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From:	Presidency
To:	Ad hoc working party on defence industry
Subject:	European defence industry reinforcement through common procurement act (EDIRPA) - Second Presidency compromise proposal - Comments by the Republic of Croatia

Delegations will find enclosed the Croatian comments on the second Presidency compromise proposal on EDIRPA.

Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on establishing the European defence industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act:

Croatian input on the second Presidency compromise proposal on EDIRPA

Please note the Croatian amendments on the second Presidency compromise proposal on EDIRPA as follows:

Article 3

Objectives

1. *The Instrument has the following objectives:*

(a) *to foster the competitiveness and efficiency of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB), including SMEs, for a more resilient Union, in particular by speeding up, in a collaborative manner, the adjustment of industry to structural changes, including the creation and ramp-up of manufacturing capacities, thereby allowing the EDTIB to provide the defence products needed by Member States;*

(b) *to foster cooperation in defence procurement process between Member States in order to contribute to solidarity, interoperability and the prevention of crowding-out effects, to avoid fragmentation and to increase the effectiveness of public spending.*

2. *The objectives shall be pursued with an emphasis on strengthening and developing the EDTIB throughout the Union to allow it to address in particular the replenishment of stockpiles, replacement and reinforcement of the most urgent and critical defence products needs and capability gaps, especially those revealed or exacerbated by the response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine, including shipment of defence products to Ukraine, considering the work of the Defence Joint Procurement Task Force.*

Article 8

Additional eligibility conditions

Please note that the Croatian amendments and comments on Article 8 are expressed separately in combined paper supported by several member states.

Article 10

Award criteria

f. the demonstration of the action's contribution to solidarity between Member States, including through the replenishment of stocks that have been depleted as a result of the response to the unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine as well as the replacement of Soviet era legacy systems as a part of a wider effort to augment existing capabilities, support interoperability and enhance security of supply and reinforce the most urgent capability gaps;

Croatia reserves its right to submit additional observations and comments.