

Memorandum of Cooperation on gas security
between
the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (METI)
and
the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security of the Italian Republic (MASE)

The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan and the Ministry of Environment and Energy Security of the Italian Republic, hereinafter individually referred to as a “Participant” and collectively as the “Participants”,

ACKNOWLEDGING that Japan and Italy adopted the Japan-Italy Action Plan (2024-2027) on June 14, 2024, in the margins of the G7 Puglia Summit, where both Countries expressed their willingness to strengthen Japan-Italy cooperation in the clean energy sector, while supporting the role of natural gas in the path towards clean energy transition, emphasizing the importance of simultaneously achieving net-zero, economic growth and energy security, while acknowledging various pathways,

Have reached the following confirmation:

1. OBJECTIVE

This Memorandum of Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as “MOC”) aims to expand cooperation regarding gas security between the Participants.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

To expand cooperation in gas security in Japan and Italy, the Participants will:

- a. support the role of natural gas in the path towards clean energy transition, emphasizing the importance of simultaneously achieving net-zero, economic growth, and energy security, while acknowledging various pathways;
- b. mutually cooperate in securing supply in case of emergency and explore opportunities for mutually beneficial implementation of measures that contribute to global gas security, including information exchange mechanisms, such as the Global Early Alert Mechanism;

- c. enhance the bilateral cooperation, including technical cooperation, to promote global energy development for the benefit of both Countries;
- d. recognize EU methane regulations and Coalition for LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) Emission Abatement toward Net-zero (CLEAN initiative), share the knowledge of technologies and MRV (Monitoring, Reporting and Verification) that contribute to reduction of methane emissions from the supply chain of natural gas and LNG;
- e. cooperate on the decarbonization of the LNG value chain, including the use of low emission alternatives, such as hydrogen and ammonia.

3. POLICY DIALOGUE

The Participants will hold a policy dialogue to deepen cooperation within the areas of cooperation described in paragraph 2 of this MOC.

4. GENERAL MATTERS

1. This MOC does not constitute an international agreement which may lead to rights and obligations under international law. No matters of this MOC is to be understood and performed as a legal obligation or commitment of the Participants.
2. Any differences arising in the interpretation and/or implementation of this MOC will be resolved amicably through direct consultations and negotiations between the Participants.
3. This MOC will be implemented in conformity with the Japanese and Italian legislations, as well as applicable international law and, as for the Italian Participant, the obligations arising from Italy's membership of the European Union.
4. The expenses arising from the implementation of this MOC will be covered by the Participants according to their ordinary budget availability without any additional cost for the State budgets of Japan and the Italian Republic.
5. This MOC comes into operation on the date of signature, it will continue for a period of three (3) years and may be renewed for a further period of three (3) years by mutual consent of the Participants.
6. This MOC may be terminated by either Participant by notifying its intention to the other Participant at least three (3) months prior to the intended date of termination.
7. This MOC may be modified by the mutual written consent of the Participants.

Signed in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on October 30, 2025, in two originals in the English language, both texts having equal value.

For the Ministry of Economy, Trade and
Industry of Japan

For the Ministry of Environment and
Energy Security of the Italian Republic