



Joint Statement

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We, the delegates of the Assembly of the Visegrad countries plus Germany, have come to the agreement that the European Union has proved to be more than favourable for the development of all involved countries. The latest decision of the UK to leave the European Union has shown the need for a change in the current operations of the European Union. Prospective scenarios have been proposed. The V4 countries and Germany welcome the progress in the management of external borders, counter-terrorism and cyber-security – a gesture of The European Commission, and appreciates the following dialogue between the Member States. However, the countries of the Visegrad Group and Germany have agreed that just one scenario cannot be chosen. Each member state is sovereign and all voices should be heard. This proposal emphasizes the necessity of cooperation in urgent issues, sustainability in current fields of interest and possibility for the future integration in other fields.

The Single market should represent the pillar on which further cooperation should be built. The importance of free movement of goods, services, people and capital is evident. The countries agree on harmonisation of standards and working towards progressive trade agreements. However, economic growth cannot be the only sphere of interest.

The topic of the European Defence has been widely discussed and is considered to be one of the most important at the moment. This document stresses the importance of cooperation

Furthermore, it stresses continuation of cooperation in the sectors of: human development, infrastructure and energy. The Visegrad Group and Germany also commit to the closer cooperation in the field of agriculture, competitiveness and the preservation of the environment, with the full implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement.

This proposal emphasises the need for sustainable solutions to the current problems on which further cooperation can be established while respecting each member country of the European Union.