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Preface

Developments in defence policy, security policy and technology make it increasingly important to view Norway's security interests in the context of all resources, input factors and expertise that affect operational capability. To manage its own security Norway must therefore maintain a technologically relevant defence industry. The Government will strengthen the ability of the Norwegian Armed Forces to draw on domestic industrial expertise and innovation in order to meet the defence challenges of the future and spur national advances in technology. That is the overall message of a white paper the Government submitted to the Storting on 12 March 2021, presented here in abridged form.

The new strategy emphasises the strategic importance to Norway and its security of the defence industry's ability to provide the Armed Forces with military materiel, equipment and services. The strategy also documents the competitiveness of Norwegian Defence industry and how it excels internationally in a host of technology areas. The Norwegian Armed Forces must take greater advantage of this national expertise, which the Government will work to maintain and