

**Joint Declaration
concerning Baltic Sea security**

delivered by

the Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark
the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia
the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Finland
the Minister of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany
the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Latvia
the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania
the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Poland
the Minister for Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden

hereinafter referred to collectively as “Participants”,

following the joint statement of the Baltic Sea NATO Allies issued by the Heads of State and Government in Helsinki on 14 January 2025,

emphasizing the effort the Baltic Sea Allies have taken to implement strong responses to threats in the Baltic Sea,

welcoming the Memorandum of Understanding on the Protection of Critical Underwater Infrastructure in the Baltic Sea signed on 16 May 2025 in Vihula, Estonia,

highlighting the need for close alignment and coherence between ongoing multinational and national activities,

have decided to support these efforts and to address challenges to the security situation in the region, focusing on their military aspect.

The Participants note, with great concern, the negative developments in the Baltic Sea region, in particular Russia’s threats against Member States of the EU and NATO.

Whether or not intentional, the recent incidents which caused damage to Baltic Sea infrastructure necessitate a common action to prevent and deter similar occurrences in the future. The Participants wish to underline their commitment to protect the Baltic Sea and its infrastructure in accordance with international law, especially ensuring the freedom of navigation, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment.

The Baltic Sea is of strategic importance for its littoral nations as well as for NATO. The majority of international trade to and from the Baltic Sea States is delivered through this vital lifeline. This includes key energy resources. The Baltic seabed hosts also cables necessary for electricity provision and communication, as well as other critical infrastructure. The Participants will continue to strengthen the deterrence and

defence, modernize capabilities, recognizing the urgent need for significantly increased defence expenditure.

The Participants declare their willingness to act in accord to ensure a timely implementation of the intentions announced at the Baltic Sea NATO Allies summit in Helsinki on 14 January 2025, in particular in the following areas:

- Keep the Baltic Sea security high on the agenda in NATO, EU and other international organizations.
- Advocate for closer NATO-EU cooperation on the Baltic Sea security.
- Support the Commander Task Force Baltic in establishing an integrated regional maritime picture, including critical undersea infrastructure (CUI), and coordinating Allied activities in the Baltic Sea.
- Support NATO's initiatives to improve situational awareness and deter hostile activities on the Baltic Sea.
- Commonly engage in the implementation of a regional CUI hub in support of Allied Maritime Command (MARCOM) and its Maritime Center for the Security of Critical Undersea Infrastructure (NMCSCUI) as well as strengthen the Critical Undersea Infrastructure Network.
- On the road to the Summit in The Hague, actively cooperate in advancing NATO's work on the Baltic Sea security.
- Continue discussions on identifying further measures in accordance with international law regarding the protection of CUI and enable joint activities in the context of the Baltic Sea security.

This Joint Declaration is not a legally binding commitment under national or international law.

The declaration was signed in Brussels on 5 June 2025 in one original copy in the English language. The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland will remain the depositary of the original copy and will deliver certified copies to the other Participants.

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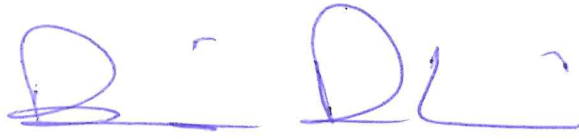
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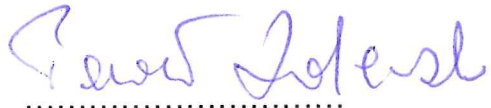
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