

We, the Ministers and representatives responsible for the internal security, law enforcement and border management of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Poland, the Kingdom of Sweden

Reaffirming our unwavering commitment to support Ukraine in defending itself against Russia's war of aggression, and to stand by Ukraine on its gradual and merit-based path towards integration with the European Union, including in the areas relevant to justice and home affairs,

Recognising the rapidly evolving security environment in the Baltic Sea Region in which the misuse of unmanned systems poses growing risks to public safety, critical infrastructure, and national security, often in conjunction with broader hybrid threats,

Emphasising the need for a comprehensive, integrated and cross-sectoral approach—at both national and European levels—to effectively ensure the protection of our sea, land and maritime borders and to prevent, detect, and respond to the malicious use of drones,

We hereby:

Stress the importance of strengthening drone, counter drone and meteorological balloon capacities after repeated violations of some of our airspaces, and intensifying joint efforts to develop and deploy effective technical solutions, as well as to enhancing specialised training and conducting regular joint exercises;

Acknowledge the value of closer cooperation in the drone sector and the systematic exchange of good practices, particularly regarding national enforcement measures, population warning systems, and the development of robust institutional frameworks to address gaps in legislation and its implementation;

Highlight the importance of up-to-date situational overview when countering drones, and the necessity of ensuring a comprehensive and shared situational awareness, bringing together contributions from all relevant national authorities, as well as from the European Union, NATO, and like-minded partners and allies;

Welcome a swift implementation of the European Commission's "Action Plan on Drone and Counter Drone Security" in close cooperation with Ukraine in relevant sectors;

Stress the importance of on-going efforts in other fora regarding the strengthening of European defence readiness, including in the area of drone and counter drone capabilities;

Call for the launch of practical cooperation and complementary initiatives and programmes to counter drones, and other air, sea and land domain threats, including through pilot projects, enhanced information exchange, joint operations, joint procurement efforts, industrial cooperation, and strengthened research and innovation activities; underlining the importance of fully leveraging the European Drone Defence Initiative and Eastern Flank Watch flagships as vehicles for regional coordination and joint capability development in the Baltic Sea region; involving authorities responsible for internal security, law enforcement and border management across all domains, and of fully engaging Ukraine in these initiatives;

Commit to strengthening our coordination in developing and communicating key messages related to EU legislation and policy responses addressing drones and hybrid threats, including by supporting the continued development of the capacities of Europol and Frontex, as well as civil protection, early warning and population alerting capacities and by making full use of relevant EU funding instruments. Furthermore, and without prejudice to the ongoing negotiations, the future Multiannual Financing Framework for 2028-2034 (MFF) should effectively reflect the security concerns of our region.

We remain determined to work together, in a spirit of unity, solidarity and shared responsibility, to enhance resilience, safeguard our citizens, and uphold the security of the Baltic Sea Region and Europe as a whole.