

## NORDIC-BALTIC DEFENCE MINISTERS STATEMENT

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In view of the strategic environment, the Nordic and Baltic countries continue to expand their security cooperation. The stability in the Nordic and Baltic regions can only be secured in a wider European and trans-Atlantic context, but the countries of the region also play an important role in underpinning and strengthening the overall security architecture.

Today, the NB8 Defence Ministers have conducted discussions on how to enhance our defence cooperation. Our countries will continue working together in the following areas:

- Improve situational awareness for the promotion of stability in our vicinity.
- By exercises provide a catalyst for interoperability and engagement in the region as well as a signal of ability to operate together.
- Cooperate in dealing with dynamic cross-border threats emanating from cyberspace.
- Consider possibilities for cooperation in current and future international operations.
- Contribute to capacity building and security sector reform.
- Enhance the bilateral and multilateral cooperation in areas such as armaments and acquisitions and in support of hubs of knowledge in the region (such as Centres of Excellence or, NATO Department Heads, Defence Colleges and research centres).

We will continue to explore new possibilities for cooperation and through these measures, we take our responsibility to strengthen the security in the Nordic and Baltic region.