Declaration on PESCO projects

On the occasion of the adoption of the Council Decision establishing Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), the EU Member States participating in PESCO:

- express their intention to prepare, in different groupings, the first collaborative PESCO projects as set out in the Annex. These projects, both in the area of capability development as well as on the operational dimension, contribute to an output-oriented implementation of PESCO and ensure a balance between optimising available resources and improving overall effectiveness, with a view to the most demanding missions and in support of the EU Level of Ambition and its three strategic priorities;

- with a view towards a formal decision to be taken by the Council in early 2018 in accordance with Article 46(6) TEU and Article 5 of the Council Decision establishing PESCO and determining the list of Participating Member States, invite the lead nations of the projects to initiate further work together with the other project members, including to indicate possible timelines for the projects.

- furthermore underline the need to continue to work towards further sets of collaborative PESCO projects which could be launched in 2018.
ANNEX

List of first collaborative PESCO projects

- European Medical Command;
- European Secure Software defined Radio (ESSOR);
- Network of logistic Hubs in Europe and support to Operations
- Military Mobility;
- European Union Training Mission Competence Centre (EU TMCC);
- European Training Certification Centre for European Armies;
- Energy Operational Function (EOF);
- Deployable Military Disaster Relief Capability Package;
- Maritime (semi-) Autonomous Systems for Mine Countermeasures (MAS MCM);
- Harbour & Maritime Surveillance and Protection (HARMS PRO);
- Upgrade of Maritime Surveillance;
- Cyber Threats and Incident Response Information Sharing Platform;
- Cyber Rapid Response Teams and Mutual Assistance in Cyber Security;
- Strategic Command and Control (C2) System for CSDP Missions and Operations;
- Armoured Infantry Fighting Vehicle / Amphibious Assault Vehicle / Light Armoured Vehicle;
- Indirect Fire Support (EuroArtillery);
- EUFOR Crisis Response Operation Core (EUFOR CROC).