



Supreme Defense Council: Italy Ready to Strengthen Global Security

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Yesterday, the Quirinal Palace was the stage for a fundamental meeting for national security, the Supreme Defense Council, chaired by the President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella. The meeting was attended by the main institutional leaders of the Italian government, including the Prime Minister, Giorgia Meloni, and the Minister of Defense, Guido Crosetto, along with other prominent government figures, such as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Antonio Tajani, and the Minister of the Interior, Matteo Piantedosi.

The central theme of the meeting was the analysis of global security challenges, particularly the conflict in Ukraine and the tensions emerging from the Middle East. The Council members examined the issues addressed in the White Paper on European Defense Readiness 2030, presented by the European Commission. The intent of this document is to address the criticalities at Europe's borders, highlighting the need for collective defense strategies, both at the European and global levels.

The Council emphasized how current geopolitical tensions are undermining international stability, endangering the security of the entire continent. The Russian aggression in Ukraine, in particular, has had a devastating impact on the region, with a direct repercussion also on the member countries of the European Union. The proposed solutions were based on strengthened cooperation within NATO, with Italy ready to support allies with its military and diplomatic contribution.

The Importance of NATO and Italy's Commitments

The Atlantic Alliance was defined as the primary guarantee to prevent the possibility of a large-scale armed conflict. The Council reiterated the importance of Italy's active participation in collective security missions, particularly in the context of northeastern Europe, where Italian forces are deployed to strengthen the defense of European airspace. Furthermore, the Council recalled how Italy has made clear commitments within NATO, such as allocating 2% of GDP to defense spending, a commitment that has been repeatedly endorsed by various governments since 2014.

Italy continues to be a reference point for regional stability, contributing significantly to peacekeeping and conflict prevention missions, both at the European and international levels. The Italian armed forces are committed to ensuring the security not only of their own borders but also of collective security within NATO and the European Union. The Council recognized the importance of maintaining a ready and effective response capability to any external threat, with a particular focus on operations in which Italy is directly involved, such as those in Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Global Challenges and the Evolution of Technological Defense

In the context of growing global threats, the Council raised the importance of defending national critical infrastructures, with particular attention to cyberattacks and the growing threat in the space domain. Protection against cyberattacks has become a priority for Italy, which, like all European countries, must face new forms of hybrid warfare, where fake news and disinformation are used as strategic weapons.

The Council also emphasized the need to support the development of new technologies, including artificial intelligence, which is transforming the global defense landscape. Italy is committed to strengthening its technological defense capability, investing in innovation and the development of advanced technologies to face future challenges. Artificial intelligence, in particular, is taking on a central role in strategic planning and military operations, with support for autonomous systems that can improve the operational efficiency of the armed forces.

Finally, the Council reiterated its commitment to supporting the peace process in Ukraine and the stabilization of crisis areas in the Mediterranean and the Middle East. In particular, Italy has declared its support for a peaceful and lasting solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, supporting the creation of two independent and sovereign states. International dialogue, with the commitment of the international community, remains a priority for Italy, which has highlighted its active role in mediation and support for global security.

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