

**STATEMENT OF INTENT ON DEFENSE INVESTMENTS IN
GREENLAND BY**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The U.S. Department of Defense recognizes its long history of mutually beneficial defense cooperation with the Kingdom of Denmark in Greenland. In light of world events, the United States acknowledges the increasing importance of the Arctic region to the global economy and to regional security. In this vein, the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark have shared interests in strengthening security, improving situational awareness, and maintaining low-tension in the region. This Statement of Intent lays out principles for investments in Greenland to enhance U.S. military operational flexibility and situational awareness in order to address the changing security environment in the Arctic. In light of this development and in an effort to strengthen U.S. and NATO capabilities, the U.S. Department of Defense intends to pursue potential strategic investments vigorously, including investments that may serve dual military and civilian purposes. For example, the U.S. Department of Defense intends to analyze and, where appropriate, strategically invest in projects related to the airport infrastructure in Greenland, including projects that may have dual civil and military benefits. These investments would seek to enhance U.S. and NATO capabilities in the North Atlantic region and would benefit the United States, the Kingdom of Denmark, and the people of Greenland.

This Statement of Intent is not a legally binding commitment under international or national law and does not substitute for or invalidate any existing defense agreements, arrangements, or memoranda of understanding.

SIGNED at Thule Air Base this 16 day in September.

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