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**Industry Consultation Forum
 European Defence Industrial Development Programme**

Brussels, 25 September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, on 7 June, the European Commission adopted a proposal for establishing European Defence Industrial Development Programme. The objective of the Programme will be strengthening the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the European defence industry by supporting cross-border co-operative projects in the sector.

Against this background, the European Commission, in cooperation with EDA, intends to organise a workshop on 25 September in Brussels gathering a broad representation of the European defence sector including small and medium enterprises and mid-caps. The objective of the meeting would be to present and discuss the Commission proposal as well as seek expert input from the participants. In this context, we would like notably to discuss opportunities under the 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.

I warmly invite you and your members to participate in this workshop. We would welcome any written contribution in advance of the workshop.

Please find attached a tentative agenda of the meeting. We have a room with a seating capacity of 75 places. They will be offered on a "first come first served" basis.

Please note that no interpretation will be provided during the meeting and that the European Commission cannot reimburse any expenses that may result from your participation.

The meeting is being organised by [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu / [REDACTED])
and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu / [REDACTED]). They will be
able to provide any further information you may require.

Yours sincerely,

