Nordic Defense: Comparative Decision Making

Edited by

William J. Taylor, Jr.

Center for Strategic and International Studies Georgetown University

Paul M. Cole

Center for Strategic and International Studies Georgetown University



Lexington Books

D.C. Heath and Company/Lexington, Massachusetts/Toronto

Contents

Foreword vii	
Amos A. Jordan	
Preface ix William J. Taylor, Jr. and Paul M. Col	e
Introduction xi William J. Taylor, Jr. and Paul M. Col	e

1 Denmark 1 Christian Thune and Nikolaj Petersen

Introduction 1
Principal Actors and the Structure of Decision Making 4
Danish Policy Making for Defense: Two Cases 14
Conclusion 31

2 Finland 37 Trond Gilberg

The Setting 37
Soviet Strategy, Tactics, and the Position of Finland in the 1980s 39
Domestic Constraints on Finnish Decision Making for Defense 43
Decision Making for National Defense: Structures and Process 46
Economic and Technological Constraints 52
The Goals and Objectives of Finnish Defense Policy 53
Execution of Finnish Defense Policy: Forces and Training 54
Defense Strategy 57
Conclusion 59

3 Iceland 63 John Fairlamb

Current Defense Policy 65 Icelandic Perceptions of Threat 66

vi • Nordic Defense: Comparative Decision Making

The Defense Community 70
The News Media 78
Public Opinion and Civil-Military Relations 79
Decision-Making Constraints 80
Conclusion 85

4 Norway 91 lames Stark

The Actors 91
The Process 104
The Constraints 108
Security Guidelines 113
The Policy Process: Two Cases 114
Conclusion 120

5 Sweden 127 William J. Taylor, Jr.

The Backdrop of Swedish Defense Decision Making 127
The Fighter Aircraft Controversy 131
The Defense Community 132
The News Media 146
Public Opinion and Civil-Military Relations 147
Decision-Making Constraints 152
Channels of Decision Making 160
Putting the Pieces Together: The Fighter Aircraft Controversy 166
Conclusion 179

6 Comparative 187

The Setting 188
Structures 191
Defense Issues 193
Lessons from the Study of Nordic Defense Decision Making 203

Index 205

About the Contributors 215
About the Editors 217