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Mr Jan Pic  
Secretary General ASD Europe  
Rue Montoyer 10  
1000 Brussels**Subject: Industry Consultation Forum - European Defence Industrial Development Programme, Brussels, 25 September 2017**

Dear Mr Pic,

I refer to the letter of Mr Philippe Brunet of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017 inviting you and your members to participate in the Industry Consultation Forum of 25 September 2017.

As mentioned in this letter, we would like at that occasion to discuss opportunities under the European Defence Industrial Development Programme for projects enabling the cross-border participation of SMEs, and how to incentivize the participation of SMEs in consortia and in the supply chains. In that context, I think it would be useful that, in addition to short presentations from the Commission, we have a presentation (no more than 10 minutes) from ASD on both these issues.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you are happy with this approach and indicate who would be available to give the presentation on behalf of ASD.

The contact points for the meeting are [redacted]@ec.europa.eu / [redacted] and [redacted]@ec.europa.eu / [redacted]. They will be able to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,