DECLARATION ON POLITICAL COOPERATION IN AREAS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE BETWEEN POLAND AND SWEDEN

The Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden believe that the promotion of mutual understanding and closer cooperation between Poland and Sweden will benefit the interests of both States.

Building on already existing forms of cooperation, Poland and Sweden will further deepen and extend this cooperation in areas of strategic importance for both countries.

Poland and Sweden are determined to jointly contribute to the fulfilment of the European Union's common values, principles and objectives. We reiterate our commitment to successful European integration, competitiveness as well as to the enlargement process of the European Union.

Close political, economic and commercial as well as human contacts between Poland and Sweden are a common objective. We are committed to working jointly towards the development of the Baltic Sea Region and towards strengthening relations with the European Union's neighbouring countries. Deepened cooperation in the areas of foreign, security and defence policy is a shared objective.

We are also determined to cooperate in global affairs, in the United Nations and other international organisations, where our joint efforts can complement and reinforce the policies of the European Union. Common solutions to climate and energy efficiency issues are high on the political agenda of both countries. Strengthened

cooperation in areas of trade and investments is also a priority in our relations.

Closer cooperation will be based on specific projects and will be carried out in

an open, flexible and pragmatic manner. It will be implemented in line with our

commitments within the European Union and other international obligations. It will

contribute to furthering the bilateral relations between the two countries, as well as to

shaping and implementing the European Union's policies for meeting the current and

future goals and challenges of the Union.

The implementation of this Declaration will be coordinated by the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the

Kingdom of Sweden. Representatives of both Governments will meet, as appropriate,

to further the objectives of this Declaration.

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