

Joint press release by the Nordic-Baltic countries and Armenia

On 3 June, during a regional visit to the South Caucasus, the Nordic-Baltic Political Directors and representatives held meetings with the Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan, President of Armenia Vahagn Khachaturyan, Foreign Minister Ararat Mirzoyan and members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Relations of the National Assembly of Armenia.

The Nordic-Baltic countries reiterated their joint commitment to strengthening relations and expanding political dialogue and economic cooperation with Armenia. The Nordic-Baltic countries also expressed their full support for Armenia's ambition to further deepen partnership with the European Union and its European partners. While tangible results have already been achieved in this path, the importance of meeting the expectations of the citizens with further concrete deliverables such as in Visa Liberalization Dialogue was underscored.

Armenia shares commitments to democracy, human rights and rule of law. The Nordic-Baltic countries recognize and support Armenia's significant progress in these areas and will continue to support the reform efforts which are commendable despite continuous challenges.

The Nordic-Baltic countries support efforts to achieve regional peace and stability as well as cooperation and development, and welcome the agreement on the text of the Agreement on Peace and Establishment of Interstate Relations between the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan and hope the parties will sign it in the near future. The importance of the "Crossroads of Peace" initiative for the regional stability, connectivity and prosperity has been emphasised.

During the visit, the parties agreed to continue exchanges of views and positions on regional, multilateral, and international issues.