

Nordic Nations Forge New Alliances: NATO, EU, and Arctic Security Evolve

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1. Following the accession of Finland in April 2023 and Sweden in March 2024, which of the following statements accurately reflects the current NATO membership status of the Nordic countries?

- A) Only Finland and Sweden are members of NATO.
- B) All five Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden) are now members of NATO.**
- C) Only Denmark, Norway, and Iceland are members of NATO.
- D) Sweden is a member, but Finland's membership is still pending ratification.

2. In April 2024, the defense ministers of the Nordic countries signed 'Vision 2030,' a political steering document aimed at guiding defense cooperation. What is a primary objective of this vision?

- A) To establish a unified Nordic military command structure independent of NATO.
- B) To significantly reduce defense spending across all Nordic nations.
- C) To enhance interoperability and collaborative capability development within NATO's framework.**
- D) To focus solely on cyber defense and disengage from traditional military cooperation.

3. Iceland has a unique relationship with the European Union. While not a member, it is highly integrated. What significant step regarding EU membership did the Icelandic government announce plans for in 2024, with a referendum scheduled for August 2026?

- A) To formally withdraw all existing agreements with the EU.
- B) To hold a referendum on resuming negotiations for EU membership.**
- C) To establish a new customs union with the EU, excluding political integration.
- D) To initiate a joint currency with the EU.

4. The Nordic Council is actively involved in strengthening regional cooperation. What key policy areas were recommended for updating the Helsinki Treaty in 2024, reflecting a shift in focus?

- A) Environmental protection and cultural exchange.
- B) Economic policy and digital infrastructure.
- C) Defense and security policy, and climate policy.**
- D) Maritime law and fisheries management.

5. Recent defense cooperation agreements between Nordic countries and the United States, analyzed in a November 2025 report, have significant implications for which strategic region?

- A) The Baltic Sea.
- B) The Arctic region.**
- C) The North Atlantic.
- D) Central Europe.

6. A significant maritime boundary dispute, dating back to 1988 and ruled on by the ICJ in 1993, concerned the waters between which two Nordic territories?

- A) Greenland (Denmark) and Jan Mayen (Norway).**
- B) Iceland and the Faroe Islands.
- C) Finland and the Åland Islands.
- D) Sweden and Bornholm (Denmark).

7. In October 2025, the Foreign Ministers of the Nordic countries and New Zealand issued a joint statement. What was a prominent shared concern they reiterated regarding global stability?

- A) The need for increased space exploration.
- B) The proliferation of armed conflicts and condemnation of Russia's war on Ukraine.**
- C) The regulation of international cryptocurrency markets.
- D) The promotion of a unified Nordic language.

8. The Nordic Council of Ministers has outlined strategic priorities for 2025-2030. Which of the following is a core priority aimed at achieving a sustainable and integrated Nordic region?

- A) Establishing a single Nordic currency.
- B) Promoting a green, competitive, and socially sustainable region.**
- C) Creating a unified Nordic foreign policy independent of international bodies.
- D) Focusing exclusively on tourism development.