

NORDEFCO

NORDIC DEFENCE COOPERATION

NORDIC DEFENCE CAPABILITIES COOPERATION

MINISTERS' VISION 2020

We, the Nordic Ministers of Defence, share the belief that Nordic defence cooperation can contribute to strengthening our national defence capabilities, thereby improving our ability to contribute to regional and international peace and stability. Nordic defence cooperation is intended to complement and enhance other international efforts, including support to UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Nordic defence cooperation will also take into account the potential for working together with civilian authorities in meeting common challenges.

With due consideration to our different positions with respect to NATO and EU membership and other commitments, and mindful of our different priorities for participation in Nordic defence capabilities cooperation, we wish to see this cooperation progressing further in the coming decade.

Our vision is to:

- Explore the possibility of further advancing the interoperability between our armed forces, including furthering their ability to train, exercise and operate together
- Further improving cost-efficiency in capability development and increase operational effect
- Develop common approaches and solutions, as appropriate, to meet national capability requirements
- Identify opportunities for armaments and systems similarity, where appropriate
- Streamline national procedures, rules and regulations, to the extent possible, and remove unnecessary obstacles and bureaucracy, in order to facilitate day-to-day cross-border cooperation, including access to training areas
- See a competitive defence industry able to provide support, as required, in the development of defence capabilities.