

**JOINT STATEMENT  
FROM  
THE NORTHERN GROUP MEETING OF  
DEFENCE MINISTERS  
COPENHAGEN, 9 NOVEMBER 2016**

The countries of the Northern Group consisting of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden and the United Kingdom, have met today on 9 November 2016 in Copenhagen at Frederiksberg Palace.

The Northern Group is a valuable forum in which members come together informally for discussions on defence and security issues common to us as Northern European nations, and to explore new opportunities to work together.

Northern Group nations are committed to maintaining security and stability in our Northern European neighbourhood and the wider continent. Each of us support the strengthening of the 360-degree approach to security.

Today, all members of the Northern Group reaffirm their engagement in defence and security in Europe, and reinforce the need for a strong NATO-EU partnership.

Following the election of the new President of the United States of America, we look forward to continuing our fruitful cooperation with the new administration. We wish to underline the importance of our close transatlantic relationship and friendship with the United States of America, and place fundamental value in our close cooperation and our transatlantic bond which are essential to security and stability in Europe.