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LE DIRECTEUR

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General,

In the frame of cooperation on MISTRAL weapon system, 45 meetings of the MISTRAL community members (Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, France Hungary and Norway) have already been organised since the 90's. These periodical and fruitful discussions and workshops have nevertheless been interrupted since the COVID period.

In the current geostrategic context with pressing challenges affecting air defence capabilities and the recognized need to increase defence cooperation, the DGA in collaboration with the French Army and MBDA company is willing to revitalize the "Mistral Users Club". Thus I am pleased to invite you with your delegation to attend the 2024 MUC meeting in Hyères, France, that should be organised on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 with the participation of the 54<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment of the French Army.

We intend to have a 2-day session: the first day is conceived as a "VIP day" to highlight the importance of this revitalization. The 54<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment will exhibit its materials and MBDA will present the industrial roadmaps related to MISTRAL missile, launchers, command centre and other tools illustrated by some demonstrations. The second day will be dedicated to formal exchanges in the classical framework of MUC. The French Army representatives will be in particular pleased to present and share prospective vision as well as their operational, training and support experiences with other MUC participants through 3 workshops. A first proposed agenda is attached to this letter. More detailed information will be sent later in order to prepare your visit.

In order to enlarge our European user's community and eventually strengthen it, we also kindly request your approval for authorizing representatives from Spanish, Croatian and North Macedonian armed forces, also equipped with Mistral, to attend this MUC session, pursuant to article 9 of the administrative arrangement concerning the cooperation on MISTRAL weapon system.

So as to organize this event, you are kindly asked to confirm your participation including your opinion regarding Spanish, Croatian and North Macedonian participation as observers to the MUC no later than 5 July 2024 to our Missile systems Export program manager, Lcl (Armement) Nicolas ORECCHIONI, [nicolas.orecchioni@intradef.gouv.fr](mailto:nicolas.orecchioni@intradef.gouv.fr).

Your contribution with presentations to each workshop of the MUC will be very appreciated and will enrich exchanges. Please communicate the topics you would like to address.

Please accept, General, the assurance of my highest consideration.

*All the best,*

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## Preliminary agenda

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

- Travel to Hyères, France
- MUC organisation will pre-book hotel rooms for two or three nights to accommodate every delegation if wished.

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

- Welcome of the delegations and opening speech
- French Army vision of air defence concepts
- DGA presentation on acquisition mechanisms
- General focus on MUC: Administrative arrangement, new user's integration and organisation of the next session
- 54<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment presentation
- MBDA MISTRAL roadmap presentation

(Lunch)

Outdoor presentations:

- 54<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment exhibitions
- MBDA demonstrations

Official dinner

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024:

- Workshops:
  1. VSHORAD operational Lessons Learned and prospective vision (including counter UAS capacity)
  2. MISTRAL operational training

(Lunch)

3. Needs for MISTRAL capability and support evolutions

- End of session

Travel back on 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> depending on the destination.

For logistics reasons, each delegation will be limited to 4 people maximum for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Lunches, official dinner and transfers between the hotel, the 54<sup>th</sup> Artillery Regiment and the official dinner place will be offered by MBDA. Hotel is to be paid by each Delegation.

Meeting language will be English.

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