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### **Statement of National Goals for the National Press**

Iceland has decided to join this important NATO Summit. We live in a very important time for Europe and the world. The Cold War is over. Now, what we need is clear politics, good cooperation with our friends.

Iceland has a specific role at the Summit: to contribute to the transformation of NATO, to contribute to a new design toward peace. Human dignity must be protected. Solutions to every problem should always be sought in peaceful ways.

The time of NATO as an exclusively military group is passing. Iceland is cautious regarding the activities of NATO. We believe that diplomacy is always preferable to fighting. It is the chief part of politics.

We want a strong promise for the London Declaration. Our goal is undisputed: we need to make new friends of all European countries, such as the Soviet Union and countries from Central and Eastern Europe. We need to be friends with our enemies.

We also want NATO to pledge that it will never be the aggressor. This is very important for Iceland because we do not have an army. Iceland's security relies on Article 5. That is, all members must come to the defense of all other members. It also relies on our agreement with the United States. We want this pledge to remain strong.

Iceland is not doing this just for itself. We have a big responsibility in the Atlantic Alliance. What is being decided here is important for the new security plan. They are also important so that people can trust Europe. Iceland is ready to help NATO become more political.

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Prime Minister of Iceland.