

**LETTER OF INTENT
ON
ENHANCED DEFENCE COOPERATION BETWEEN
SWEDEN AND DENMARK**

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Sweden and Denmark will in light of the concerning security situation in Europe and beyond – and as close Allies and neighbors – enhance defence cooperation across a number of areas. Our enhanced cooperation, building upon the bilateral Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2016 (revised in 2021), will underpin and remain within the framework of NATO, EU and Nordic Defence Cooperation, NORDEFECO and will be supported by regular bilateral consultations.

Bilaterally, Sweden and Denmark commits to enhance cooperation in general and initially with a special focus in the following key areas:

- **Defence equipment.** Sweden and Denmark will coordinate acquisition of defence equipment where possible. Initially, cooperation will focus on infantry fighting vehicles, where Denmark and Sweden both are operating the CV90 model, and where possible options for early Danish and Swedish procurement of further CV90 vehicles to build up the Danish heavy brigade and Swedish land forces could be investigated. Cooperation on training and exercises will be incremental in this connection. Cooperation in other areas, such as surveillance aircraft, will also be explored.
- **Air policing.** Sweden and Denmark will continue to deepen cooperation with regard to air policing in the Baltic Sea region building, for example, on easy access to each other's air space and bases to the benefit of the Alliance including the security of Bornholm, Gotland and other places. Such cooperation could include joint patrolling as well as rotational presence of fighter aircraft at relevant locations, for example Danish fighter aircraft at the base in Ronneby.
- **Maritime cooperation.** Sweden and Denmark will continue to enhance maritime cooperation and coordination, not least in the joint area of the Baltic Approaches and other adjoining waters in the Baltic Sea region.
- **Joint responsibility for Baltic security.** Sweden, pending national decisions and Denmark will take joint responsibility together with other key Allies for NATO's forward presence in Latvia in order to counter Russian threats to the Baltic region. Sweden and Denmark will contribute on a rotational basis with a battalion or battle group to the Canadian-led presence. Camp Valdemar in Adazi will provide the base for the rotational presence. Sweden and Denmark will also explore possibilities to cooperate with a view to the further development of the Headquarters Multinational Division North in Adazi.
- **Ukraine.** Sweden and Denmark share serious concern over the development in Ukraine and Russia's unprovoked aggression. Sweden and Denmark will continue joint efforts to assist Ukraine with military equipment and donations, including in the field of air defence, ammunition, and infantry fighting vehicles (CV90) as well as additional support and donations, pending national decisions. In addition, Sweden and Denmark will explore efforts to develop and procure military equipment for Ukraine.

This Letter of Intent does not constitute a legally binding commitment under international or national law, and commitments are subject to national procedures and decisions.

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