

LETTER OF INTENT

ON

NORDIC TACTICAL AIR TRANSPORT COOPERATION

The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark,
The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Finland,
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iceland,
The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Norway,
The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Sweden,

Hereinafter referred to as "the Participants",

Recalling the agreed Ministerial Communiqué 'Cooperation on Tactical Air Transport' as expressed in Örebro 2011;

Taking into account the Nordic Tactical Air Transport feasibility study developed by the Nordic Military Coordination Committee;

Recognizing, in accordance with the spirit of partnership and cooperation that exists between the Nordic countries, the will to continue to develop the full potential of our cooperation and further explore possibilities for cooperation on Tactical Air Transport;

Declare the following intentions:

Based on the aims and objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Finland, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iceland, the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Norway and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on Nordic Defence Cooperation signed in Helsinki on 4 November 2009 (NORDEFECO MOU), the Participants have decided to explore the potential for further development of Nordic Tactical Air Transport Cooperation.

The objectives are to achieve operational benefits and cost-efficiencies in the development, operation and support of tactical air transport capabilities.

To achieve these objectives, the Participants will develop the cooperation step-by-step within a comprehensive, capability based long term perspective. The cooperation may also include other air transport capabilities.

The Nordic Tactical Air Transport Cooperation will be developed in a flexible manner, recognising national differences in preconditions and objectives.

This Letter of Intent does not constitute a legally binding commitment among the Participants. Any legal or financial commitment will be subject to the signature by the Participants of an appropriate international instrument, which will be subject to their national approval procedures.

This Letter of Intent is signed in five original copies, each in English, each text being equally valid.

Skagen, 5th November 2012

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