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1 First of all, thank you, Mr. President. Today is a very important day for our
shared security. We are signing an agreement that brings the 1951 Defense
Agreement into 2026. With this, we build on 85 years of security cooperation,
doing which we have welcomed the U.S. military in our country. Greenland's
5 territory was indispensable in World War II, through the Cold War and has
supported U.S. Homeland Security ever since. That is a record we are proud of
and one this agreement carries forward.

The world has changed a great deal since 1951. A notable change is Greenland
10 itself at the table today signing this agreement. And for Greenland, this is not
only an agreement about us, it is an agreement with us. It takes into account the
people of Greenland, our rights, our livelihoods, and the development of our
country. This has been a key priority for us throughout this process and a
welcomed outcome of what we sign here today.

15 The security landscape in the Arctic is changing and we recognize the long-term
security threats that you, Mr. President, have rightly spoken about. It is for that
very reason that we have insisted on engaging in a constructive dialogue.
Greenland matters for North American security and for transatlantic security.
20 And this agreement reflects that we understand our responsibility and act
accordingly.

And NATO matters. We believe that it's vital to keep NATO strong, also in the
Arctic, where the Alliance has a key role to play. This agreement should put to
25 rest any doubt today and, in the future, about where Greenland's loyalty lies.
Our commitment to this Alliance and to the security we build together is not in
question. We are, have been, and will remain a steadfast friend of the United
States and a part of the Western Alliance. Your security is our security and our
security is your security.

We are truly pleased with the result that strengthened our shared security and strengthened our bond as close allies. This agreement is historical and it is about taking shared responsibility for a secure America, a secure Greenland with
35 mutual respect and a peaceful Arctic. This is a win-win-win agreement.

Thank you, Mr. President for the negotiations and the resulting defense agreement we have reached together and signing here together today. I would also like to thank my colleague, Mette Frederiksen, the Prime Minister of
40 Denmark, for the close cooperation. We look forward to putting the intention of our new defense agreement into practice together.

Thank you so much.

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