



Denmark sends officers and frigate to the Strait of Hormuz

Today, the Danish Government has consulted the Danish Foreign Policy Committee about military contributions to a European-led maritime surveillance mission in the Strait of Hormuz. The Danish contributions will include a staff officer contribution from the beginning of 2020 and - subject to parliamentary approval in 2020 - a naval contribution beginning in the fall of 2020.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Jeppe Kofod:

“As the fifth largest seafaring nation in the world, Denmark has a special interest in - and responsibility to - ensure maritime security and freedom of navigation - also in the Strait of Hormuz. The Danish government will therefore continue its active efforts to reduce tensions in the region. Now also with a concrete contribution in the form of staff officers and a frigate. Our contribution will complement other efforts in the region, including the US-led maritime security effort IMSC. The European-led mission is also expected to be supplemented by

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diplomatic efforts aimed at enhancing regional dialogue on maritime security.”

Minister of Defence Trine Bramsen:

“It is important that Denmark as a significant sea-faring nation with a capable navy takes responsibility, and stands up for the principles we believe in. I am proud of the fact that allies look in our direction, when looking for partners for a task like this one. It is a testimony to the respect shown to our capable soldiers and our robust capacities. “

Facts about the contributions to the Strait of Hormuz

The new Danish contributions to the Strait of Hormuz will consist of a staff officer contribution for 12 months from the beginning of 2020 as well as – pending parliamentary approval – a naval contribution incl. helicopter and up to 155 personnel for 4 months from the autumn 2020.

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