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Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Strategic Industries Oleh Urusky and Head of the NATO Representation to Ukraine Alexander Vinnikov have discussed the reform of the Ukrainian defense industry, the Ministry for Strategic Industries has reported.

"The sides discussed current cooperation and the reform of the Ukrainian defense industry," the report said.

Urusky informed Vinnikov about measures being taken by the Ministry for Strategic Industries in the context of the corporatization of defense and aerospace enterprises, as well as the formation of a proper business environment in Ukraine that would meet modern approaches and contribute to the country's successful integration into NATO.

Vinnikov welcomed the intensification of the defense industry reform in Ukraine. He said NATO was ready to continue to provide expert support in the reform process, including the reform of the domestic defense industry.

Vinnikov also proposed presenting in NATO this autumn the Strategy for the Development of Ukraine's Defense Industry until 2030, which has recently been adopted by the National Security and Defense Council and approved by a presidential decree.

"I stressed that our country has two strategic goals - accession to the EU and accession to NATO. I believe that our country's integration into the Alliance will precede its accession to the EU. I am convinced that the reform of the defense industry will be very good and will not slow Ukraine's movement towards NATO. After all, military-technical cooperation between Ukraine and the Alliance is an important component of integration processes," Urusky said.

Vinnikov's term in Ukraine is coming to an end, so Urusky thanked him for his cooperation. "Our state has always felt the personal support of Alexander Vinnikov and the Alliance in general in this difficult time of hybrid aggression from Russia," Urusky said.

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