

JOINT DECLARATION

BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

AND

**THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

ON

STRENGTHENING MILITARY-TECHNICAL COOPERATION

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Croatia

and

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia

(collectively hereinafter referred as „Parties“)

Given the security environment on NATO's Eastern Flank and in the South East Europe, and a need to enhance defence cooperation and foster collaborative approach in addressing common threats and procurement challenges – the Ministries have agreed to strengthen military-technical cooperation;

Referring to the ongoing European efforts under the ReArm Europe Plan/Readiness 2030, which provide a vital framework for reinforcing industrial and defence production capabilities, promoting self-reliance, resilience, and technological sovereignty across the continent, and ensuring that joint military initiatives are supported by robust and sustainable defence infrastructures, thereby contributing to a stronger European security architecture;

Taking into account the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Croatia and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on Cooperation in the Field of Defence, done at Ljubljana on 14 March 2003;

The Parties agree to pursue initiatives including:

- development and equipping of weapons systems and simulators;
- development and equipping of unmanned systems;
- development and equipping in the field of military critical infrastructure protection;
- enhancing cooperation in the field of integrated air defence.

The Parties recognize the importance of close collaboration in the areas such as joint training and exercises, exchange of military expertise, and defence technology.

The Parties intend to cooperate on the basis of the principle of common interests, and in accordance with their respective national laws and regulations as well as international obligations assumed by their respective States.

The Parties acknowledge that this Joint Declaration does not represent a commercial or financial commitment to participate in any cooperation or contract, nor constitutes a legally binding commitment under international or national law. Any legal, financial or any other type of commitment is subject to the establishment of separate arrangements, subject to national approval procedures.

This Joint Declaration signifies mutual commitment to strengthen and deepen military-technical cooperation for the purpose of enhancing security, readiness and resilience, defence capability and regional stability.

This Joint Declaration reflects a shared determination to contribute to the security of Europe and to uphold the principles of mutual respect, partnership and solidarity.

This Joint Declaration may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Parties.

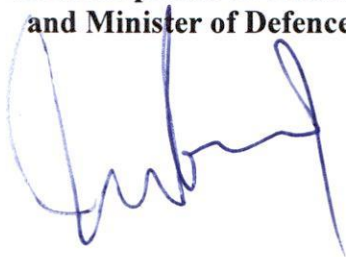
This Joint Declaration will come into effect on the date of signature by both Parties.

Signed in Zagreb on 5th September 2025, in two original copies in the English language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA**

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**Deputy Prime Minister
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**FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA**

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