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Lufthansa Technik hands over final A350 government aircraft to the German Air Force

- **Ceremonial handover to State Secretary Hilmer at the ILA in Berlin**
- **Four cabin modifications on three aircraft completed exactly on time and on budget**
- **Largest modernization program in the history of the Special Air Mission Wing now complete**

Lufthansa Technik today handed over the third and final Airbus A350 government aircraft to the German Federal Ministry of Defense's (BMVg) Special Air Mission Wing at a festive ceremony during ILA Berlin. Secretary of State for Defense Nils Hilmer officially put the aircraft with the registration 10+03 into service this afternoon. This already marked the second premiere for "Schumacher", as the largest modernization programme in the history of the Special Air Mission Wing comprised a total of four cabin modifications for three aircraft. Lufthansa Technik delivered all of them to the German Armed Forces on time and on budget.

"The largest modernization programme in the history of the Special Air Mission Wing can justifiably be called a Herculean task. Four cabin refurbishments for a total of three wide-body jets over a period of just four years, and some of them were still heavily influenced by the pandemic," explained Soeren Stark, Chief Executive Officer of Lufthansa Technik AG. "I am all the more proud of our team, which mastered this task with flying colors, and completely within the estimated cost and time frame. I take my hat off to this achievement and thank everyone who was involved."

The initial handover of 10+03 took place just a few months after the political decision was made to replace the German Air Force's two long-serving Airbus A340s with three brand-new A350s for long-haul political and parliamentary air transport. As the first aircraft was needed in service very quickly, Lufthansa Technik initially only equipped 10+03 with an interim cabin and handed it over to the then Minister of Defense in August 2020. The first A350 deliveries with a full government cabin followed in November 2022 and in March 2023 with 10+01 "Konrad Adenauer" and 10+02 "Theodor Heuss". 10+03 "Kurt Schumacher" then also returned to Lufthansa Technik's Hamburg VIP Completion Center, where its cabin interior was completed until recently.

As an "earlycomer" in the program, 10+03 still wore the old color scheme of the so-called "white fleet" until recently, with a serif font on the fuselage and only narrow black-red-gold accents on the wingtips. Just in time for today's delivery, the livery was also carefully adapted to the more modern look of the two sister aircraft, including new lettering in the "Bundes Sans" font and wingtips that are now extensively painted in the colors of the German flag.

With the delivery of 10+03, the long-haul fleet of the Special Air Mission Wing is now once again uniform both externally and internally, at least almost: only a few small accents in the interior, individual reminiscences of the respective namesakes, now distinguish "Adenauer", "Heuss" and "Schumacher" from each other. Soon, not only a bocchia game, the signatures under the Treaty of Rome, a laurel leaf, various

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stamps, but also a magnet and various quotations will be flying around the world with the Special Air Mission Wing. Impressions of the design and information on the significance of the small works of art can be found in the image selection linked below.

The Airbus A350 “Kurt Schumacher” can be viewed from the outside on the static display at the ILA in Berlin until Thursday evening.

Image material of the handover event:

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