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The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Iceland and Norway together with the Finnish Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs visited the Joint Warfare Centre (JWC) on Friday 4 May 2012.

This was the first official visit paid by the respective Nordic Ministers to the JWC. Their Excellencies Mr Villy Søvndal (Denmark), Mr Össur Skarphéðinsson (Iceland) and Mr Jonas Gahr Støre (Norway), as well as Mr Pertti Torstila (Finland) were warmly welcomed by French Army Major General Jean Fred Berger, Commander JWC, and senior officials at the JWC premises in Jåttå, Stavanger. An introductory briefing session held at the auditorium of the JWC's new training facility aimed to provide more detailed insight into the JWC's mission and tasks within the context of transforming NATO's capabilities. The briefing addressed JWC support to current and recent NATO operations, ongoing joint training events and exercises to ensure continued readiness of the NATO Command Structure and NATO Force Structure, as well as the JWC's major task of creating "Skolkan", NATO's new fictitious exercise scenario set in the Scandinavian and Baltic region.

During the discussions, Major General Berger underlined the JWC's total commitment to "establishing an adaptable JWC able to deliver a training and transformation capability grounded in the NATO level of ambition and emerging requirements."

The official programme concluded with the Ministers meeting with JWC staff members from the Nordic countries. Thanking the Ministers for their visit, Major General Berger praised the active dialogue and strong partnership ties between the NATO Alliance and the Nordic countries.