State of Military Cooperation between Sweden and the US

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The overall classification of this brief is UNCLASSIFIED
Northern Europe: STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT
Northern European Spheres of Interest from a Western and Eastern Perspective
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The Baltic Sea Region

- 2007: (U) Cyberspace attack against Estonia statue incident
- 2007: (U) Strategic bomber patrols resumed
- 2009: (U) Zapad '09 simulated nuclear strike on Poland
- 2010: (U) Bear bombers violate GBR airspace
- 2011: (U) Reaction to election protests leads to increased internal repression and external aggression

RISING TENSIONS IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION...

- 2014: (U) Increased Baltic air policing intercepts of Russian aircraft
- 2014: (U) Simulated strike on Bornholm Island DEN
- 2015: (U) Finland depth charges on unidentified submarine
- 2015: (U) Nuclear-capable Iskanders deploy to Kaliningrad
- 2016: (U) Fighters buzz the USS Donald Cook
Swedish SECURITY POLICY
The Swedish military strategic doctrine

AVOID WAR
CONFLICT PREVENTION / DETERRENCE

SWIFTLY MEET AGRESSION / ATTACK
CREATE TIME AND FREEDOM OF ACTION

DEFENCE OPERATIONS
WIN THE WAR (WITH PARTNERS)
AVOID DEFEAT (ALONE)
Swedish Cooperation with the US

Regional Situation

- Political Dialogue
- Operations
- US Joint Staff
- COCOMs
- Capability Development and Procurement
- Joint Exercise & Simulation
- NATO – PfP – CFI - EOP

Regional Stability

- Interop
- Trg & Ex
- R & D
- Arm Coop
- Multinat Ops

Statement of Intent

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d) ...

e) **Secure capabilities needed today and tomorrow**, focusing on armament cooperation in air power and underwater warfare as well as related sensors, weapons and platforms

f) **Ensure relevant capabilities for the future**, including research and development in areas such as *underwater warfare* and *air defence systems* and *cyber*...

g) ...
Capability Development Life Cycle (Generic)

"Ensuring capabilities"  "Securing capabilities"
In Conclusion

≥ Foundation: Shared understanding of regional security development

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