

**JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE CREATION OF THE  
"NORTH EUROPEAN FUNCTIONAL AIRSPACE BLOCK (NEFAB)"**

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

The Transport Ministries of Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Norway acknowledge the importance of transmitting a clear and unequivocal message regarding their commitment to continuing their involvement in the NEFAB project aiming at the creation of the North European Functional Airspace Block (NEFAB).

The Transport Ministries have jointly participated in finalizing the Feasibility Study. Despite the situation where three States, Iceland, Denmark and Sweden, have informed that they will no longer participate in the development of the current NEFAB project, the Transport Ministries of the NEFAB states express their strong will to continue the cooperation and development of the NEFAB-project and seek to finalize the text of a State Level Agreement formalising the establishment of a Functional Airspace Block between Estonia, Finland, Latvia and Norway by the end of 2011.

The Transport Ministries refer in this regard to their assessment of the revised Feasibility Study and the positive outcome of the initial NSA-report, in which they have concluded that there is potential for significant benefits from the NEFAB cooperation scheme. Furthermore, the Transport Ministers refer to their assessment that the NEFAB cooperation, as set out in the revised Feasibility Study, will meet the formal requirements regarding Functional Airspace Blocks in EU legislation.

The National Supervisory Authorities and the Air Navigation Service Providers are urged to expedite their collective efforts to place the States in a position to declare the Functional Airspace Block as soon as possible, but not later than second half of 2012.

Furthermore, it is of importance that military bodies and stakeholders in the NEFAB States are fully involved and interlinked in the process, and the Ministries of Transport urge the parties involved to continue taking necessary steps in this regard.

The Transport Ministries express their strong will to continue close cooperation with Iceland and the Danish-Swedish FAB, as well as other neighbouring FABs with the possibility of a future consolidation as a vision. In the meantime, increased cooperation will be pursued through comprehensive agreements between the respective Air Navigation Service Providers and the National Supervisory Authorities, as appropriate.

ADOPTED BY THE MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT FROM  
ESTONIA, FINLAND, LATVIA AND NORWAY

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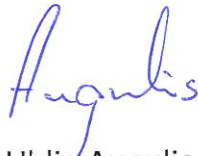
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