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EU Member States

(sent by e-mail)

**Subject: European Defence Industrial Development Programme – 2nd
informal meeting with Member States, Brussels, 5 March 2018**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of inviting your government authorities to be represented at the second informal meeting on the implementation of the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP).

The meeting will take place on **5 March 2018** from **14h30 to 17h30** in the:

**Centre Borchette
Meeting room 0.A
Rue Foissart 36
1040 Brussels**

The objective of this meeting would be to present and discuss available approaches for the definition of project categories and to initiate a discussion about domains that could be eligible for funding under the EDIDP. In addition, a consideration about possible application of the EDIDP financing in a collaborative project is envisaged. To help focus the discussion, a paper on the proposed methodology and preliminary ideas on the selection will be circulated ahead of the meeting. Agenda of the meeting will be provided shortly.

Please notice that this preliminary discussion will take place without prejudice to the ongoing negotiations between the Council and the European Parliament and should only serve as an opportunity of an informal exchange of views between Member States and the Commission. Formal arrangements will continue in a comitology framework in a Programme Committee, which has been identified in the proposal.

Appointed representatives of your government should confirm their participation by filling in and returning the attached Registration Form to [\[redacted\]@ec.europa.eu](mailto: [redacted]@ec.europa.eu) **no later than 28 February 2018**.

Participants should present themselves at the meeting venue with a copy of this Invitation letter. Please note that, in the absence of this document and confirmed registration, the Security Services may refuse access to the building.

Please also note that no travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Commission for this meeting and no simultaneous interpretation during the meeting will be offered.

For any questions about the meeting, the contact points are: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu) and [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu)

We would welcome any written contribution in advance of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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