

**JOINT STATEMENT OF THE DEFENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMITTEES OF V4 PARLIAMENTARY CHAMBERS**

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I. The V4 are committed to NATO, therefore WE JOINTLY

- (1) STAND FOR the unity of NATO and the EU.
- (2) FIRMLY BELIEVE that each nation may freely choose their alliances, allied policies as well as their own foreign policy orientation.
- (3) RECOGNIZE the tensions that have emerged due to mass Russian military build-up in and around Ukraine.
- (4) REMIND that the further heightening of tension in this region may induce a massive flow of migrants from Ukraine similar to the Belorussian migration crisis, which would also necessitate a coordinated approach.

II. In relation to the current status of the European Union's draft Pact on Migration and Asylum, WE JOINTLY

- (5) RECOGNISE that it is essential to build an asylum and migration system at EU level that is able to cope with the current challenges, the constant migration pressure on the EU's external borders, the emerging crises and hybrid attacks that use migration as a tool, as well as with the systemic abuse of asylum and secondary movements.
- (6) EMPHASISE that the solution to the challenges lies in stopping illegal migration and effectively protecting external borders.
- (7) CALL FOR PROGRESS in the co-operation with third countries in the external dimension of migration, including, in particular, in helping those in need of protection in their original location, in taking action against human trafficking and in the return policy.
- (8) URGE the avoidance of introducing EU measures that induce migration.
- (9) STAND BY the need for national solidarity measures that are flexible and tailored to national preferences and capabilities.
- (10) AGREE that in the course of ongoing negotiations on the proposals for the Pact on Migration and Asylum issued by the European Commission, the realisation of the above objectives must be ensured.

III. In relation to the V4 defence co-operation, WE JOINTLY

- (11) WELCOME the fact that the value of defence co-operation among the V4 countries has gradually increased during the past years. Today, it represents a solid pillar for excellent political co-operation while also adding weight to our countries in multilateral organisations, including, in particular, in NATO and in the EU.

- (12) Defence co-operation among V4 countries also delivers practical results such as the regular setting up of the V4 EU Battlegroup (V4 EU BG), the establishment of the V4 Joint Logistics Support Group Headquarters (V4 JLSG HQ) or the annual joint exercises.
- (13) EMPHASISE that one of the flagship projects of our defence co-operation is the V4 EU Battlegroup, which clearly demonstrates the commitment of V4 countries towards the security of Europe, and WELCOME preparations for the next stand-by period of the V4 EU BG in the first half of 2023.
- (14) EMPHASISE that our defence industry co-operation and the joint procurement of military equipment can serve as tangible results of our joint efforts.
- (15) WELCOME the first common procurement project aimed at the joint procurement of ammunition as well as efforts to identify potential further opportunities for joint procurement and defence industry co-operation.
- (16) SUPPORT the efforts of the Hungarian V4 Presidency to further develop co-operation in the V4+ format, keeping in mind common security threats and challenges.

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