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Joint Declaration on the Baltic Cooperation in Sharing Contingency Reserve Equipment

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We, the Ministers responsible for Energy Policy of the Baltic States, representing Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania:

Having met in the Baltic Energy Ministers' meeting on 22 July 2026 in Riga.

Highlighting the necessity of close Baltic cooperation, in light of the changing geopolitical landscape of our region and growing threats to energy infrastructure, including vulnerability to physical sabotage and natural emergencies,

Recognizing the strategic importance of resilient electricity transmission systems for security of electricity supply and the need for rapid restoration capabilities in the event of severe disruptions.

Recalling the discussions within the Baltic Energy Security Group and the common objective to strengthen regional preparedness through enhanced cooperation on contingency reserve equipment,

Acknowledging the ongoing cooperation between the Baltic Transmission System Operators in developing a shared mechanism for contingency reserves,

Noting the continued cooperation of the Baltic Transmission System Operators, building on their successful collaboration in achieving synchronisation with the Continental European Synchronous Area, in the field of critical infrastructure protection investments, and welcoming the recent achievement of securing co-financing under the Connecting Europe Facility in the amount of EUR 112 million for additional protection measures for critical synchronization infrastructure,

Emphasising that coordinated regional action can reduce restoration times, optimise resource allocation, and enhance the security of electricity supply for all Baltic and neighboring States,

Declare as follows:

1. ***Request to Transmission System Operators:*** We invite and encourage our national Transmission System Operators to cooperate closely in developing a Baltic Shared Contingency Reserve Mechanism, with the objective of strengthening rapid recovery capabilities of critical electricity infrastructure of both cross-border electricity infrastructure and critical electricity infrastructure located within the territory of the Baltic States including the identification and agreement on the categories of critical electricity infrastructure and equipment that may be covered by the mechanism.
2. ***Development of a Two-Phase Approach:*** We support the development of a structured two-phase approach by the Transmission System Operators:

- **Phase I:** enabling the sharing of existing contingency reserve equipment, including to share the information about the availability of reserve equipment and establishment of the appropriate exchange procedures;
 - **Phase II:** exploring the feasibility of establishing of a jointly procured and regionally distributed Baltic reserve pool.
3. ***Objective of Cooperation:*** We underline that the objective of such cooperation is to create a common framework that enables faster access to critical equipment, improved efficiency in the use of available resources, enhanced system resilience and reduced impact on electricity system users.
 4. ***Formalisation of Cooperation:*** We support the timely conclusion of appropriate cooperation arrangements among the TSOs, in a form of the trilateral Letter of Intent and subsequent agreements defining operational procedures and responsibilities.
 5. ***Further Development of Cooperation:*** We encourage Transmission System Operators to explore opportunities for further development of this mechanism and to consider, where appropriate, the possible future involvement of additional partners in order to strengthen regional security.
 6. ***Testing and Readiness:*** We encourage Transmission System Operators to periodically test the operational procedures through joint exercises and simulations in order to ensure the effectiveness and readiness of the mechanism.

By signing this Joint Declaration, we express our political support for strengthened cooperation among the Baltic Transmission System Operators and for the development of a shared approach to contingency reserve equipment, contributing to the resilience and security of the Baltic electricity system.

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