



## **JOINT DECLARATION OF INTENT SETTING OUT THE CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION WITHIN THE NORTHERN DIMENSION PARTNERSHIP ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS**

The European Commission, Ministries responsible for transport, infrastructure and logistics of the Kingdom of Norway, the Russian Federation, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Poland, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Republic of Belarus represented by the Ministers responsible for transport, infrastructure and logistics, hereafter referred to as the "Partners" have come to the following understanding;

Following the provisions of the Northern Dimension Policy Framework Document, effective as of January, 1, 2007 the Partners continue to stress the usefulness of a discussion forum for current transport policy and future visions in the development of infrastructure, harmonising standards and legislation and preparing regional projects and underline the growing need for international and inter-regional co-ordination and co-operation in the situation of constantly increasing globalisation. In addition the Partners aim to ensure that the transport and logistics system of the Northern Dimension region is able to meet the challenges connected with the changing economic, political, geographical and social conditions so as to provide sustainable regional development for the benefit of the people of the Northern Dimension area. Furthermore the Partners aim to ensure that the transport and logistics system of the Northern Dimension region is able to meet the challenges connected with the changing economic, political, geographical and social conditions

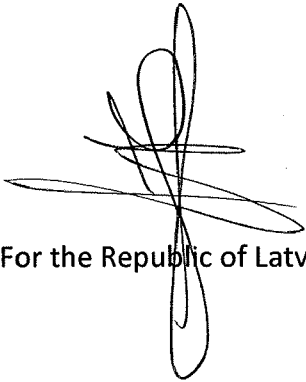
so as to provide sustainable regional development for the benefit of the peoples of the Northern Dimension area. Consequently and aligned with the decision of the High Level Meeting of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics held in Oslo November, 21, 2012 all provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding setting out the modalities of establishing the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics, signed in Naples on October, 21, 2009 will be reaffirmed for the next period of five (5) years leaving the full text of the said Memorandum unchanged.

This Joint Declaration will come into effect upon the signatures of all Partners.

Done in Brussels, on 17 December 2013, in one copy in the English language

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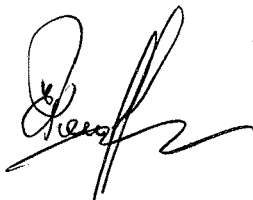


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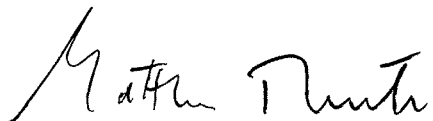
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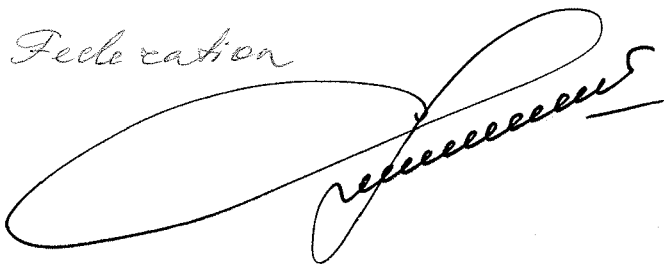


For the Republic of Finland

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For the Russian Federation

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