

## **MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**

### **Defense Innovation Board (DIB) Preparatory Meeting**

**Monday, 5 February 2024 10:00am-10:30am EDT**

#### **Virtual Meeting**

**External Participants:** Anna Dowd, RAND

**DIB Staff:** Dr. Marina Theodotou (DFO), Jacob Sharpe, Elliot Silverberg, Zackariah Crahen, Dr. Juan Merizalde.

**Purpose:** Information gathering session to help scope the DIB report.

#### **Meeting Summary:**

On **5 February 2024**, DIB members had a virtual meeting with Anna Dowd, RAND.

During the call, DIB DFO and the challenges and opportunities to work with allies and partners during her tenure in NATO. Anna Dowd highlighted her experiences in bolstering innovation efforts across the alliance. The meeting also discussed The current state of innovation in NATO, including the progress and challenges of implementing the NATO innovation. The meeting concluded with a summary of the key takeaways and action items. The DIB members thanked Anna Dowd for her valuable input and expressed their interest in continuing the dialogue and partnership on innovation in NATO. The DIB DFO agreed to follow up with Anna Dowd on the next steps and opportunities for further collaboration.

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