



# **International Armaments Cooperation**

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# Why We Cooperate Internationally



## Political

Strengthen alliances and other relationships with friendly countries; encourage willingness to act collectively; promote international legitimacy in coalition operations

## Industrial

Bolster domestic and allied defense industrial base.

## Technical

Ensure access to the best global technologies; help minimize capabilities gap with allies/coalition partners

## Economical

Share (reduce) costs for new system development; and for short and long-term support of fielded systems;

## Operational

Achieve interoperability that facilitates combined operations, reduces operational hazards and minimizes OPSEC compromises



## Systems and Technology Forum (S&TF)

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- **USD(AT&L) is U.S. co-chair at Executive Level**
  - **Senior DoD channel to coordinate IAC opportunities**
  - **Activities tied to OUSD(P)-led Roles, Missions, and Capabilities (RMC) Working Group**
  - **Solicits feedback from industry**
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# IAC Challenges



- **Export licensing requirements**
- **Diverse contracting practices**
- **Differing budgets and schedules**
- **Security**



# Reciprocal Defense Procurement MOU

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- **Rationalization, Standardization, Interoperability**
  - **Enhance and strengthen each country's industrial base**
  - **Make it cost-effective and rational use of resources allocated to defense**
  - **Mutual reduction of discriminatory barriers, (including U.S. Specialty Metal Law)**
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