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Subject: *Invitation for participation in the Industrial Forum*

DEAR MS. EVANS,

In the framework of the 13th International Defence Exhibition "Hemus 2018 - Defence, Antiterrorism and Security" in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on 30 of May 2018 the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Bulgaria are organizing a meeting of the Industrial Forum Initiative, dedicated on the European defence industrial cooperation as new opportunities for the European Defence Industry. The political context of the event is to take advantage of the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) to support investment in joint research and development of defence equipment and technologies.

We are preparing the meeting in cooperation with the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe, which Defence Research Committee members are going to present the four identified technology domains.

With a letter from 1 March 2018 the Bulgarian National Armaments Director invited representatives from DG GROW to participate in the International Scientific Conference on 31 May 2018. In this context and having in mind the topic of the Industrial forum on 30 May, I would like to invite a representative of DG GROW to join the meeting with an information on the progress of the Work Program for the implementation of EDIDP. For further information and coordination: [REDACTED], mail: [REDACTED]@mod.bg, mob. [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

Article 4(1)(b)

