Joint Statement on Greenland

by Chairpersons of Delegations and Chairpersons of Political Groups to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

We, the Chairpersons of Delegations and the Chairpersons of Political Groups to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*) stand united in our unwavering commitment to peace, security, democracy, and the respect of a rule-based world order. We stand united in our firm belief that universal principles and respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity are core values that go hand in hand with dialogue based on respect of the principles of international agreement enshrined in the UN Charter.

Arctic security is essential and of concern to all European and North Atlantic countries. Now is not the time to create discord between long-term friends and allies. It is the time to work together and build a common path forward paved with safety and security for all and with respect for territorial integrity.

Greenland belongs only to its people, and we strongly support that decisions concerning Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark are only for them to make.

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