

**STATEMENT OF ACCESSION OF
THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, CIVIL PROTECTION AND SPORT OF
THE SWISS CONFEDERATION**

**TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE
COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT OF GROUND BASED AIR DEFENCE SYSTEMS IN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN SKY SHIELD INITIATIVE (ESSI CP FMOU)**

The Federal Councillor of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport of the Swiss Confederation (referred to as "Signatory")

- Acknowledging that the Euro-Atlantic security environment has dramatically changed,
- Recognizing the need to contribute to stability and security in Europe and to foster cooperation in this regard,
- Having signed the Letter of Intent among Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, Hungary, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, Norway, Romania, the Slovak Republic, the republic of Slovenia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of October 13 2022,
- Having signed the Joint Declaration of the Federal Minister of Defence of the Republic of Austria and the Federal Councillor of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport of the Swiss Confederation,
- Reemphasising the specific character of the security and defence policy of the Swiss Confederation,

Hereby formally submits its Statement of Accession for the ESSI CP FMOU in accordance with its Section 16.2 of the ESSI CP FMOU subject to the following conditions:

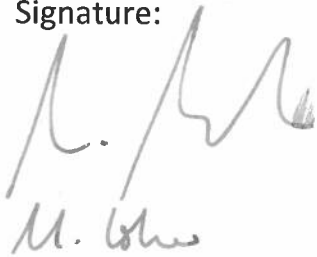
(1) In accordance with Section 1.1.5 of the ESSI CP FMOU none of the activities by the Signatory, which is not a member of NATO, within the scope of the ESSI CP FMOU will be construed as an establishment of or participation in a military alliance or as an acceptance of a permanent military presence on its territory.

(2) In the event of an international armed conflict involving a Participant, the Signatory may be required by its constitution or international law, in accordance with Section 15.2.4 of the ESSI CP FMOU, to suspend its participation in this ESSI CP FMOU in deviation of Section 15.2.2 and 15.2.3.

(3) This Letter of Admission and the ESSI CP FMOU will not create any legal or financial rights or obligations under national or international law as stated in Section 17.1 of the ESSI CP FMOU, despite some formulations or content that may suggest otherwise.

For the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport of the Swiss Confederation:

Signature:



M. Weber

Place:

Geneve

Date:

17/10/24

Signature Page of the Letter of Admission of the Federal Department of Defence, Civil Protection and Sport of the Swiss Confederation to the European Sky Shield Initiative (ESSI) of 13 October 2022