DECLARATION OF INTENT ON MULTILATERAL PROCUREMENT OF MEDICINES

The Minister of Interior and Health of the Kingdom of Denmark, the Minister of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, the Minister of Health of the Republic of Latvia, and the Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania,

hereby jointly referred to as "the Parties"

Considering the shared objective of ensuring timely, equitable and affordable access to safe, effective and high-quality medicines for their populations;

Recalling the rights and obligations arising from membership of the European Union, including compliance with Union law on public procurement, competition and the internal market, as well as the EU pharmaceutical acquis;

Acknowledging that joint activities should respect national competences, responsibilities and decision-making processes in the organisation and financing of health systems;

Intending to deepen regional cooperation in order to address common challenges, including shortages of medicines and limited market access for small markets;

Have expressed the following common understanding:

Paragraph 1 - objective

The objective of this Declaration of Intent is to provide a framework for dialogue to explore cooperation on the multilateral procurement of medicines.

Paragraph 2 - principles

The cooperation under this Declaration will be guided by the following principles:

a) **Voluntariness** – Participation in any joint activity or procedure will be voluntary for each Party.

- b) **Equality and mutual respect** All parties will have equal standing and will respect each other's legal frameworks and national policy choices.
- c) Compliance with law All activities will comply with applicable EU and national laws, including competition and public procurement rules.
- d) **Transparency and trust** Information will be shared in a transparent manner, subject to confidentiality requirements and legitimate commercial interests.
- e) Solidarity and fairness Joint actions will, where possible, promote fair allocation of benefits and burdens among the Parties.

Paragraph 3 - scope

The Parties will promote cooperation in the following areas of common interest:

- a. Multilateral procurement procedures for selected medicinal products
- b. Information-sharing on procurement and reimbursement practices
- c. Measures to prevent and mitigate shortages of medicines
- d. Any other areas of common interest that may be jointly decided upon by the Parties.

Paragraph 4 – financial arrangements

Each party will bear its own costs related to the implementation of this Declaration

Paragraph 5 – legal nature

This Declaration is a statement of political intent and does not create rights or obligations under international law or EU law.

This Declaration does not affect the right of any party to conduct its own national procurement procedures or to participate in other forms of cooperation.

This Declaration is without prejudice to existing or future bilateral or multilateral agreements or arrangements in which the parties may take part.

Other parties may be invited to accede to this Declaration by mutual consent of all the Parties.

Any party may, at any time, limit its participation in or abstain from any specific joint activity without affecting its participation in this Declaration.

Any party may withdraw from this Declaration by giving written notice to the other parties.

Signed at Brussels, on 2nd December 2025, in a single original in the English language.

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