



*Il Ministro della Difesa*

## Message of the Minister of Defence

### ***“The Future of Globalization: Politics, Business, Lifestyle, Brands”***

*Technology takes us higher and higher, and I'm not referring to physical altitude only, but also to our horizon or reflection. Because technology, of course, makes things easier, but implies a more complex analysis process. Therefore, our imagination must "evolve vertically".*

*This is especially true for space, that is the focus of the meeting organized by the Council for US-Italy Relations, to which I address this brief reflection. Even if it may seem a unphatomably distant subject, the space domain is closely connected to peace, democracy, freedom: the ideals that unite us. Today, in fact, the defence of those ideals implies also the surveillance of extra-atmospheric spaces, and it will be even more so in the next future.*

*This awareness finds us equipped to tackle that issue. Space, in fact, has always been a focus for our country. Italy was the first European country, and the third one at world level, to launch a satellite, the San Marco 1, as long ago as 1964.*

*Moreover, the Italian Defence boasts a long tradition in the deployment of remote sensing, thanks to its competence in the sector of synthetic aperture radar systems.*

*Therefore, we have much to offer to international security also in this specific sector, and I assigne paramount importance to working to develop new cooperations in this sector.*

*In fact, we are living in times characterized by complex geopolitical tensions, which require deep understanding and a strengthened international cooperation. Italy .has already a a deep-rooted tradition of cooperation with the United States, also within the military space sector. And this became even truer after the establishment of the SPace Policy Office and Space Operations Command, which allowed our understanding to develop along more specific operational directions. However, we must make further steps forward.*

*There will be no safe future for our nations without a strong consolidation of our aerospace power, which coincides, as I I previously said, with the establishment of a safeguard framework for the democratic countries. Also on this basis, I can say that the destinies of our countries are closely connected, and the same is true for the destiny of all the countries that have become "too small " to work by themselves in all sector, especially the security sector.*

*With regard to the security theme, I think that, in the transition phase we are going through, it would be a mistake focusing on a single working hypothesis, On the contrary, we must prepare ourselves to face changes, react against unknown events, strengthen the transformation and adaptation capacities of our Defence systems in the face of the increasingly new demands of our reality.*

*We can do that only by investing, not only in financial terms, but also in terms of thinking and Human Resources, in order to develop strategies for any scenario. This is why I welcome this table of discussion. , and I am sure that our nations, endowed with a rich human capital, have a bright future ahead of them.*

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