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## **Finmeccanica - Selex ES and IMPACT to collaborate against cyber threats**

Finmeccanica – Selex ES and the International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT), a key partner of the United Nations’ International Telecommunications Union (ITU), have signed a memorandum of understanding to work together on strategic initiatives that will boost international defences against cyber attacks.

The agreement will see Finmeccanica - Selex ES and ITU-IMPACT exchanging information regarding cyber threats and vulnerabilities, as well as engaging in joint capacity-building activities. The expected outcome from this partnership includes improved cyber security across ITU-IMPACT’s partner countries against cyber threats and malicious activities.

Over the past few years, cyber attacks around the world have become highly sophisticated, higher-profile and increasingly widespread, with state organisations and international corporations falling victim. At a more subtly damaging level, there are potentially thousands of other cybercrime incidents which go unreported and unnoticed across businesses and organisations of all sizes. This partnership will allow Finmeccanica - Selex ES and ITU-IMPACT to pool their respective expertise, facilities and resources to address these threats across ITU Member States and help protect national critical infrastructures.

Finmeccanica - Selex ES, as an international supplier of complex programmes in defence, civil and cyber security, recognises the fundamental importance of collaboration at a local, national and international level in effectively managing cyber risk across an infrastructure or organisation. Drawing on a heritage in partnering with key international organisations, including the UK and Italian MoD’s and NATO, Finmeccanica - Selex ES draws on a depth of expertise to deliver major cyber programmes including NATO’s Computer Incident Response Capability (NCIRC): a Cyber Security programme serving 22,000 users in 28 nations.

### **About Finmeccanica – Selex ES**

Finmeccanica - Selex ES is a global technology provider delivering innovative systems, products and solutions to answer the growing demand for enhanced capabilities in the national security and military domains as well as in complex civil infrastructure management. Selex ES has a workforce of 17,000 people, main operations in Italy and the UK and a strong industrial footprint in the USA, Germany, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and India. [www.selex-es.com](http://www.selex-es.com)

### **About IMPACT**

The International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT) was established in 2008 as the first United Nations-backed global platform that brings together governments, industry and academia in the fight against cyber threats. Through a formal legal agreement signed in Geneva in 2011, IMPACT has been instrumental in supporting the global cyber security mandate of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialised agency of the United Nations. In its role as ITU’s cyber security partner, IMPACT provides ITU’s 193 member states access to expertise, facilities and resources to effectively address cyber threats, as well as assisting, as required, United Nations agencies in protecting their ICT infrastructures. With 149 countries as partners, ITU-IMPACT is the world’s largest cyber security alliance of its kind. [www.impact-alliance.org](http://www.impact-alliance.org)

### **About ITU**

ITU is the leading United Nations agency for information and communication technology. For nearly 150 years, ITU has coordinated the shared global use of the radio spectrum, promoted international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, worked to improve communication infrastructure in the developing world, and

established the worldwide standards that foster seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems. From broadband networks to new-generation wireless technologies, aeronautical and maritime navigation, radio astronomy, satellite-based meteorology and converging fixed-mobile phone, Internet and broadcasting technologies, ITU is committed to connecting the world. [www.itu.int](http://www.itu.int)