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Dear Colonel Krell,

*Dear Colonel,*

**LIAISON BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY (EDA) AND THE MOVEMENT COORDINATION CENTRE EUROPE (MCCE)**

The EDA, in line with its overall mission as set out in the Council Decision defining the statute, seat and operational rules of the European Defence Agency, is responsible for developing defence capabilities, promoting defence Research and Technology as well as armament cooperation, and creating a competitive European Defence Equipment Market and strengthening the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base. The EDA acts as a catalyst, promotes cooperation, launches new initiatives and proposes solutions to improve defence capabilities. Developing and improving defence capabilities in the Deploy domain is one of the objectives of EDA.

It is widely recognized that MCCE is a key player to address the shortage of Strategic Lift. The objective of the MCCE is to coordinate the use of Air Transport capabilities and air-to-air Refuelling (AAR) capabilities between Participants and thereby improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness.

The MCCE is to work with its Member States to provide the most effective coordination of multinational and multimodal strategic lift requirements and AAR against opportunities, in order to maximize the most efficient use of resources, thereby increasing confidence and visibility of strategic movement plans.

On this basis, I propose to establish effective liaison between EDA and MCCE based on the following key principles:

- a) the objective of the liaison between EDA and MCCE is to allow for the exchange of unclassified information on activities of mutual interest, such as studies, workshops, projects; exercises, AAR clearance processes, training and

multinational programmes;

- b) the identification of potential new activities that would support our respective Member States in developing their defence capabilities will be one of our common objectives;
- c) EDA and MCCE intend to interact closely and co-ordinate their work, in order to make a coherent contribution to European and NATO transformational activities, within available means and resources;
- d) The administration of activities will be in accordance with each organisation's respective internal processes, procedures and rules;
- e) The handling and release of information and documents will be undertaken in accordance with the respective rules and regulations of EDA and MCCE. Any intellectual or industrial property rights, including any documentation, data, technical information provided will remain vested in their respective owners;
- f) EDA and MCCE will nominate Points of Contact to facilitate and coordinate dialogue;
- g) This Exchange of Letters will not impose any financial responsibilities on EDA or MCCE. The delineation of potential funding responsibilities will be further refined in the planning documents for specific events. In general, each organisation will fund its own share of co-operative endeavours from its own resources.

Areas of common interest for the liaison would start with the following:

- Strategic transport assets (air, land and sea)
- Multi-Modal Movement and Transport in Europe
- Air-to-air refuelling
- SALIS
- ATARES
- Inland Surface Movement/Transport
- Interoperability

I am confident that, through our liaison, EDA and MCCE can bring a significant added value to Member States through improved exchange of information, avoidance of unnecessary duplication of effort and common support of activities that bring added-value.

If the above principles for liaison are acceptable to you, I propose that this letter, together with your affirmative reply, will constitute our common understanding.

*Yours* Yours sincerely,



Jorge Domecq

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COORDINATION CENTRE EUROPE (MCCE)**

Dear Mr. Jorge Domecq,

On behalf of the Movement Coordination Centre Europe I have the honour to confirm that we agree with the contents of your letter Reference EDA201509081/CAT/LDON dated 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. The arrangement reached with this exchange of letters will be effective from the date this note is received.

Yours sincerely,

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