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## Statement from the Nordic Forum on Raw Materials

A resilient and sustainable raw materials value chain is essential for Europe's green and digital transitions. The current geopolitical context has brought the issue of raw materials supply to a head and exposed the intense global competition for critical raw materials. Addressing these challenges requires coordinated Nordic action, as the Nordic region is a well-established mining area with great potential to extract both more and new raw materials.

It is also crucial to ensure a unified Nordic approach to strengthen the region's position within EU minerals policy. We have therefore greatly appreciated the opportunity to establish the Nordic Forum on Raw Materials with financial support from Nordic Innovation. Over the past two years, we have worked closely to reinforce the foundations of a sustainable, innovative, and globally competitive Nordic raw materials sector.

The RAW-network is a truly cross-border platform uniting the triple helix to address strategic challenges across the full value chain. The network has fostered open dialogue through three high-level meetings in Stockholm, Oslo, and Helsinki.

The Nordic countries and autonomous regions possess significant potential for many EU critical raw materials, giving the region both an opportunity and a responsibility to contribute to a more secure, sustainable, and circular raw materials supply. Discussions and workshops have identified key components needed to unlock this potential, including:

- predictable and harmonised regulatory frameworks enabling long-term investments,
- strengthened cooperation across value chains to commercialise circular solutions,
- joint efforts in innovation, technology development, and low-carbon solutions,
- closer collaboration on skills and competence development,
- advancing local processing and refining to increase value creation within the Nordics.

By strengthening this cooperation and the continuation of support for the future of The Nordic Forum of Raw Materials, Nordic governments can enhance the competitiveness of the Nordic raw materials sector, accelerate the twin transition, and position the Nordic region as a globally recognised model for sustainable and collaborative raw materials production.

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