

**POLITICAL DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
NORTH EUROPEAN FUNCTIONAL AIRSPACE BLOCK (NEFAB)**

**BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF
ESTONIA, FINLAND, LATVIA AND NORWAY**

The Transport Ministers of Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Norway acknowledge the importance of transmitting a clear and unequivocal message regarding the commitment of the respective Governments to the establishment of the North European Functional Airspace Block (NEFAB).

The State Level Agreement, which is the legal basis for establishing NEFAB, was signed on 4th June 2012 on behalf of the Governments of Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Norway. The State Level Agreement will be submitted to the respective national parliaments for approval without delay. The State Level Agreement is supplemented by agreements and working arrangements between the National Supervisory Authorities (NSAs) as well as the Air Navigation Service Providers of the four NEFAB States.

To ensure the timely commencement of the concrete FAB cooperation provided for in the NEFAB agreements and arrangements, the Transport Ministers agree that the interim institutional structure will continue its work until the entering into force of the State Level Agreement and the NSA Agreement. They also agree to ensure that the governing bodies set out in the Agreements start to function and that NEFAB will be fully operational as soon as the State Level Agreement and the NSA Agreement have entered into force. Furthermore, the National Supervisory Authorities and Air Navigation Service Providers are urged to expedite their collective efforts to contribute to the realisation of this goal.

The Transport Ministers reiterate the importance of continuing to provide for full involvement and interlinking of military bodies and stakeholders in the NEFAB cooperation, as provided for in the State Level Agreement. All parties involved are encouraged to take necessary steps in this regard.

The Transport Ministers confirm their strong will, as set out in the State Level Agreement, to continue close cooperation with the Danish-Swedish FAB, Iceland as well as other neighbouring FABs and countries, with the possibility of a future consolidation of the FABs as a vision. In the meantime, increased cooperation will be continued at the level of Ministries, National Supervisory Authorities and Air Navigation Service Providers, as appropriate.

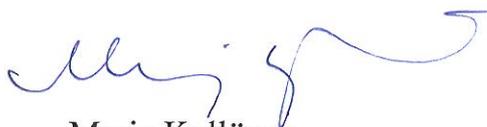
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