

**DECLARATION**  
**concerning the future foundation of a**  
**EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF DEFENCE**  
**TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION EDA**

The undersigned in name and on behalf of:

- (ACID) Asociación Civil de Ingenieros de la Defensa.
- (CAIA) Confédération Amicale des Ingenieurs de l'Armement.
- (DWT) Deutsche Gesellschaft für Wehrtechnik e.V.
- (KIVI-DT) Koninklijk Instituut van Ingenieurs afdeling Defensie Technologie.
- (MTF) Militärteknisk Forening.
- (STA) Societé Suisse Technique et Armée.

**D E C L A R E**

At the meeting of the Presidents of European Associations of Defence Technology on November 8th, 1991 in Geneva, the representatives of the above mentioned Associations decided unanimously, to proceed to the future foundation of a European Federation with the following provisional stipulations:

**1. Structure.**

The member Associations should be mainly composed of members from defence administration and industry, armed forces and sciences. Professional federations or industry groups may attend as non voting members. For the time being, this European body should have the status of a Federation, composed of the above mentioned six Associations. Societies from other European countries may become members of the Federation. As some of the existing European Associations do not yet fulfil the criteria stated above, they are trying to coordinate the existing national bodies in order to cover a broader basis in the near future.

## **2. Board.**

The committee of such a body should be composed of one representative with one vote for each national Society, the President to be elected for a maximum of three years.

## **3. Aim.**

The aim would be to cooperate by:

- a) Commonly organising international and mutually attending national symposia, conventions, assemblies, etc., to which all the partner societies will be invited.
- b) A general exchange of information by means of bulletins supplying explanations or basic papers relating to questions concerning armed forces technology and defence industry, with respect to public interest and politics, and
- c) In the long term, possibly the issue of a corresponding international publication.
- d) Promotion of exchange and training of defence engineers, teaching armament procurement and other defence-related topics at academies.
- e) Contribution to express the European interest and needs in the field of armed forces technology to organizations within and outside Europe.

## **4. Organization.**


The Board will meet at least once a year and associate members will be invited to these meetings without right to vote. The Federation's headquarters is at the President's address. For the preparation of symposia or congresses, separate meetings may be held.

## **5. Presidency.**

Mr. Claude THALMANN, President of the Swiss STA, is unanimously elected first President for the years 1991-94.

6. The members present declare their will to intensify their efforts to promote a widely based Europe-wide cooperation and to provide opportunities for the mutual exchange of information between the individual members of the participating societies.

This declaration is signed in Madrid, on February the twenty-eighth of 1992.



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