

September 2014

**LETTER OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE DEFENCE MINISTERS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, DENMARK,  
GREECE, NORWAY, PORTUGAL AND SPAIN  
CONCERNING  
MULTINATIONAL APPROACHES TOWARDS  
AIR-TO-GROUND PRECISION GUIDED MUNITIONS**

The signing nations,

- recognizing a need to increase national availability and rebalance Alliance overall Air-to-Ground Precision Guided Munitions (PGMs) inventory levels, and reduce the reliance on the national stock of one allied,
- wishing to explore the options for establishing multinational arrangement(s) for increasing the overall capability and effective and efficient provision of Air-to-Ground Precision Guided Munitions (PGMs),
- considering that greater cooperation in the field of PGMs will increase sustainability of operations and the effectiveness of individual capability development efforts,
- recognising that such a capability will be of benefit to The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO), and
- acknowledging that Denmark will be the lead nation,

declare the following intentions.

The signing nations hereby express their will and intent to investigate options of possible cooperation in the field of PGMs with the following objectives:

- Enhance the overall capability and effective and efficient provision of PGMs,
- benefit from cost savings as a result of a more effective and efficient life cycle management, and
- investigate the potential for establishing a common pool of PGM's.

The signing nations acknowledge that cooperation on PGMs may cover a broad spectrum of aspects in the field of procurement, logistical support, capability development and increased interoperability.

The signing nations acknowledge that procurement and storage of weapon systems is ultimately a national responsibility.

In order to develop the cooperation the signing nations will:

- Identify the technical and legal restrictions that currently prevent a common pool of PGM's and explore possible actions to overcome these restrictions,
- explore concrete modalities of cooperation taking into consideration the concept developed under Smart Defence project 1.23 "Multinational Munitions Life – Cycle Management",
- identify national requirements in accordance with the NATO Defence Planning Process and explore possible options for harmonization of these national requirements,
- formulate a framework for potentially establishing a multinational cooperative approach toward PGM's, and
- develop concrete options in compliance with NATO approach to multinational cooperation, such as Smart Defence and Connected Forces Initiative.

This Letter of Intent does not constitute a legally binding commitment among the signing nations. Any legal or financial commitment will be subject to establishment of appropriate international instrument(s), which will be subject to participating nations' national approval procedure.

This initiative is open for participation for all NATO nations, and any NATO nation can declare its intent to cooperate in the field of PGMs by signature of this Letter of Intent. Participation of Partnership for Peace nations is subject to participating NATO nation's approval.

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This Letter of Intent is signed in 6 original copies in English.

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