

Joint statement following meeting between Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for National Defence of Poland and Minister for Defence of Denmark in Warsaw, 12 September 2022

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for National Defence Blaszczak and Defence Minister Bødskov reaffirmed the strong relationship between Poland and Denmark as members of NATO, EU and as framework nations of the Multinational Corps North East.

Poland and Denmark remain committed to supporting Ukraine as it defends itself against Russia's illegal, unprovoked and brutal invasion. Poland plays a crucial role in facilitating the international assistance to Ukraine. The important work of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group meetings and the recent Copenhagen Ukraine Conference underscores our common strong commitment to supporting Ukraine.

Deputy Prime Minister Blaszczak and Minister Bødskov warmly welcome the perspective of Sweden and Finland joining NATO and agree that Sweden and Finland's membership of the Alliance will further strengthen NATO.

The Ministers reiterated the importance of further strengthening NATO's deterrence and defence posture, including in the Baltic Sea region, where Poland and Denmark assume special responsibilities, including participation in the enhanced Forward Presence in Latvia and Estonia. Danish fighter aircrafts are supporting NATO Vigilance activities in Polish airspace and Denmark remains strongly committed to these activities. Poland is systematically participating in the Baltic Air Policing mission as well as providing the airbase for enhanced Baltic Air Policing.

They underlined the special role of Multinational Corps North East in Szczecin as a key element of NATO's deterrence and defence posture on the Eastern flank and confirmed their commitment to its further development.

Poland and Denmark agree to continue the work to strengthen the bilateral security and defence relationship, including enhancing political and military dialogue and further develop operational cooperation and cooperation in the field of training and exercises, including sharing knowledge and experience concerning the integration of the F-35 fighter in the Polish and Danish air forces. Additionally, Poland and Denmark will work on establishing a memorandum of understanding regarding defence industry cooperation and governmental partnerships