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SUMMARY: (U) A NORWEGIAN MOD FACT SHEET ENTITLED, THE STRATEGIC AND MILITARY POSITION OF NORTHERN EUROPE IN THE NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY ENVIRONMENT, PROVIDES SOME FRESH INSIGHT ON NORWEGIAN SECURITY POLICY AND NORDIC COOPERATION. ENCLOSURE.

TEXT: 1. (U) A NORWEGIAN MOD FACT SHEET DISCUSSING THE STRATEGIC AND MILITARY POSITION OF NORTHERN EUROPE IN THE NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY ENVIRONMENT, SHEDS SOME NEW INSIGHT ON AN INCREASINGLY VISIBLE EFFORT TO FORGE A JOINT NORDIC SECURITY POLICY AND PROMOTE CLOSER MILITARY COOPERATION. THE PAPER DESCRIBES THE GEO-STRATEGIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY CHANGES THAT HAVE LED TO CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF NORTHERN EUROPE. IN THIS CONTEXT, NORTHERN EUROPE IS DEFINED AS NORWAY, SWEDEN AND FINLAND AND THE ADJACENT OCEAN AREAS TO THE WEST, EAST AND NORTH. THE FACT SHEET STATES THAT AS A RESULT OF THE END OF THE COLD WAR, GERMAN UNIFICATION AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE WARSAW PACT AND SOVIET UNION, FINLAND AND SWEDEN HAVE STATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER CHANGING THEIR HISTORIC OR POST-COLD WAR SECURITY POLICIES AND NORWAY, AS A MEMBER OF NATO, IS OPTING FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE EMERGING EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENSE IDENTITY.

2. (U) MUCH OF THE PAPER DESCRIBES THE FAMILIAR GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY CHANGES IN EUROPE SINCE 900000 THAT HAVE FORMED THE BASIS OF NORWEGIAN

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SECURITY POLICY FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. THESE ARE,

- A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE OVERALL MILITARY THREAT TO EUROPE DUE TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE WARSAW PACT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DEMOCRACIES IN EASTERN EUROPE, THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SOVIET UNION AND COLLAPSE OF ITS MILITARY POWER, AND RUSSIA'S MORE FAVORABLE POLICIES TOWARD THE WEST.

- THE FACT THAT RUSSIA, THE LARGEST SINGLE MILITARY POWER IN EUROPE, REMAINS A DIRECT NEIGHBOR OF FINLAND, NORTHERN SWEDEN AND NORWAY.

- THAT RUSSIA, ALTHOUGH MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, REMAINS VERY UNSTABLE AND THAT FAILURE OF ITS CURRENT EFFORTS TO REFORM (THE SUCCESS OF WHICH IS LIKELY TO DEPEND ON DEVELOPMENTS OF A DOMESTIC NATURE) WOULD HAVE A GREATER REGIONAL EFFECT ON NORTHERN EUROPE THAN CENTRAL EUROPE.

- THAT THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE **RUSSIAN MILITARY** FORCES ON THE **KOLA PENINSULA** AND IN THE LENINGRAD MILITARY DISTRICT WILL LIKELY INCREASE IN THE FUTURE. AND,

- THAT NORWAY, SWEDEN AND FINLAND, INDIVIDUALLY OR COMBINED, HAVE NOT IN THE PAST AND WILL NOT IN THE FUTURE BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE AND STABILIZING MILITARY BALANCE VIS-A-VIS RUSSIA IN THE NORTH.

3. (U) WITH THIS BACKGROUND, THE FACT SHEET STATES THAT SWEDISH AND FINNISH AUTHORITIES HAVE STATED THEIR INTENT TO ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EUROPEAN SECURITY ORDER, AS MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, AND THAT, FOR NORWAY, FULL WEU MEMBERSHIP WOULD BE THE LOGICAL NEXT STEP ONCE NORWAY HAS BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. IN ADDITION, SWEDISH AND FINNISH REORIENTATION IN TERMS OF FOREIGN AND, POSSIBLY, SECURITY POLICIES REPRESENT A POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED COOPERATION ON SECURITY AND DEFENSE ISSUES AMONG ALL NORDIC COUNTRIES. IN RECENT YEARS THE DIALOGUE ON POLITICO-MILITARY ISSUES HAS INCREASED, PARTLY THROUGH NORDIC COOPERATION IN GENERAL, PARTLY THROUGH MEETINGS AMONG THE NORDIC DEFENSE MINISTERS AND PARTLY THROUGH INCREASED CONTACTS AT THE WORKING LEVEL AMONG THE MODS AND CHODS. THERE IS CURRENTLY BROAD AGREEMENT THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED COOPERATION DEPENDS ON THE WHOLE

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NORDIC REGION'S BECOMING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LARGER FRAMEWORK OF EUROPEAN UNITY. AS FOR SECURITY AND DEFENSE POLICES, SEPARATE NORDIC SOLUTIONS ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA.

4. (U) THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT AN UNSTABLE AND UNPREDICTABLE RUSSIA INTENDS TO REMAIN A MAJOR MILITARY AND NUCLEAR SUPERPOWER AND, THUS, THE NORTHERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE A NEED TO ENSURE THE NECESSARY POLITICO-MILITARY BACKING FROM A LARGER MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK TO OBTAIN THE FREEDOM OF ACTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSE COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA. THE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE IS TO LINK STRONG AND BROADLY BASED SOCIETAL INTERESTS IN RUSSIA TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION WITH ITS NORDIC NEIGHBORS.

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