

Joint Declaration on the Strategic Partnership between the Netherlands and Norway

The Netherlands and Norway are close partners and allies, united by shared values and interests. Our partnership is anchored in NATO, the European Economic Area and the United Nations, as well as in our strong commitment to international law, democracy and the rule of law.

Defence and security

NATO remains the cornerstone of our collective deterrence and defence and the central framework for security in Europe. Norway and the Netherlands continue to deliver on The Hague defence commitment, contributing to a stronger Europe in a stronger NATO. We remain committed to ensuring that NATO's defence plans are fully resourced and to delivering on capability targets. Our efforts remain firmly anchored in close transatlantic cooperation and coordination, as we work together to create a European security order that ensures stability and security for all European nations, small and large. On this basis, Norway and the Netherlands decide to:

- **Support Ukraine.** Reaffirming our steadfast support for Ukraine as it defends its freedom, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity against Russia's war of aggression, we will continue to provide military and civilian support that meet Ukraine's needs, and work together with partners and allies to ensure a just and lasting peace. We will deepen our cooperation in the Joint Coalition on F-16 training of the Ukrainian Air Force and back initiatives and mechanisms aimed at securing Ukraine air defence capabilities, including PURL and the Anti-Ballistic Missile Coalition.
- **Counter Russia,** as the most significant and direct threat to the security of NATO. NATO stands ready to defend every inch of allied territory, and will respond to Russia's malign activities against allies. We are committed to increasing pressure on the Russian government, e.g. through sanctions and by countering the Russian shadow fleet, and will deepen our cooperation in this regard.
- **Strengthen our defence cooperation,** within NATO, through relevant regional formats, such as the Joint Expeditionary Force, and bilaterally. Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) concluded between our Ministers of Defence in 2025, we will strengthen our strategic and operational cooperation through greater interoperability and closer defence-industrial cooperation.
- **Safeguard Arctic security** by taking part in joint exercises in the region, such as Cold Response, as part of NATO's Arctic Sentry, and through regular Dutch military exercises and training activities in Northern Norway. Within NATO, we work closely with Allies and the Arctic Seven on shared interests in Arctic security, including maritime security and the protection of the international law of the sea.
- **Support EU defence initiatives,** particularly with regard to defence industry and space, joint procurement and military mobility. We are committed to further strengthening the close strategic relationship between Norway and the European Union in this area, including through the EU-Norway Security and Defence Partnership.

Maritime cooperation

Norway and the Netherlands depend on a secure and resilient North Sea, being one of Europe's most strategically important economic regions. As maritime nations, Norway and the Netherlands decide to:

- **Deepen cooperation on maritime surveillance**, the use of satellite data and dual-use capabilities to strengthen the protection of critical undersea infrastructure.
- **Promote industrial and research cooperation within the maritime manufacturing industry**, focussing on high-priority segments such as zero-emission propulsion systems, advanced offshore wind deployment, dredging, digital and autonomous shipping, and the security of naval assets.
- As pioneers in green shipping, **pursue our ambition to establish zero-emission maritime corridors and accelerate the transition to alternative fuels.**

Resilience and preparedness

Hybrid threats posed by state and non-state actors, such as cyberoperations, foreign information manipulation and interference, sabotage of critical infrastructure, and disruption of supply chains, undermine national security, democratic institutions and societal resilience. Building on our close partnership and shared commitment to a rules-based international order, we decide to:

- **Counter hybrid threats** through dialogue, information sharing, joint exercises and the exchange of lessons learned and best practices among relevant authorities and sectors, and intensify our bilateral exchange on national response frameworks.
- Together with partners, **raise the costs for malign actors engaging in hybrid activities** with calibrated countermeasures through a proactive approach.
- **Strengthen our cooperation on cybersecurity and cyber resilience** through regular dialogue, enhanced information sharing, closer cooperation on the protection of critical infrastructure and supply chains, and coordinated capacity-building efforts within NATO and European frameworks.

European cooperation

The Netherlands and Norway work together for a safe, secure and prosperous Europe founded on democratic principles, the rule of law, competitive economies and open societies. We reaffirm the importance of stronger European cooperation, including close alignment with European Union initiatives. Recognising that the Single Market is essential to enhancing Europe's collective strength, resilience, and European strategic autonomy, we decide to:

- Strengthen cooperation to **reduce barriers to the free movement of goods, services, capital and people within the Single Market.**
- Cooperate closely to **strengthen European competitiveness** and resilient value chains, with particular attention to critical industries such as space and raw materials.
- Strengthen our dialogue on **economic security and trade policy**, in a European context, on the basis of shared concerns and common interests, including measures to strengthen European industrial competitiveness, resilient value chains and a level

playing field.

Digital and technological development

As highly digitalised countries, Norway and the Netherlands will strengthen bilateral cooperation and work with the European Union and other partners to shape Europe's digital and technological development. To this end, we decide to:

- Strengthen cooperation on **digital competitiveness, technological resilience and sovereignty**, and address emerging challenges in cyberspace.
- Deepen bilateral cooperation on **research, education, skills development and innovation in artificial intelligence, quantum technologies** and other emerging technologies, with a view to strengthening our knowledge base, technological capabilities and capacity for responsible and democratic development and use.
- **Promote international governance and cooperation on the geopolitics of emerging technologies**, including artificial intelligence, and on the responsible development and use of such technologies, with particular attention to global AI value chains and their implications for Europe's digital sovereignty and strategic autonomy.
- Coordinate efforts in international standard-setting bodies and multilateral fora to **promote secure, interoperable and trustworthy digital technologies** that support democratic values and open societies.

Critical raw materials and strategic technologies

Critical raw materials play a key role in defence and the green and digital transitions. Further, secure and resilient supply chains, as well as effective sanctions and export controls on sensitive goods and technologies, are essential to safeguarding international security. Building on this shared recognition, Norway and the Netherlands decide to:

- **Strengthen responsible and reliable supply chains of critical raw materials**, including through initiatives under the Norway-EU strategic partnership on sustainable raw material value chains and battery value chains.
- **Enhance cooperation on technology security** including strategic dependencies, investment security, technology protection and the resilience of critical technology supply chains.
- **Expand our strong cooperation on export controls and sanctions**, including with regard to emerging technologies and within the framework of multilateral export control regimes, as part of our shared responsibility for international peace and security.

Energy and climate

Secure, reliable and sustainable energy supply is essential to Europe's resilience, competitiveness and prosperity. Energy security and the energy transition are central elements of our bilateral partnership. As energy producers and major participants in European energy markets, the Netherlands and Norway decide to:

- **Continue working closely on all aspects of the energy value chain**, in light of our existing Memorandum of Understanding on hydrogen and CCS. We share the understanding that secure, affordable and reliable access to energy must be pursued

in parallel with the transition to a low-emission energy system.

- **Work together to strengthen Europe's energy security and to advance decarbonisation** through carbon capture and storage, offshore wind cooperation under the North Seas Energy Cooperation, the development of low-carbon technologies, and the promotion of more resilient and sustainable energy systems.
- **Continue to implement our commitments under the Paris Agreement**, including by addressing the consequences of climate change, strengthening resilience, and advancing sustainable solutions.

Norway and the Netherlands decide to maintain regular dialogue to review progress in implementing this Joint Statement and to identify opportunities for further cooperation.

Signed in Middelburg, the Netherlands, on 7 September 2026

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