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ASSOCIATIONS TEAM TO PUSH UNMANNED AIRCRAFT INTO COMMERCIAL AIRSPACE

Arrangement Will Coordinate Ongoing U.S. and European Efforts

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The world's leading unmanned systems organizations announce their agreement to cooperate and coordinate their respective efforts to introduce unmanned air vehicles (UAVs) into commercial airspace.

The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) of Arlington, Virginia, USA, and the European Unmanned Vehicle Systems Association (EURO UVS), of The Hague, The Netherlands, will work together to further the establishment of policies, regulations, and standards relative to airworthiness and air traffic management for UAVs. Both organizations have ongoing efforts concerning these issues and share the common goal to advance the introduction of UAVs into the National Airspace System (NAS) and into General Airspace Traffic (GAT).

The two non-profit groups will coordinate actions in order to promote international harmonization of the regulation process at an early stage. The members of both associations and the national civil aviation authorities of their respective countries will benefit from the coordinated international effort.

This cooperation will also lay the foundation for an international forum where these global issues, which are crucial for the development of the international military and the civilian UAV markets, can be dealt with in coordination with Eurocontrol, FAA, ICAO, Joint Aviation Authorities (JAA), national military flight safety authorities and NATO.

AUVSI, founded in 1972, is a trade organization of more than 2,000 corporate and individual members of the unmanned vehicle community. AUVSI members represent industry, government and academia from more than 20 countries and seek to further the technologies and application of air, land and maritime unmanned vehicles.

EURO UVS, founded in 1995, registered in The Netherlands, but having its administrative address in Paris, France, has 121 corporate and institutional

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members from 23 countries on 5 continents, and is recognized as an impartial representative of the unmanned vehicle community by Ministries of Defence, NATO, WEAO, Eurocontrol, JAA and Civil Aviation Authorities. EURO UVS seeks to further the cause of unmanned vehicle systems (air, ground & naval) and related technologies.

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