

**JOINT STATEMENT  
FROM  
THE NORDIC MINISTERS OF DEFENCE  
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Today, we, the Nordic Ministers of Defence, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on enhanced and easier access to each other's territories in peacetime. In light of the worsened security situation in our region, increased cooperation within NORDEFECO has become even more important. The Easy Access framework is driven by the ambition to ensure unprecedented access for the Nordic countries to each other's territories in all domains, be it air, land or maritime.

The Easy Access Memorandum of Understanding will improve the operational effect and quality of air, land and maritime operations.

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding is a clear example of the value the Nordic Defence Cooperation (NORDEFECO) brings to the Nordic countries in our joint effort to contribute to stability, peace and security in our neighborhood.