



**LETTER OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA  
AND  
THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA  
ON COOPERATION  
IN MILITARY MATTERS**

The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Federal Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”;

**Welcoming** the existing partnership between the Participants and declaring their intention to deepen and increase mutual cooperation in the field of defence by building on current cooperative activities and implementing new initiatives to further enhance the relationship between the Participants;

**Taking into account** mutual cooperation in the field of defence cooperation both the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Federal Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria;

**Affirming** their intent to work together in the spirit of trust and cooperation for defence partnership for the mutual benefit of both States, the Participants intend to explore the possibilities of defence cooperation in identified areas for the mutual benefit of both the Participants;

**The Participants intend to undertake the following:**

Bilateral defence cooperation intended between the Participants may encompass the following areas:

- (a) Defence Policy;
- (b) Cooperation in the field of Armaments and Defence Industries with the aim to encourage and promote defence industry; such cooperation includes areas of Research and Development, Logistic Support, Defence Technology and process of Acquisition of Defence Products and Services; Cooperation in the field of AI in Defence Sector;
- (c) Experience and Practices in the field of Law and Legislation relating to defence;
- (d) Military Education and Training;
- (e) Arms Control and Disarmament;
- (f) Military Financial and Accounting System;
- (g) Sharing of experiences and consultations in Defence Technology;
- (h) Environment and Pollution control in military Field including protection and restoration of protected areas and biodiversity within military field;
- (i) Enhance cooperation in the field of maritime security;
- (j) Culture and Sports in the military field;
- (k) Logistic Support;
- (l) Information Exchange;
- (m) Defence Cyber Domain;
- (n) space Domain;
- (o) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercises and Training;
- (p) Non-Traditional Security areas including UN Peacekeeping Operations; and
- (q) Any other field of cooperation in defence that may be of mutual interest to the participants.

Further, any information and material, including classified, that may be exchanged or generated in connection with this Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as "LoI") will be used, transmitted, stored, handled and safeguarded will not be disclosed to any third party without the prior written consent of the originator. Information obtained by participants will only be used by authorised personnel for the purpose for which it was shared.

The exchange of personal data between the Participants is intended to be done in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

**The defence cooperation intend to take place as follows:**

- (a) Meetings between delegations of civilian and military agencies;
- (b) Meetings between Defence Institutions representatives;
- (c) Participation in theoretical courses, orientation periods, seminars, conferences, round table discussions and symposiums offered in military and civilian Defence establishments;
- (d) Visits of military ships and aircraft;
- (e) Support to commercial initiatives including co-development, co-production and Joint Ventures related to defence products and services linked to defence matters, including training;
- (f) Any other modality to be agreed between the Participants.

Further arrangements in relation to or on defence cooperation can be agreed upon between the Participants through separate agreement.

This Lol signifies the commencement of development of an Agreement on Cooperation in Military Matters which would be finalised between both participants in a subsequent time frame.

This Lol does not constitute a legally binding commitment under national or international law. Such commitment could only result from the conclusion of an appropriate legal instrument between the Participants. This Lol cannot be released to the public without written consent from both Participants. This Lol may be amended at any time with the mutual written consent of the Participants. This Lol will come into effect on the day of its last signature.

Signed at New Delhi on 16 April 2026 in two original copies, in the English language.

**For the Ministry of Defence  
of the Republic of India**

**For the Federal Minister of Defence  
of the Republic of Austria**

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