

## **Meeting of the Defence Committees of Parliaments of V4 Countries**

**Prague, 7 – 9 January 2020**

### **Conclusions**

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We, the Heads of the Defence Committees of the Visegrad Group Countries (Visegrad Four, V4), having met in Prague on 7 – 9 January 2020 under the Czech V4 Presidency, realizing the complexity of contemporary defence and security challenges and its dynamic changes, building on the existing great relationship of our Committees and our nations, declare our support and determination to develop the defence dimension of V4 cooperation at all levels including the parliamentary one. We are aware that the fundamental basis of the security and stability of the Central and Eastern European region is the collective defence system and the Transatlantic Partnership. We consider as a necessity to play an active role in this system and to be one of its key pillars. Therefore, we clearly declare our support for increasing our defence spending, modernisation of our armed forces, increasing our capabilities and preparedness for an engagement.

#### **Priorities**

We reaffirm our commitment to implement the priorities of the Czech V4 Presidency program: we will strive to build a common position on the harmonisation of the NATO and EU defence planning processes and initiatives. We aim for a strategic review of the future V4 defence cooperation in the evolving security environment and strengthening our cooperation with key partners, especially with the Germany, France, United Kingdom and United States of America within the enhanced formats. We will advocate for further development of the V4 EU Battlegroup. We will focus on the cooperation in the area of joint procurement by launching a small pilot project to acquire ammunition and look for other opportunities in joint procurement of V4.

#### **Cooperation in NATO and the EU**

We welcome the progress achieved in establishing the V4 Joint Logistics Support Group Headquarters. We also welcome the efforts to enhance and strengthen the V4 defence cooperation within NATO and the EU which has to be complementary and mutually enhancing for both organizations. We support further development of the V4 EU Battlegroup which was on standby in the second half of 2019 for the second time. We will focus on policy coordination of the V4 countries at NATO and EU level with the objective to gain more influence in debates on strategic issues.

## PESCO

We will contribute to the further development and implementation of PESCO and PESCO projects, especially those that are in the interest of the V4. We will support the comprehensive assessment of the projects and commitments during the PESCO Strategic Review. It is essential that the PESCO projects bring tangible results for the European capability development landscape. At the same time, we will advocate for an open and flexible approach towards the participation of third countries in the PESCO projects.

## Cyber Defence and Cyber Security

We find cyber threats to be one of the potentially most dangerous risks for the security of our countries. Therefore, we consider appropriate to develop the cooperation of the V4 countries in the field of cyber defence and cyber security, especially in terms of sharing experience and lessons learned and enhancing communication. We recognize the importance and strategic role of communication networks that form the digital backbone of society. Therefore, we emphasize their security, which gains more importance with the current development of 5G networks.

Signed in Prague, 8 January 2020.



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