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Japan Ministry of Defense

Japan-Italy Defence Ministerial Telephone Conference (Summary)

On November 17, 2022, Defense Minister Hamada and Minister of Defence Crosetto held a telephone conference. The summary is as follows.

At the outset, Minister Hamada expressed his congratulations on Minister Crosetto's inauguration as Minister of Defence.

The Ministers affirmed that Japan and Italy would continue to communicate between their defense authorities, as both countries are members of G7 with a major responsibility for the international community and partners sharing the fundamental values.

The Ministers also concurred to accelerate F-X/FCAS collaboration and affirmed to further develop bilateral defence cooperation to uphold and reinforce a "Free and Open Indo-Pacific."