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NOTICE
AC/141-N(2017)0017
Silence Procedure ends:
31 Jan 2018 17:30

NATO NAVAL ARMAMENT GROUP (NNAG)

MARITIME UNMANNED SYSTEMS (MUS) INITIATIVE
HARBOUR PROTECTION (HP) SMART DEFENCE PROJECT
UPDATE AND PARTICIPATION

Ref. A. AC/141-DS(2017)0017 (PFP)

Ref. B. AC/141-DS(2017)0018

1. During the 118th NNAG meeting, held in Brussels on 27th – 29th NOV 2017, the Maritime Unmanned Systems (MUS) Initiative and the Smart Defence project 2.109 on Harbour Protection (HP) were discussed.
2. Nations showed great interest in the progress of the MUS initiative, including the drafted letter of intent and advocated for a more focused and practical approach. The CMRE representative proposed a workshop on MUS. It was agreed to assess individual Nations intent and organize a workshop to frame the initiative and shape a way ahead.
3. An update on Smart Defence Project 2.109 on Harbour Protection (HP) was presented, and it was agreed to reassess Nation appetite to team up in a Multi-National cooperation framework.
4. Therefore Nations are requested to complete the attached MUS and HP questionnaires by 31 JAN 2018, COB.

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Annex 1: MARITIME UNMANNED SYSTEMS INITIATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE
Annex 2: SD on "HARBOUR PROTECTION (HP) MODULE" survey

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MARITIME UNMANNED SYSTEMS INITIATIVE QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to proceed with the next stages of the initiative, please fill in the following questionnaire;

1. Is the Maritime Unmanned Systems technology a field of interest for your Nation?

Yes

No

2. Would your Nation be interested in Multi-National cooperation on MUS?

Yes

No

3. Do you consider a Letter of Intent useful to support the MUS Initiative?

Yes

No

4. Do you consider the drafted Lol on MUS appropriate?

Yes

No

5. Please suggest any necessary changes or amendments you may consider.

6. Would your Nation be interested in signing the drafted Lol?

Yes

No

7. Which aspects of Multi-National cooperation are of interest to your Nation?

Interoperability and standardization

Multi-National procurement

Concept development and experimentation

Collaborative S&T

Requirement for harmonization

Trials

Operational experimentation

Other, please explain

8. Would your Nation be willing to host the MUS workshop?

Yes

No

9. Would your Nation consider attending such a workshop?

Yes

No

Please include any comment or suggestion related to the MUS initiative.

SD on “HARBOUR PROTECTION (HP) MODULE” survey

The survey is designed to capture a non-committal, indicative, initial orientation, with the purpose to identify Nations’ interest in participating in this new SD item on HP Module. Your answer is welcome within 31 Jan 2018, in order to assess the interest for a Multi-National initiative.

Please cross the most appropriate box:

Not Interested	Interested (observer)	Interested in exploring cooperation in a Multinational framework (e.g. harmonize requirements)	Intention to develop capability by means of Multinational cooperation	Comments

Please describe in a few words any initiative your Nation has undertaken so far in order to fulfil the assigned HP Target - 2013 NDPP cycle / 2017 NDPP cycle (M 6102 N):

Please describe in a few words which HP Capability your Nation intend to develop, how and by when.