

Rosoboronexport to intensify cooperation with Turkey at IDEF 2015

At the International Defense Industry Exhibition, IDEF 2015, to be held from 5 to 8 May in Istanbul (Turkey), Rosoboronexport, part of the Rostec State Corporation, expects to hold a series of talks aimed at intensifying military-technical cooperation with Turkey and other states in the region.

"Currently, in the interests of Turkey, we provide aftersales support for Mi-17 military transport helicopters and supply spare parts and accessories for Russian-made military equipment. So far, these are the main items of our cooperation, but we are actively working to expand arms deliveries to Turkey. Scientific and technological cooperation with Turkey's defense industry is another important area. In fact, this is the future of our relationship in the defense sector," said Anatoly Aksenov, head of Rosoboronexport's delegation.

The most promising areas of technological cooperation with Turkey include joint development projects related to short-range SAM systems, armored vehicles, tactical digital communications assets, orbital space systems, as well as a variety of naval equipment and weapons.

In view of recent armed conflicts, Rosoboronexport will hold presentations of the military equipment models that are in most demand in the region.

This encompasses approximately 20 models, including the Yak-130 combat trainer, Ka-226T light multipurpose helicopter, Mi-26T2 heavy transport helicopter, Mi-28NE attack helicopter, Ka-52 attack/scout helicopter, Be-200 amphibious aircraft, ADMS Antey-2500, Tor-M2E and Buk-M2E SAM systems, upgraded T-90S MBT, Terminator tank support fighting vehicle, and TOS-1A heavy flamethrower system. At to naval equipment, Gepard 3.9 frigate, Amur-1650 submarine, as well as Mirazh and Mangust patrol boats will most likely arouse interest among foreign delegations at the exhibition.

In addition, Rosoboronexport will offer programs to upgrade previously supplied Russian equipment.

Russia has been taking part in IDEF since 1995. Over 50 delegations from 17 countries visited Rosoboronexport's stand in 2013, suggesting keen interest in Russian arms in the region.

The Russian-Turkish military-technical cooperation dates back to March 16, 1921 when the Treaty of Friendship and Brotherhood was signed between Soviet Russia and Turkey. Upon its conclusion, Russia began providing financial and military-technical aid to the Turkish Government. Turkey's accession to NATO did not become an obstacle to further development of ties with Russia. As a result, Russian BTR-80 APCs, Mi-17 helicopters, anti-tank missile systems, and a variety of small arms are in service with the Turkish Armed Forces.

Rosoboronexport, a subsidiary of the Rostec Corporation, is the sole state-owned arms trade company in the Russian Federation authorized to export the full range of military and dual-



purpose products, technologies and services. Rosoboronexport is one of the leading world arms exporters to the international market. Its share in Russia's military exports exceeds 85 percent. Rosoboronexport cooperates with more than 700 enterprises and organizations in the Russian defence industrial complex. Russia maintains military technical cooperation with more than 70 countries around the world.

The Rostec State Corporation is a Russian Corporation, established in 2007 with the purpose of support the design, manufacture and export of high-tech industrial products of civilian and military designation. It includes 700 organizations, of which nine are currently holding companies in the defense industry and five are holdings in civilian industries. In addition, 22 organizations are directly subordinate. The Rostec portfolio includes such famous brands as AvtoVAZ, KAMAZ, Russian Helicopters, VSMPO-AVISMA, etc. Rostec is located in the territory of 60 federal subjects of the Russian Federation, and it delivers products to markets in more than 70 countries. In 2013, Rostec revenue totaled 1.04 trillion rubles. Tax payments to public coffers at all levels exceeded RUB 138 billion.

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