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## **Alenia Aermacchi awarded logistics support contract for the Brazilian AMX fleet**

Alenia Aermacchi has signed a three-year 58 million euro contract with the Brazilian Air Force (Força Aérea Brasileira) to provide logistics support services to the FAB's AMX fleet, named A-1 in Brazil.

The contract includes several elements: "on site" engineering support, (a permanent Alenia Aermacchi team will be based at Parque de Galeao in Rio de Janeiro) logistic support services; supply of components and spare parts and servicing and overhauling.

Alenia Aermacchi was selected by the FAB because of its previous logistic experience on the AMX program and because of its proven results in providing spare parts and maintaining a high efficiently level of the AMX fleet currently in service in Italy.

This agreement is part of a larger FAB program designed to guarantee full operational capability of the AMX fleet for the next 20 years. It is integrated into the AMX upgrade program, known as A-1M, which is led by to Embraer and directly supported by Alenia Aermacchi.

Related to the long-term support of the Brazilian AMX fleet, Alenia Aermacchi and Embraer recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding that establishes a joint venture between the two companies for the management of all logistic support activities related to AMX operations in Brazil throughout the lifecycle of the fleet.

Giuseppe Giordo, Alenia Aermacchi CEO, commented, "With this contract, Alenia Aermacchi and Embraer reaffirm their decades-long collaboration which, in the '70s, allowed for the development, the industrialization and the production in Brazil of the MB.326 jet trainer (named AT-26 Xavante by the FAB) and, afterwards, industrial collaboration resulting in the creation of the Italian-Brazilian AMX fighter bomber."

The AMX is a tactical support aircraft that was developed in the 1980s by the then Aeritalia (46.5%), Aermacchi (23.8%) and Embraer (29.7%). The aircraft entered into service with the Italian and Brazilian Air Forces at the end of the 1980s.