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## **FX2 contest**

For the past 15 years, DASSAULT AVIATION and its partners SNECMA (Safran Group) and THALES, brought together within the RAFALE International Consortium, have been working in Brazil to promote the MIRAGE 2000 for the FX Call for Tender, then the RAFALE for FX2. They were driven by a determination to cooperate over the long term with the Brazilian industry, especially with EMBRAER. Unbridled technology transfers and scientific, technical and industrial partnerships demanded by Brazil featured among the powerful arguments in favor of the RAFALE International Consortium proposal, which enjoyed the full backing of the French authorities.

We regret that the choice has gone in favor of the GRIPEN, an aircraft provided with many items of equipment of third party origin, especially U.S., and that does not belong to the same category as the RAFALE. The GRIPEN is a lighter, single engine aircraft that does not match the RAFALE in terms of performance and therefore does not carry the same price tag. This financial rationale fails to take into account either the RAFALE's cost-effectiveness or the level of technology offered.

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