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Defence Industrial Production Board (DIPB)

What is the DIPB?

The Defence Industrial Production Board was established in the context of the Defence Production Action Plan to exchange best practices, provide advice, make recommendations on defence industrial planning and procurement issues, and foster mutually beneficial coordination in support of the delivery of NATO and Allied defence capabilities.

The Board addresses challenges related to defence industrial capacity and surge potential, integration of defence industrial factors into defence planning, as well as broader obstacles to enhancing defence industrial cooperation. The DIPB also serves as a forum for identifying measures to step up defence production and increase national capabilities for deterrence and defence, replenish depleted stockpiles and operationalise the Alliance's unwavering support Ukraine.

The DIPB delivers action-oriented recommendations, drawing on expertise from Senior Allied Representatives and industry.

Why is the DIPB important?

Allies recognize the value of developing and sharing long-term plans and requirements to improve predictability and allow for greater transparency with defence industry. NATO provides a trusted environment in which to share relevant information and practices.

The Board provides an opportunity to connect Alliance expertise, and collaboratively tackle defence industrial production and capacity challenges.

The DIPB will improve NATO's understanding of dynamics and challenges for defence industry, building on the experience of the NATO Industrial Advisory Group.

The Board will increase understanding of existing challenges in industrial production, provide recommendations on the level of industrial capacity needed to meet NATO's capability requirements and on ways to improve standardisation and interoperability, and prioritise and pursue efforts regarding supply chain security challenges.

How does the DIPB work?

Senior Allied Representatives established three Working Groups under the DIPB, which will coordinate discussion and provide actionable recommendations on three main issues:

- a. Industrial Capacity
- b. Supply Chain Security
- c. Standardisation and Interoperability

The Board's recommendations are submitted to National Armaments Directors for consideration and further action.

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