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Ms. Joanne Lostracco is Director General International and Industry Programs and is responsible for managing the international materiel agenda and providing leadership on the management of Canadian defence industry relations in support of the materiel acquisition and support mandate of the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces.

Ms. Lostracco joined Canada's Public Service in 2000 and spent her first years at Global Affairs Canada in a number of roles including in Cabinet relations and international trade negotiations and policy. She then moved overseas and taught international trade policy and international relations at the graduate and undergraduate level at Johnson and Wales University and the University of Gothenburg in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Upon her return to Canada, Ms. Lostracco served in a variety of posts within the Public Service including at the Canadian Commercial Corporation where she provided strategic advice in the area of Canada-US defence industrial cooperation and the Canada-U.S. Defence Production Sharing Agreement (DPSA).

Ms. Lostracco joined the Department of National Defence in 2015 where she served as Section Head, Continental Materiel Cooperation and oversaw the negotiation of several international and U.S.-related MOUs as well as provided leadership related to national security reviews for export permit applications. She was promoted to Director, Continental Materiel Cooperation in May 2017.

Ms. Lostracco has a BA (Hons) in Business and Political Science from the University of Waterloo and an MA in International Relations from Dalhousie University where she completed her thesis on Canadian Naval Policy.

Ms. Lostracco is married and has one son and two step-daughters