

THE XXth MEETING OF THE LEADERSHIP OF REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS, MILITARY RESERVISTS AND PENSIONERS OF THE VISEGRAD GROUP COUNTRIES



JOINT STATEMENT

The Leadership of Representative Organizations of Professional Soldiers, Military Reservists and Pensioners of the Visegrad Group Countries bearing in mind both their statute obligations and conclusions of their meeting, which was held in Szolnok (Hungary) on the 9 - 10 October 2018, state as follows:

The leadership of Svaz vojáků z povolání Armády České republiky from the Czech Republic, Honvédszakszervezet from Hungary, Konwent Dziekanów Korpusu Oficerów Zawodowych from the Republic of Poland and Zväz vojakov Slovenskej republiky from the Slovak Republic discussed "The current situation of the military representative organizations of the Visegrad Group countries in the national system of social dialogue", which was the main topic of the XXth Meeting of the Leadership of Representative Organizations of Professional Soldiers, Military Reservists and Pensioners of the Visegrad Group Countries.

We continued the conversation about the current European security situation, which began on our preceeding meeting in Poland last year. We unanimously stated, that contemporary threats have not changed, especially between the countries neighboring the EU and NATO members, the status of danger of terrorist's attacks on the territory of the EU and NATO and the permanent migration to the countries of Europe, demand an increased engagement of security institutions and deepening of the cooperation on international level among allies. Those factors inflict the future structures of the armed forces.

Taking into consideration the energy security of member countries, threats connected with hybrid warfare and activities of hostile states, the Leadership of Representative Organizations of Professional Soldiers, Military Reservists and Pensioners of the Visegrad Group Countries recognize the need to take appropriate steps, such as creation of territorial defence forces.

Therefore we would like to point out that facing these challenges requires a parallel investment in the modernization of armaments, and also adequate equipment, salaries and social care which affects the economic situation of professional soldiers, military reservists and pensioners who make up an integral part of national communities and European states.

During the jubilee V4 meeting of the military representative organizations of these states we noted that our organizations have the same mission to defend and promote the occupational requirements and social security of professional soldiers, military reservists and pensioners, although organizations have different legal forms.



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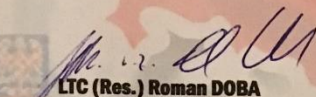


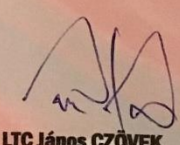
While the military organizations of Poland and Hungary are legal social partners representing military personnel, the organizations in the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic have no such strong status. The military organizations of the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic have the status of only civil associations and social dialogues are called accidentally and therefore their proposals and comments in the legislative process are not binding on superiors authorities.

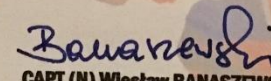
Delegations of the leadership of representative bodies have also decided that the next - XXIst meeting will be held in Slovakia by Zväz vojakov Slovenskej republiky chairmanship. As a sign of this approval, the undersigned representative of Zväz vojakov Slovenskej republiky took over the presidency symbol in form of the mace.


The Joint Statement was written in English language in four copies, one for each mentioned above organizations, and all translations of this statement must be identical and same in its content.




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