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## **THEMES AND STATEMENTS OF THE NORWEGIAN PRESIDENCY**

*Increase the geographical expansion of topics within the Intelligence College in Europe and enhance ICE as a collective endeavour*

I am delighted to take on the 2025 ICE Presidency. Through its numerous activities over the past years, gathering professional and academic views on a wide range of intelligence-related topics, the College has come a long way in the development of a strategic intelligence culture in Europe. We would like to express our gratitude to Spain and the ICE Secretariat for their continuous and thorough work this past year. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Romania, which will be leaving the Troika, and welcome Germany as a new Troika member.

In 2025, Norway will continue promoting and hosting activities on key security and intelligence issues. In particular, we aim to increase the geographical expansion of topics in the ICE by including a focus on security in the High North. Enhancing awareness of the security dynamics in the High North and potential implications for Europe is paramount for policymakers and intelligence services. A thematic seminar will convene in the northern city of Tromsø, Norway, on May 6th and 7th, to address this security imperative.

The seminar will offer a historical lens on the northernmost regions, illuminating their enduring significance for Europe. Key discussions will center on contemporary developments in the northern areas that bear global ramifications, such as geopolitical dynamics and climate change. Strategies for effectively managing current challenges in these regions will also be explored. This gathering aims to foster a deeper understanding of the northern regions and the strategies necessary to address present and future complexities.

Furthermore, Norway will also focus on the need to counter terrorism and extremism. A thematic seminar will take place in Oslo on October 1st and 2nd to enhance our understanding of the root causes of extremism, the conditions influencing the threat situation, and the implications for Europe in preventing and addressing extremism and terrorism. The aim is to foster a comprehensive understanding of current threats and effective strategies to mitigate extremism and its impacts on Europe.

Recognizing the ICE as a unique intergovernmental initiative enhancing European security, Norway aims through our presidency to be constructive and dedicated to the further development of ICE. The College represents a valuable collaborative forum, dedicated to fostering increased contributions and cooperation among ICE nations on topics which remain high on our agendas. We strongly advocate for the sharing of organizational experiences and insights derived from these activities. Such exchanges



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will in our opinion underscore the collective identity of the College and strengthen us in our common goal of developing a strategic intelligence culture in Europe.

To the members of ICE, we thank you for your engagement and look forward to continue meeting and sharing with you!

Yours sincerely

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