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## ADVANCING COOPERATION IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

U.S. and Swedish defense establishments and their defense companies have a history of sharing defense technology that dates back to the mid-1950's and continues today. Both sides prospered from their past and ongoing business relationships. The future should be no different.

It is no surprise their cooperation peaked during the 1980s Cold War period; the subsequent erosion of that cooperation was an unintended by-product of nations acclimating to an alien post-Cold War security environment. Defense budgets declined; capitals redirected their national security attention and resources were reallocated.

Sweden became an active participant in NATO's Partnership for Peace; it deployed forces to Afghanistan, Libya, and to counter piracy operations. Some nations adapted by increasing their defense budgets, others increased cooperation in science, technology, development, production and support. The reemergence of European security on the political agenda has meant that the U.S. and Europe rediscovered the utility of addressing emerging threats through collective military and industrial activity.

This defense industry conference focuses on, and seeks to exploit, the natural synergy between U.S. and Swedish companies and their governments. The U.S. and Sweden rank among the top countries in terms of their commitment to R&D, forming a firm foundation for defense system cooperation. Sweden ranks fifth globally in terms of its R&D investment as a percentage of GDP, while the U.S. ranks first in terms of the magnitude of its gross domestic expenditures on R&D. Both their defense establishments value R&D as the main source of innovation that will fuel development and production of next generation defense systems.

Their defense industries rightfully value R&D as the primary driver of product development and future revenues. Though U.S. and Swedish companies reached their current states of excellence through different creative paths, both are highly respected at home and in the global marketplace.

An array of senior government officials and industry executives will share their thoughts about national priorities and measures being taken in support of them. They will also speak about the current and evolving climate for and direction of defense cooperation, touching on development and production programs, export control, science and technology programs, and innovation as it factors into defense strategy. Several medium and small U.S. and Swedish companies will share their experiences working with one another.

While there have been major successes in recent decades, all players can and must do better in this period of increased threats, fiscal austerity, and competing demands. Industry and government attendees will benefit from engaging with the best minds in the U.S. and Swedish defense communities as they explore current needs and exchange views about how industry can satisfy those needs through enhanced cooperation.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017

- 7:00 – 8:00      **REGISTRATION & COFFEE**
- 8:00 – 8:10      **WELCOME REMARKS**  
• Mr. Göran Lithell, *Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Sweden*
- 8:10 – 8:20      **CONFERENCE INTRODUCTION**  
• Gen Craig McKinley, USAF (Ret), *President and Chief Executive Officer, National Defense Industrial Association*  
• Mr. Niklas Alm, *Deputy Secretary General, Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association*
- 8:20 – 8:50      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
• Mr. Jan Salestrand, *State Secretary for Defence*
- 8:50 – 9:00      **REFLECTIONS ON U.S.-SWEDEN COOPERATION**  
• The Honorable Azita Raji, *Former U.S. Ambassador to Sweden*
- 9:00 – 10:00     **STATE OF SWEDEN-U.S. ARMAMENT COOPERATION**  
• Mr. Michael Cherinet, *Director General, Head of the Department for Acquisition, Research and Development, Ministry of Defence*  
• Mr. Keith Webster, *Director, International Cooperation for the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics*
- 10:00 – 10:30     **NETWORKING BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:15     **STATE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN SWEDEN AND U.S. MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS**  
• BGEN Michael Claesson, *Deputy Director, Plans and Policy, Joint Staff*  
• VADM Jamie Foggo, USN, *Director, Navy Staff*
- 11:15 – 12:00     **SWEDEN-U.S. DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY AND ACQUISITION**  
• Rear Admiral Thomas Engevall, *Deputy National Armaments Director, Sweden*  
• Mr. Christopher Lowman, *Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), ASA(ALT)*
- 12:00 – 13:30     **NETWORKING LUNCHEON**
- 13:30 – 14:10     **DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL PARTNERSHIPS - DRIVING INNOVATION AND BI-LATERAL COOPERATION**  
• Mr. Michael Andersson, *President and CEO, Saab North America, Inc.*
- The Boeing – Saab T-X Program – A Practical Example**  
• Mr. Eddy Del La Motte, *Saab AB*  
• Mr. Ted Torgerson, *The Boeing Company*
- 14:10 – 14:30     **STATE DEPARTMENT EXPORT CONTROL**  
• Mr. Brian Nilsson, *Deputy Assistant Secretary, Defense Trade Controls, DDTC, U.S. Department of State*
- 14:30 – 15:00     **A LIFECYCLE PERSPECTIVE ON ACQUISITION, SUSTAINABILITY AND READINESS**  
• Ms. Kristin French, *Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Logistics and Materiel Readiness*
- 15:00 – 15:30     **NETWORKING BREAK**

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2017 (CONTINUED)

- 15:30 – 16:10      **PERSPECTIVES FROM SWEDISH AND U.S. MEDIUM AND SMALL DEFENSE COMPANIES**  
Moderator: Mr. Frank Cevasco, *President, Cevasco International, LLC*
- Mr. Michael Edqvist, *Partner, 4C Strategies*
  - Mr. Steve Moore, *Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton*
  - Mr. Robert Hell, *President, Systecon*
  - Mr. Justin Woulfe, *Executive Vice President, Systecon North America*
- 16:10 – 16:40      **STATE OF SWEDISH DEFENCE RESEARCH**  
• Director General Jan-Olof Lind, *Swedish Defence Research Agency*
- 16:40 – 17:10      **STATE OF INNOVATION IN THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT**  
• Ms. Mary Miller, *Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering*
- 17:10 – 17:25      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
• Gen Craig McKinley, USAF (Ret), *President and Chief Executive Officer, National Defense Industrial Association*  
• Mr. Göran Lenmarker, *Chairman, Swedish Security & Defence Industry Association*
- 18:30 – 20:30      **NETWORKING DINNER RECEPTION**  
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