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## **ENHANCED MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN DENMARK AND SWEDEN - 27 May 2015**

### **Enhanced military cooperation**

At today's meeting in Copenhagen the Swedish and Danish ministers of defence, Peter Hultqvist and Nicolai Wammen, welcomed a report on enhanced possibilities for Danish-Swedish military cooperation.

The report has been prepared by the Danish Armed Forces and Swedish Armed Forces and identifies possible areas of enhanced military cooperation. The goal is to increase operational effect from peacetime maritime and air operations.

The report presents recommendations covering enhanced information sharing in regard to air and maritime surveillance; on secure communications; and on enhanced possibilities for accessing each others countries in peacetime.

The ministers stated:

*"We have a long tradition of military cooperation between Denmark and Sweden. The report and its recommendations will undergo further study in the coming period. A pragmatic and determined effort will be made to enhance Danish-Swedish military cooperation in order to achieve increased operational effect and added value to mutual benefit for both countries. We underline the political will and intent to move forward."*

The ministers look forward to meeting again in order to finalise the process. Increased Danish-Swedish military cooperation will supplement already existing Nordic defence cooperation (NORDEFKO) and sea surveillance cooperation in the Baltic Sea (SUCBAS).