



Italy and France United: The Committee of Chiefs of Defense Staff is Born

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Toulon, France — On board the French aircraft carrier **Charles de Gaulle**, moored at the Toulon naval base, the **first edition of the Committee of Chiefs of Defense Staff between Italy and France** took place yesterday, an event marking a new chapter in bilateral cooperation between the Armed Forces of the two countries.

A High-Level Italian Delegation

Italy was represented by the **Chief of Defense Staff**, General **Luciano Portolano**, accompanied by the heads of the three Armed Forces:

- **Corps General Carmine Masiello** (Italian Army)
- **Admiral Enrico Credendino** (Navy)

- **Air Force General Antonio Conserva** (Air Force)

Also present were the **Deputy Chief of Defense Staff**, General **Luigi Del Bene**, and numerous officers from the French General Staff.

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Objectives and Structure of the Committee

The initiative aims to **strengthen strategic and operational dialogue** between the General Staffs of the two countries, through a format that includes plenary sessions and bilateral meetings dedicated to topics of common interest.

The Italian-French collaboration seeks to consolidate a **shared vision on European and Mediterranean security**, enhancing interoperability and joint planning.

During the proceedings, military leaders discussed issues of international significance:

- **Support for Ukraine** and coordination of military aid;
- The situation in the **Middle East**, with a particular focus on **Lebanon**;
- **Naval operations in the Mediterranean and the Red Sea**;
- Stability in the **Balkans**, with reference to **Kosovo and Bosnia**.

Military, Space, and Industrial Capabilities

On the capability front, the delegations analyzed the **sizing of military tools** and new needs in terms of human resources, delving into the topics of the **evolution of reserve forces** and **new generation recruitment models**, with the aim of adapting the Armed Forces to modern operational scenarios.

One of the central points was **industrial cooperation in the Defense sector**, considered essential for developing synergies in all operational domains, including the **space** domain, with particular attention to **satellite communications** and dual-use systems.

The meeting reaffirmed the desire to **integrate the technological and industrial capabilities** of Italy and France in a European common defense perspective.

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The **Joint Committee of Italian-French Chiefs of Defense Staff** represented a concrete step towards greater integration in the field of defense, promoting continuous dialogue between the two countries, which share responsibilities and interests in the Euro-Mediterranean area. The initiative sends a clear signal of **strategic unity, interoperability, and common vision** in an increasingly complex international context.

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