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### **Finmeccanica Statement**

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“The announcement of discussions regarding a possible combination of the businesses between EADS and BAE Systems represents an important step in the consolidation of the European defence industry, and an even more significant step in geo-political terms, taking into account the two bilateral agreements recently undertaken between France and Germany and between France and the United Kingdom. Finmeccanica, which has promoted and participated in the integration of European defence, seeing this development as strategically important, has established consolidated partnerships with both Companies in the industrial, technological and commercial field, which will continue with the combined entity”, Finmeccanica stated regarding a possible combination of the businesses between EADS and BAE Systems.