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Ministry of Defense

Japan-Italy Defense Ministerial Video Conference (Summary)

On March 16, commencing at 6:20 p.m. for approximately 20 minutes, Minister of Defense Koizumi held a video conference with H.E. Mr. Guido Crosetto, Minister of Defence of the Italian Republic.

1. With regard to the situation in the Middle East, the Ministers exchanged information on their respective efforts and concurred on continuing close communication.
2. Both ministers also confirmed their commitments to cooperate for the success of the Global Combat Aviation Program (GCAP).