

Statement on Improved Cooperation in Greenland

– Including at Pituffik (Thule Air Base) –

We – the representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Government of Greenland – issue the following Joint Declaration.

The United States of America, Denmark, and Greenland share a long history of cooperation based on a deep respect for each other and for democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. We recognize that our future security and prosperity are linked to strong transatlantic cooperation. Pituffik (Thule Air Base) in Northwest Greenland is central to securing this fundamental cooperation now and into the future. In view of Pituffik's and Greenland's key role in Greenlandic, U.S., and transatlantic security, and based on our close dialogue concerning the base maintenance contract at Pituffik, we set out together to increase the benefits to the people of Greenland, through the understanding set forth in the exchange of diplomatic notes, including attachment, dated October 27, 2020, and the Common Plan for U.S.-Greenland Cooperation signed October 28, 2020.

We are committed to strengthening and deepening our cooperation in all areas, including politically, economically, and on peace and security. Accordingly, we acknowledge the relevance of a full-fledged strategic partnership.

We are committed to advancing and monitoring the progress of the initiatives specified in the paragraphs above within the framework of the Permanent Committee, established in 1991, and the Joint Committee, established in 2004, as applicable.

Washington D.C., Copenhagen and Nuuk – October 28, 2020