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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Inclusion of Norway in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
- Council conclusions (5 May 2026)

Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on the inclusion of Norway in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region, as approved by the Council (Economic and Financial Affairs) at its 4170th meeting held on 5 May 2026.

COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

on the inclusion of Norway in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. RECALLING the conclusions of the European Council of 29-30 October 2009¹, which adopted the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) and endorsed the Council conclusions² on the subject based on the Commission's Communication of 10 June 2009³;
2. CONSIDERING the consensus reached by means of a silent procedure on 28 November 2025 by the representatives of Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden with regard to the application for full membership put forward by Norway;
3. CONSIDERING the letter of 20 March 2026 from the President of the National Coordinators Group of the EU Strategy to the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU asking it to launch the procedure in the Council for the inclusion of Norway in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region;
 - A. WELCOMES and ACCEPTS the request put forward by the countries participating in the National Coordinators Group of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region to include Norway in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region;
 - B. INVITES the Commission to take the necessary steps to include Norway in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and to submit an accordingly amended Strategy to the Council.

¹ 15265/1/09 REV 1.

² 15018/09.

³ 11308/09.