

JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE NORTHERN GROUP

MEETING OF DEFENCE MINISTERS, 5 NOVEMBER 2020

The countries of the Northern Group (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom) have met today, 5 November 2020 by teleconference (VTC) under the Danish chairmanship.

The Northern Group nations came together to informally discuss defence and security issues common to us as Northern European nations, and to explore new opportunities to work closer together.

During the meeting, Defence Ministers addressed key issues challenging the security situation in our region, including developments in the Eastern neighborhood as well as questions related to new and emerging technologies such as cyber, Artificial Intelligence and digitalisation as well as protection of critical infrastructure.

Defence Ministers also discussed the likely threats, including cyber and disinformation campaigns that could be part of the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. All members of the Northern Group expressed their solidarity in these challenging times.

Northern Group nations remain committed to maintaining security and stability in our Northern European region and the wider continent. Today, all members of the Northern Group reaffirmed this engagement.