

**DECLARATION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF AN ENHANCED FORWARD PRESENCE IN ESTONIA**

20 April 2017

At the Warsaw Summit in July 2016, NATO Heads of State and Government agreed to establish an enhanced Forward Presence in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland, to unambiguously demonstrate, as part of NATO's overall posture, Allies' solidarity, determination, and ability to act by triggering an immediate Allied response to any aggression.

This declaration between the Ministries of Defence of Estonia, UK, France and Denmark, marks the establishment of an enhanced Forward Presence in Estonia. The multinational battlegroup, led by the UK and with France and Denmark as troop contributing nations, will operate in concert with the Estonian Defence Forces. It will be present at all times and underpinned by a viable reinforcement strategy.

Our military contributions are combining as a defensive, but combat capable force. These deployments will give our military forces the opportunity for joint training and exercising, to further improve the interoperability and working relationships between our militaries.

Enhanced Forward Presence is part of NATO's strengthened deterrence and defence posture. It is an important demonstration of the resolve and unity of Allies to deter, and if necessary defend, against common threats.

By signing this declaration, the Ministers of Defence of each respective nation agree to uphold the NATO principle of collective defence and commit to work together to promote the security of the Alliance.

For the Ministry of Defence of Denmark

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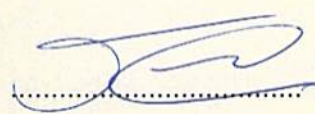
For the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Estonia

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For the Ministry of Defence of the French Republic

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For the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

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