Courtesy call on Croatian Minister of Defence

Minister of Defence Mario Banožić met on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at the Ministry of Defence with the Ambassador. During the meeting, Minister Banožić and Ambassador expressed their desire to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation between the two countries, for which a framework agreement is ready for signing between the two countries. The main area with great potential for cooperation is the defence manufacturing and joint R&D and technology development. Croatian high tech defence sector companies have great opportunity to participate in welcoming and fast expanding defence market, where increasingly European companies are getting visible.

Training of armed forces for UN Peace Keeping operations, countering terrorism, cyber security as well as for mitigating the challenges emanating from Natural Disasters would also be an area of potential cooperation between the two countries. Ambassador briefed the Minister about the recent developments in India in these fields which could be very useful for Croatia to benefit from. National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was created in India 15 years ago, since when, with its 12 battalions, NDRF has contributed immensely in saving lives and properties in many extreme natural disaster situations.

Indian Defence sector has also increasingly becoming a export focused sector where also there is potential for Indian companies to export to Croatia. There are recent successful examples in this field to make us believe that with information sharing we can expand India Croatia Defence partnership in coming years.

At the meeting they also discussed cooperation in the field of cyber security and counter-terrorism, and exchanged experiences in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, where both sides expressed hope and desire to deal with the consequences as successfully as possible.

Read more about the meeting:
https://www.morh.hr/ministar-banozic-s-veleposlanikom-republike-indije-kumar-srivastavom/