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21 February 2025

To : Distribution List

Subject : **Notification of Intent to Invite Proposals for the Support to Protected Business Network (PBN) Capability Programme Implementation – Project 0, Discover and Accelerate - CLARIFICATION**

Reference : Notification of Intent (**RFP-CO-424219-PBN_0**) to Invite Proposals for the Support to Protected Business Network (PBN) Capability Programme Implementation – Project 0, Discover and Accelerate, distributed with letter NCIA/ACQ/2025/06457 dated 9 February 2025

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1. With the Notification of Intent (NOI) at Reference; NCIA requested Delegations/Missions to NATO to submit to the NCIA contracting authority a Declaration of Eligibility (DoE) for qualified and certified companies interested in receiving the request for proposals for the Project at subject.
 2. As part of the DoE information submission; NCIA requested Delegations/Missions to NATO to provide certification of each nominated company's security clearances. At Paragraph 11 of the referenced NOI, the NCIA indicated that any selected company resulting from the intended competitive process would be required to handle and store classified information up to the level of NATO S3CRET. In addition, contractor personnel would be required to work unescorted in Class II Security areas. Therefore, access could only be permitted to cleared individuals. Only companies maintaining such cleared facilities and the appropriate personnel clearances would be able to perform the resulting contract.
 3. Feedback received from attendees to the Industry Event, held on 19 February 2025, in relation to the subject Project, may suggest the need to reaffirm the classification level of the information the NCIA will address in the intended request for proposals for Project 0; this information will be NATO UNCLASSIFIED and - per-se - does not require any nominated company to be in possession of higher security clearance certifications for either being granted access to the solicitation documents or to be allowed to participate in the NCIA intended competitive process.
 4. This clarification is provided for the purpose of maximizing competition however it does not take away the applicability of any existing national regulation for obtaining a DoE or in respect of the distribution of NATO information.
 5. For your consideration.

For the Chief of Acquisition:

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Annex A – Distribution List

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