

DECLARATION

of the Prosecutors General of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Latvia
on Strengthening Prosecutorial Cooperation

We, the Prosecutors General of the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Latvia,

guided by our responsibility to uphold the rule of law, ensure the security of our States and the rights and freedoms of their citizens,

taking into account the ongoing aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine and its negative consequences for stability and security in the region of Central and Eastern Europe and the Baltic States,

recognising the growing threats arising from cross-border and organised crime, in particular crimes related to armed conflict, hybrid threats, cybercrime, illegal arms trafficking, human trafficking, money laundering, circumvention of international sanctions, and other forms of criminal activity undermining the legal order and the security of our States,

hereby confirm and declare our will to strengthen and deepen cooperation between the prosecution services of our States.

In particular, we declare our readiness and commit ourselves to:


- 1. intensifying direct, rapid and secure exchange of information, data and evidence in criminal matters of a cross-border nature,*
- 2. strengthening coordination of preparatory proceedings conducted by the competent prosecutorial authorities, including through ongoing consultations and the exchange of best practices,*
- 3. initiating and developing joint investigation teams, in accordance with applicable instruments of international law and European Union law,*
- 4. making full and effective use of mechanisms of international and bilateral mutual legal assistance,*
- 5. enhancing cooperation with institutions of the European Union, in particular Eurojust and Europol, as well as with relevant international organisations, in order to effectively combat crime that poses a threat to the security of Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. .*

We emphasise that this Declaration constitutes an expression of solidarity, mutual trust and shared determination to prevent impunity for perpetrators of serious crimes and to protect the fundamental values of the rule of law.

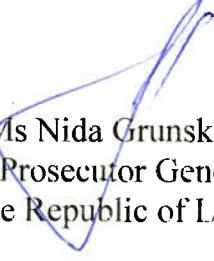
We declare our readiness to further develop practical prosecutorial cooperation and to assess its effectiveness in response to dynamically evolving threats to security and justice.

This Declaration is adopted and signed in a spirit of unity and shared responsibility for legal security in the region.

This Declaration is drawn up in the English language. The English text shall be authentic




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