

speech by Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme in Helsinki on 1 June 1983;<sup>43</sup> and 5) the final report of the Nordic parliamentarians committee referred to above, signed on 1 June 1987 by deputies from twelve parties, a draft of which was released by the Danish Social Democratic leaders in March 1987.<sup>44</sup>

## GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

From the beginning, a near-consensus has existed among proponents of the zone that it should include, at a minimum, the national territories (including territorial seas and airspace) of Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The only exception to this has been the occasional suggestion that, insofar as NATO members Denmark and Norway appear to be the chief stumbling-blocks to the creation of the zone, they might be left out of an initial agreement, which would therefore cover only Finland and Sweden. However, the Soviet Union has made it clear that such a short-term solution is not, in its view, acceptable; and none of the fully-amplified proposals for a Nordic NWFZ has been so restricted. On the other hand, there has been a tendency in recent years to expand the boundaries of the zone to include the national territories of Iceland, the Faeroe Islands, and even Greenland.

For its part, Iceland has insisted, following a unanimous parliamentary resolution on the subject, that any such zone must include the Baltic, Norwegian, and Barents Seas, and stretch all the way from the west coast of Greenland to the Ural Mountains.<sup>45</sup> However, as we have seen, the Soviet Union has made it clear that, while it is willing

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43. "Security and Stability in the Nordic Area (Speech by the Prime Minister of Sweden, Olof Palme, to the Paasikivi Society in Helsinki on June 1, 1983)," in: Möttölä (ed.), *op. cit.* note 34, pp. 84-85.

44. Palme, *op. cit.* note 25; details of the draft report are found in: Brix, *op. cit.* note 24; and Polyukhov, *op. cit.* note 24. In only two cases, the Evensen draft and the Palme speech, has the author been able to obtain the full texts of the documents in question, so it must be kept in mind that the following analysis is based to a considerable degree on rather fragmentary reports and second-hand descriptions in the press or journals.

45. ACR, January 1986, p. 404.B.39.