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## **Joint Declaration of Intent**

**on**

**strengthening the bilateral cooperation  
between Germany and Denmark**

**between**

**The Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany**

**and**

**The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark**



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The Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany  
and  
the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark  
(thereafter: sides)

intend to improve and further enhance security and bilateral defence cooperation between Germany and Denmark to better meet the common challenges of the 21st century and to best secure the common interests of both countries in defence-related areas.

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine violates international law and the principles of the UN Charter, undermines European and global security and stability, and has fundamentally changed the security and defence environment in Europe.

Our interests, values and principles are more than ever challenged by multiple means – political, economic, technological, military, cyber and hybrid. Fragility and instability in our European neighbourhood undermine our security and provide fertile ground for strategic competitors as well as terrorist groups to gain influence, destabilise societies and pose a threat to our security.

German-Danish defence cooperation promotes stability in the Baltic Sea Region and in Europe as a whole and beyond for the Euro-Atlantic area.

Addressing global and regional security challenges requires close defence and military cooperation between partners and their respective Armed Forces and Defence Administration.

NATO's Strategic Concept and the EU's Strategic Compass are key for a strong Euro-Atlantic security and stability, the transatlantic bond and a closer EU-NATO cooperation.

NATO is and remains the cornerstone of our deterrence and defence posture and the ultimate foundation of European and transatlantic security architecture, together we are committed to maintaining the rules-based international world order under the supervision of the UN.

Therefore, the sides declare their intention to promote and uphold the practical cooperation between their respective Armed Forces and other Defence Administration by building on current cooperative activities and implementing new initiatives to work together more effectively, strengthen interoperability and develop a shared understanding in order to contribute effectively to NATO deterrence and defence, NATO operations and missions as well as to EU Common Security and Defence Policy, and to deploy alongside each other in military operations when needed.

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### OBJECTIVES

Recalling the Joint Action Plan for Future German-Danish Cooperation with the aim of further strengthening the ties between the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of Denmark, signed by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs on 26 August 2022.

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Materiel Cooperation between the Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark dated 13 April 2023.

The sides intend to further develop areas of bilateral cooperation, complement and leverage existing efforts and structures, and to enhance their contribution to UN, NATO and EU CSDP by:

- promoting strategic dialogue, staff talks and exchange of views on security and defence issues;
- promoting EU-NATO complementarity and stronger cooperation;
- fostering strategic foresight and information sharing on all levels;
- contributing to mutual situational awareness and possible replies to common threats in the Baltic Sea Region and the North Sea including threats to critical undersea infrastructure;
- cooperating closely in enhancing the protection of international shipping lanes to safeguard common interests and international rules-based order (e.g. in the Red Sea)
- contributing to sustainable UKR forces able of defending UKR now and deterring RUS aggression in the future;
- strengthening coordination of military and non-military activities as appropriate, especially by measures strengthening common resilience;
- co-operating in the field of innovation, research and development, defence strategic planning, capability development armament training and exercise;
- strengthening interoperability at the policy and the military levels;
- strengthening the ability to conduct combined operations.

### MEANS

To achieve those objectives, the sides declare their common intention to conduct in particular the following cooperation:

- Installing certain formats for regular meetings and information exchange;
- Practical cooperation between their respective Armed Forces and other Defence Administration;
- Participation in education, training and exercises to demonstrate and strengthen interoperability and signal our shared intent (also for UN peacekeeping operations);
- Continue the already fruitful cooperation between our Navies regarding the training conducted at the German Navy Training Center in Neustadt and also regarding the training conducted at the Danish military base at Sjællands Odde.

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- Fostering training (e.g. via EUMAM UKR) and the delivery of military equipment for UKR forces;
- Harnessing research and development (R&D), defence capability development and armament cooperation opportunities bilaterally, in NATO, as well as provided by the EU security and defence initiatives including but not limited to Permanent Structured Cooperation and European Defence Fund, including through respective European Defence Agency activities as appropriate;
- Harmonizing requirements processes and procedures;
- Cooperation in multinational military deployments, including NATO-, EU-, UN-led missions and operations;
- Enhancing shared situational awareness and operational picture on maritime security, especially in the Baltic Sea Region/ the North Sea approaches to the Atlantic, and seek opportunities for further practical cooperation (including the private sector);
- Coordination of strategic communication whenever beneficial and appropriate;
- Working towards a common vision for a strong and robust architecture of arms control and military confidence-building;
- Sharing ideas on nuclear risk reduction measures and continue cooperation on supporting and safeguarding the work of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons with a view to strengthening accountability for the use of chemical weapons and countering impunity.

### STATUS

This Joint Declaration of Intent expresses the political will of both sides and is not intended to establish a legally binding commitment under international or national law. This Joint Declaration of Intent comes into effect on the day of signature. Amendments may be made at any time by the mutual consent of both sides. Either side may terminate the cooperation under this Joint Declaration of Intent. Either Side should endeavour to provide at least six months' notice of its intent to terminate the cooperation. Any contractual obligations to third parties and other Joint Declarations of Intent will remain unaffected.

Signed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ in duplicate in the English language.

For the Federal Ministry of Defence of  
the Federal Republic of Germany

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