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Finmeccanica: EUR 100 million contract to provide logistical support to the ATR 72 MP of the Italian Air Force

Finmeccanica, through its company Alenia Aeronautica, has been awarded a EUR 100 million contract by the General Directorate of Air Armaments of the Italian Defence Ministry for the supply of logistical support services for the four ATR 72 MP (Maritime Patrol) aircraft ordered by the Italian Air Force in 2008.

The contract envisages the supply of technical and logistical support services for five years and the implementation of a series of configurations designed to improve the capabilities of the aircraft when deployed on maritime patrol and surveillance activities.

The ATR 72 MP, based on the ATR 72-600 regional transport aircraft platform, is a maritime patrol version specifically developed by Alenia Aeronautica. The Italian Air Force's ATR 72 MP aircraft are equipped with the Airborne Tactical Observation and Surveillance System (ATOS) built by SELEX Galileo, a Finmeccanica company, which includes an electronic scanning radar and a sensor for the visual identification of sea-going vessels and people in any weather conditions.