

Haga III declaration for the Haga Ministerial Meeting on 27-28 November 2024 in Oslo

This declaration forms the basis for the political and operational cooperation between the Nordic ministers responsible for civil preparedness and resilience – Sweden (Ministry of Defence), Norway (Ministry of Justice and Public Security), Denmark (Ministry of Resilience and Preparedness), Finland (Ministry of the Interior), and Iceland (Ministry of Justice).

The Haga III declaration builds on the Haga I and II declarations from 2009 and 2013. The security environment in Europe and in the Nordic region has changed drastically over the past years and with all Nordic countries being members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), there is a profound potential for a deeper cooperation between the Nordic countries within the area of civil preparedness, protection, and resilience. We need to continue our close cooperation and coordination with the operational level.

Civil preparedness within Haga has traditionally focused on peacetime emergencies. There is an evolving security landscape in Europe, following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, extreme weather conditions and increasing number of different and unforeseen means of hybrid risks. This underline the importance of being prepared for a wider spectrum of serious national and cross-border crises, ranging from natural disasters to hybrid influences, military aggression and, ultimately, war.

The Nordic countries call for an enhanced and coordinated Nordic crisis preparedness cooperation encompassing an all-hazards and whole-of-society approach in line with NATO and EU policies.

We aim to

Continue strengthening Nordic coordination and political guidance on joint planning and exercises within the area of civil preparedness, protection and resilience.

In doing so, bringing forward common initiatives and taking into account relevant NATO and EU policies, as well as other relevant international fora.

Facilitate and strengthen Nordic civil-military cooperation together with NORDEF. Support the involvement of the civil sector in the Host Nation Support processes; joint civil-military activities in exercises, protection of the civil population and continuity of critical services.

Increase Nordic information sharing in relation to respective international civil protection missions, donations, and other support initiatives in order to increase the Nordic operational effect and possible Nordic synergies.