

Joint Vision Statement on U.S.-Philippine Defense Industrial Cooperation

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The United States and the Philippines are committed to a strong and enduring alliance that is anchored in a shared, ironclad commitment to a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. Built on the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty, the 1998 Visiting Forces Agreement, and the 2014 Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, the United States and the Philippines have developed close and continuing bilateral defense cooperation. Defense and security cooperation has been a vital pillar of engagement in the ever-deepening partnership between the United States and the Philippines.

Consistent with our existing alliance framework, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and the Philippines Department of National Defense (DND) have a shared interest in strengthening defense industrial resilience to advance regional and economic security and mutual prosperity. Defense industrial cooperation incentivizes timely production and maintenance of defense articles, interoperability, burden sharing, and enhances regional deterrence. Deeper and more strategic defense industrial cooperation contributes to a more comprehensive, balanced, and enduring security partnership overall, and creates economic opportunities.

To focus defense industrial cooperative efforts, DoD and DND have identified the following priority areas with the greatest potential for near-term cooperation, and intend to explore additional areas in future discussions:

- Unmanned systems (production; logistics)
- Ammunition components/energetics (storage; All-Up Round production, logistics)
- Critical minerals (refinement)
- Logistics support
- Ship maintenance and repair
- Airspace integration
- Additive manufacturing (3-D printing)
- Aircraft maintenance and repair
- System components and spare parts production

DoD and DND intend to further explore the following lines of effort to advance defense industrial cooperation:

1. Seek to remove barriers, incentivize participation, and increase compatibility of industrial regulations and processes, including regarding technology transfer.
2. Seek to recognize and include enablers to ensure resilience of industrial cooperation initiatives.

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3. Seek opportunities and incentives to collaborate on new technology, innovation, and demonstrations.
4. Seek to identify distinct opportunities for military co-production, storage, refinement, and logistics.

Projects under this framework intend to seek to support the Philippines as it develops more advanced defense capabilities, grows, and diversifies its economy, and contributes to bilateral and regional defense industrial base capacity.

This bilateral vision statement is intended to serve as a basis for continued conversation and does not constitute or create rights or obligations under domestic or international law, does not give rise to any legal process, and does not constitute or create any legally binding or enforceable obligations, express or implied. DoD and DND intend to use these priorities to drive progress on greater U.S.-Philippine defense industrial cooperation, in tandem with the Philippines Self-Reliant Defense Posture (SRDP) Revitalization Act, as well as to enable multilateral cooperation through the Partnership for Indo-Pacific Industrial Resilience.