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9th India-Italy Joint Defence Committee Meeting (JDC)

Rome, Italy

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The bilateral Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting between India and Italy was held on 14th May, 2018 in Rome. The Indian delegation was led by Shri Sanjay Mitra, Defence Secretary and the Italian delegation was led by Lt. Gen. Carlo Magrassi, Secretary General of Defence and National Armaments Directorate.

2. Both sides agreed to work together on a range of initiatives to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation. As part of this exercise, it was decided to revitalize the Joint Working Group (JWG) on Ship and Submarine Design and Construction; and take forward the signing of Agreement on sharing of White Shipping Information. It was also agreed to exchange subject matter experts for collaboration in the area of rehabilitation of injured and disabled military personnel, high altitude activities and mechanized warfare capabilities. Possibility of exploring joint cooperation in the development of artificial intelligence capabilities was also discussed. It was decided to schedule visits of relevant agencies to start this process.

3. Both sides recognized the need to broad base defence ties between India and Italy and make them enduring and mutually beneficial. The Indian side invited the Italian defence equipment manufacturing companies to invest in India under the Make in India framework and to collaborate with Indian companies for design and construction of defence equipments. To encourage 'Make in India', discussions at industry level are proposed to be held through exchange of visits from both sides.

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