

(Provisional Translation)

Transfer of finished products regarding Global Combat Air Programme from Japan to countries other than partner countries

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The Government of Japan is promoting joint development of next-generation fighter aircraft with the UK and Italy (hereinafter referred to as “the Global Combat Air Programme”), which will play a central role in ensuring Japan's security in accordance with the Defense Buildup Program (adopted by the National Security Council and the Cabinet Decision on December 16, 2022). During its course, the Government of Japan has come to the perception that it is necessary to hold a mechanism to transfer finished products from Japan to countries other than partner countries and secure a position where Japan can contribute to the Global Combat Air Programme on an equal basis with the UK and Italy in order to realize a fighter aircraft that meets the capability requirements necessary under Japan's security environment and does not interrupt the defense of Japan

For this reason, the transfer of finished products regarding the Global Combat Air Programme from Japan to countries other than partner countries can be permitted, and the Implementation Guidelines on the Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology (adopted by the National Security Council on April 1, 2014. Hereinafter referred to as “the Implementation Guidelines”) are to be amended. In case of actual transfer of finished products related to the Global Combat Air Programme from Japan to countries other than partner countries in the future, each transfer will be judged based on the Three Principles on Transfer of Defense Equipment and Technology (adopted by the National Security Council and the Cabinet Decision on April 1, 2014) and its Implementation Guidelines and a Cabinet decision will be made in addition to the usual deliberations under the Three Principles and its Implementation Guidelines.