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Joint statement : first edition of the Annual Defence Ministerial Dialogue between the French and Indonesian Ministers of Defence

The Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia, HE Mr. Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin, welcomed the Minister for the Armed Forces and Veterans of the French Republic, HE Mrs. Catherine Vautrin, for an official visit in Jakarta on Wednesday 24th of September 2026 and Surabaya on Thursday 23th of September 2026, in the context of the stopover in Indonesia of the PEGASE mission and the follow-up of the bilateral defence cooperation.

On this occasion, HE Mr. Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin and HE Mrs. Catherine Vautrin held their first Annual Defence Ministerial Dialogue. In line with the priorities set forth by the President of the Republic of Indonesia and the President of the French Republic, and in keeping with their decision to elevate the bilateral relations to the level of a comprehensive strategic partnership, this Dialogue aims to review the bilateral relationship in the field of defence and security and to agree on a shared agenda for its continuous reinforcement.

The two Ministers welcomed the creation of this new format and the ongoing reinforcement of the bilateral dialogue on defence and security, at all levels. They

welcomed the upcoming 12th Indonesia-France Defence Dialogue (IFFD) and decided to create a Defence Industry Cooperation Committee (DICC). Both bodies will meet before the end of 2026.

The two Ministers expressed their satisfaction regarding the implementation of the bilateral military equipment contracts, as evidenced by the recent delivery of the first Rafale aircraft ordered by Indonesia and by the start of the construction of the first Scorpène Submarine by PT PAL, in partnership with Naval Group, in Surabaya. They supported enhanced collaboration in this field, notably through capacity building, joint development and defense industry cooperation.

The two Ministers welcomed the rapidly-strengthening bilateral operational cooperation, including the recent French participation in the Super Garuda Shield exercise and the PEGASE mission, during which French and Indonesian Rafale and A400M aircraft trained together for the first time. They supported the upcoming Garuda Guerrier exercise, which will be organized in France in November 2026 between the two Armies.

In order to facilitate operational cooperation, the two Ministers agreed to continue discussions on the relevant legal arrangements, subject to further consultation with the relevant national authorities and their respective domestic procedures They also stressed their wish to further reinforce structural defense cooperation between France and Indonesia, including through the secondment of dedicated military officers.

The two Ministers welcomed the ongoing military equestrian cooperation between France and Indonesia, as evidenced by the ongoing participation of several members of the Indonesian Armed Forces in French Republican Guard training in France. Lastly, the two Ministers recalled the positive progress made in the field of French language training for the Indonesian Armed Forces, which supports Indonesian participation in peacekeeping operations as well bilateral cooperation between the two countries. They called for its continued development.

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