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Chefe do Gabinete de Sua Excelência o
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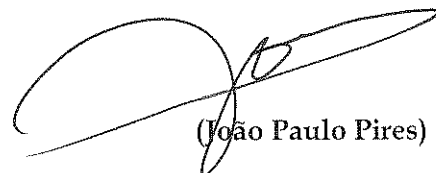
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Exma. Senhora Dra. Mariana Gonçalves,

Em cumprimento do disposto na alínea d) do artigo 156.º da Constituição da República Portuguesa e do artigo 229.º do Regimento da Assembleia da República, e em resposta às perguntas formuladas pelo Senhores Deputados Pedro Roque, Bruno Vitorino, Carlos Costa Neves, José de Matos Correia, Miguel Santos, Luís Pedro Pimentel, Luís Vales e Firmino Pereira, do Grupo Parlamentar do PSD, encarrega-me Sua Excelência o Ministro da Defesa Nacional de remeter, em anexo, a Carta entregue por sua Excelência o Primeiro-Ministro ao Secretário-Geral da Organização do Atlântico Norte no passado dia 11 de julho.

Com os melhores cumprimentos *e consideração,*

O Chefe do Gabinete
(em substituição)



(João Paulo Pires)

C. Primeira. Ministro

Lisbon, 11th July 2018

Your Excellency

Dear Janz,

Further to my letter of June 5th, 2018, I am pleased to submit to you the Portuguese Government's projections of increases in defense spending until 2024. I trust you will agree that these projections demonstrate my Government's commitment to a growing trajectory of defense spending over the next several years and to a substantial increase in the amount devoted to investment in capabilities, as called for in the Wales declaration.

These projections are the result of a demanding effort carried out by the Portuguese government as a whole, coordinated by the Prime Minister's office and involving in particular the Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs and Finance, as well as the Armed Forces. We have chosen to present realistic, serious and credible paths of defense spending which represent a very ambitious effort to increase our defense spending and our military capabilities, while taking due account of budgetary constraints.

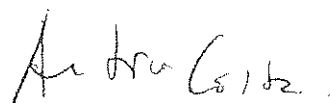
We present two different scenarios, the baseline scenario and scenario B.

Under the baseline scenario, we will increase the share of GDP devoted to defense to 1.66% of GDP in 2024 and the share of defense expenditures devoted to capabilities will rise sharply to 17% in the same period. In addition to the already planned and current investments, this substantial increase in real expenditure as well as the change in its composition will allow a very significant improvement in our military capabilities and our ability to deploy our forces abroad, especially by air and sea.

These numbers may increase in the next few years, depending on several factors which are still unknown, such as the allocation and the distribution among the member States of the European Union of funds dedicated to defense and defense related scientific research. This more favorable hypothesis, which may lead in 2024 to defense expenditures of 1.98% of GDP, is reflected in the projection presented as scenario B.

We stand ready to work with the competent NATO authorities to further detail and specify what this projection entails in a spirit of full cooperation and transparency and to pursue our efforts to fully achieve, in due time, the stated goals of the Defense Investment Pledge.

Yours sincerely



António Costa

Prime Minister of Portugal

His Excellency
Jens Stoltenberg
NATO Secretary General

C. Première Ministre

Defense Investment Pledge

Projections 2019 – 2024

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Baseline scenario for defence expenditure as a share of GDP	1,41%	1,45%	1,49%	1,52%	1,59%	1,66%
Investment as a share of total defence expenditure in the baseline scenario	11,03%	12,11%	13,18%	14,52%	15,69%	17,0%

Scenario B for defence expenditure as a share of GDP	1,58%	1,61%	1,72%	1,79%	1,93%	1,98%
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