

TOWARDS AN IM EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS GROUPING

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ABSTRACT

The European Murat grouping introduced with the founding funds.

On 1st October, the 14 representatives of the European member companies of the future grouping adopted by a wide majority the legal articles and memorandum based on French law on associations. They will be available, in their final version, in early 2003. During the Executive Meeting of the IMEMG pilot (pilot Insensitive Munitions European Manufacturers Grouping), which was held in Schrobenhausen (Germany), in the premises of TDW, the pilot group, created on the initiative of Club MURAT in October 2000, laid the first stone. It should be recalled that this pilot group consists of the 8 French member companies of Club MURAT and of 6 non-French European companies belonging to nations which are themselves members of OCCAR (Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy). These companies, which signed a Letter of Intent in October 2001, had clearly made known their determination to constitute a European organisation dedicated to the promotion of insensitive munitions (IM/Murat). A Constituent General Meeting will be held when a working programme has been adopted for the first year. The pilot phase, created on the initiative of Club MURAT, has shown that collaboration is possible between European industrial companies concerned by Murats. It has led to the creation of a forum for exchanges and an influential source of proposals in the field of Insensitive Munitions in OCCAR countries.