Embassy of India
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Press Release

Embassy of India in association with the Ministry of Defence, Govt of Zimbabwe held an interactive session on furthering ties in the filed of Defence and Defence Industry Cooperation, The event was organised at Hotel Hyatt Meikles, Harare as a sequel to the Inaugural Mini Defence Expo and Industry Interaction held last year at Harare, in which over 10 Indian companies presented their capabilities in Defence manufacturing. The inaugural event was presided by Hon, Minister of Defence Ms Oppah Muchinguri Kashiri. The year 2025 was monumental as India and Zimbabwe signed the much-awaited Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation on the sidelines of Aero-India Exhibition held at Bengaluru in February.

2.   The 2nd Edition saw active participation of the senior officers from Zimbabwe Defence Force, Zimbabwe Defence Industries and Department of Economic Development. The Govt of Zimbabwe was rightfully represented by Chief Director Mvere. He emphasized on the need for collaboration in Defence Cooperation and Defence Industry Cooperation. The Ambassador of India to Zimbabwe, H.E. Bramha Kumar highlighted the significance of strengthening cooperation between the two countries in Defence manufacturing. He acknowledged the key milestones achieved in the last two years paving the way for increased engagements in the domain of Defence and security.

3.   The Defence Adviser of India at Pretoria (concurrently accredited to Zimbabwe), Captain (Indian Navy Atul Sapahia) presented an overview of the Indian Defence Ministry and focused on opportunities for collaboration between both the countries.

4.   The event also saw a brainstorming session on the likely contours of the signed MoU and its implementation through structured mechanisms like Joint Defence Working Group meetings. The event is likely to establish a foundation towards strengthening existing bilateral relations as well as enhanced cooperation between the two Armed Forces in the foreseeable future.

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