

Nordic prime ministers, the Nordic NWFZ proposal was supported by majorities in all five of the Nordic Parliaments.¹⁹

Meanwhile, the zone proposal continued to figure prominently in the security debates in Norway and Denmark, albeit with less success than in Sweden. In Norway, a government White Paper on security and disarmament submitted to the Cabinet on 15 May 1987 warned that unilateral Nordic steps toward the zone "could weaken the security of the Nordic countries and have negative repercussions for the region's stability." It endorsed continued work on the zone, but only "provided that it takes place with the understanding of Norway's allies," and as "part of a broader context so that there will be a positive interplay between various areas." The INF talks and conventional arms reductions in Europe were both mentioned in the latter regard.²⁰

Denmark has always appeared to be even less supportive of the Nordic NWFZ concept than Norway. This is at least partly because of the fact that she is involved in an integrated military command with the Federal Republic of Germany (ComBaltAp), giving her a role in the defence of Schleswig-Holstein, in which, unlike the case with Norway, the use of nuclear weapons in the event of war is definitely contemplated. In November 1983 and again in March and May 1984, the Danish Parliament, often at odds with the Government on security issues, passed resolutions demanding that the Government actively pursue the zone proposal.²¹ However, a committee of experts within the Danish Foreign Ministry, named after its chairman Peter Dyvig, warned in a report issued in November 1984 that "an isolated Danish rejection, determined in advance, of its willingness to receive nuclear arms under any circumstances — peace, crisis, or war — would create insurmountable problems for allied reinforcement planning." It suggested that

19. *Arms Control Reporter (ACR)*, January 1985, p. 404.B.34.

20. As reported by Hans Christian Erlandsen, in: "Continued Agreement Surrounding Security Policy," *Oslo Aftenposten*, 16 May 1987, p. 11, in: *Foreign Broadcast Information Service (FBIS) — Western Europe (WE)*, 29 May 1987, p. P1.

21. *ACR*, December 1983, p. 404.B.23; and *ACR*, October 1984, pp. 404.B.29-B.30.