

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I wholeheartedly welcome all participants of the 28th International Defence Industry Exhibition; the event recognised as Poland's and Central and Eastern Europe's largest and most important of its kind. The exhibition has again been granted the Honorary Patronage of President Mr Andrzej Duda. The Polish Armaments Group is MSPO strategic partner. Although the year of the pandemic may cause the exhibition to look less impressive than usual, there are still exciting exhibits galore and top-level business talks.

The Lead Nation Exhibitions have been the defence trade show's inherent part. This year's expo is the showcase for the United Kingdom's defence potential. The MBDA Missile Systems, Leonardo, PGI - Protection Group International, Seven Technologies Group, Stream Defense Group - these and many other well-known companies present their achievements at this year's exhibition. The UK Defence and Security Exports, part of the UK Department for International Trade (DIT) is the official project patron. The UK Defence and Security Exports supports the defence, safety and security as well as cybersecurity sector. It also promotes exports and foreign investment, facilitates industry cooperation, promotes collaboration with the UK Ministry of Defence and the UK embassies and other government agencies' network.

The safety of our guests, exhibitors and visitors is of the utmost importance. For MSPO, and for all other autumn events, we have enhanced health safety and security. We have taken a number of measures for safe participation in the events organised at Targi Kielce. The mobile cabinets installed in Targi Kielce have been equipped with body-temperature screening devices as well as the automatic disinfection (decontamination) functions. In addition to the innovative booths, numerous precautions and measures have been implemented for the MSPO duration, including intensified, regular disinfection of frequently touched infrastructure elements. Additional points of sales are available in front of entry terminals; face protecting masks, gloves and anti-virus fluids are available before entering the terminals. The Kielce Exhibition and Congress Centre is equipped with multiple information boards, traffic direction signs and strategic infrastructure elements such as medical service points and points of purchase, which offer personal protective equipment. There are hand-disinfectants dispensers in all our expo hall and sanitary rooms.

I hope that this year's trade show abounds with fruitful discussions and meetings. May it be the source of interesting experiences. You are cordially invited to participate in the expo-accompanying events. I wish you a pleasant time spent in Kielce.

Yours faithfully,

Andrzej Mochoń PhD

Targi Kielce President of the Board