



MINISTER OF DEFENCE
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

Sofia, 30 September 2022

Dear Minister,

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your valuable and timely support provided to the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria and to the Bulgarian Air Forces in having the possibility to discuss with your delegation the challenging security situation we all are facing. We are honoured to stand together with Sweden as a full-fledged member of the North-Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

In the course of the discussions we were kindly proposed the acquisition of 10 Jas 39 Gripen C/D fighters, which can be produced and delivered within 2 years after the signing of the contract. We would much appreciate receiving your offer for 10 Jas 39 Gripen C/D fighters, in due course, as per the parameters discussed. As the lease option would serve better the specific needs of our country for implementing the Air Policing Mission, we will be grateful to receive also an offer for the lease option. In order to discuss the details of the offers, your representatives are more than welcome to come and visit Sofia once again.

We all share the same challenges and threats for our security in the conditions of strict budgetary policies. This forces us once again to refer to you the request to consider the possibility of providing us with second-hand aircrafts.

Let me assure you in our determination to establish and develop a long-lasting cooperation with Sweden as a reliable NATO Ally both bilaterally and in a collective defence format. A good opportunity for this could be the upcoming projects that we are initiating at the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria for the acquisition of armament and equipment for the needs of the Bulgarian Armed Forces.

Looking forward to receiving the offers, please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my highest considerations.

Sincerely,



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MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

**TO
MR. PETER HULTQVIST
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN**