

# India plans to procure 56 military transport aircraft

India is reportedly planning to procure 56 medium military transport aircraft for around \$2.5bn.

According to local news reports, an agreement is expected to be signed in the following months to procure 56 C-295 transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF).

Airbus Defence and Space and Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) will jointly deliver the project under the Make-in-India initiative in the aerospace

sector, the Hindustan Times reported quoting officials familiar with the development.

The first 16 aircraft will be delivered in flyaway condition in two years.

TASL will locally assemble the remaining 40 units, the deliveries of which will be spread over eight years.

The new C-295 transport aircraft will replace India's the ageing Avro-748 transport planes that entered services in the early 1960s.