the discretion of the AIAD Board of Directors and the International Division of BDSV.

## **MEETINGS**

- a) The German-Italy DICG will meet 2 times per year alternatively in Munich and in Rome.
- b) Working Groups will decide their own agendas and the sites of the meetings.

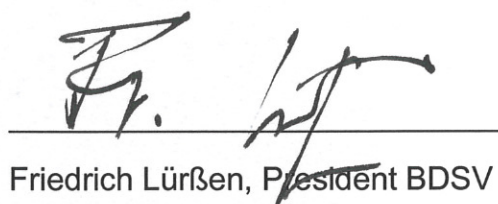
## LOGISTIC SUPPORT

The respective country associations, AIAD and BDSV, will provide support to their industry delegations on the basis of standard association operating policies. When meetings are located in Germany, BDSV will be responsible for arrangements and support, with like responsibilities for AIAD when meetings are located in Italy. The primary focal point for support within BDSV is the Secretary General. The primary focal point for support from AIAD is the Secretary General.

Agreed and signed Berlin, 16<sup>th</sup>, December 2011



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