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FROM THE EMBASSIES OF FRANCE, GERMANY, SPAIN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM**

As Airbus founding nations, we are delighted to participate in today's contract signing ceremony, marking the Government of Kazakhstan's purchase of two A400M strategic transport aircraft from Airbus Defence and Space. This purchase further strengthens the defence cooperation our nations have built over many years with Kazakhstan. In particular, by supporting Kazakhstan's strategic airlift capability, we look forward to deepening our cooperation in areas such as peacekeeping operations and humanitarian emergencies.

The contract was signed today by Dulat Kustavletov, Deputy General Director of Kazspecexport, and Airbus representatives Mr Jean-Brice Dumont, Executive Vice-President, Head of Military Aircraft, Airbus Defence and Space, and Mr Clive Schley, Head of the A400M programme. Mr Beibut Atamkulov, Minister for Industry and Infrastructure Development and Mr Alberto Gutierrez, COO of Airbus also attended.

Complementing its existing Airbus aircraft fleet, we are confident that the Government of Kazakhstan's new A400Ms will soon add to the achievements of this aircraft type around the world.

**Background**

The A400M military transport aircraft is built on the strength of the partner nations' airlift capabilities, backed by leading aerospace and defence companies and with final assembly lines in the premises of Sevilla (Spain), the Delivery Centre for Airbus military aircraft. The Air Forces of Belgium & Luxembourg, France, Germany, Spain, Turkey and the United Kingdom, as well as Malaysia as another export customer, benefit from the robustness and increasing operational versatility of this aircraft.

The A400M is proven in operations around the world and in all environments. It enables our military forces to overcome complex logistical challenges, most prominently in rescue and humanitarian missions, including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic.