



**Statement by the Presidency of COMECE
in solidarity with Greenland and its people**

The Standing Committee of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union (COMECE) wishes to express its solidarity and spiritual closeness to the people of Greenland, who today face increasing geopolitical instability and uncertainty, alongside the profound consequences of climate change and persistent social challenges.

We reaffirm that the future of Greenland must be decided by the people of Greenland themselves, in full respect of their rights, dignity and aspirations. At the same time, we underline the importance of upholding international law, the principles of the United Nations Charter and the territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Denmark.

In this context, we recall the words of Pope Leo XIV, recently addressed to the diplomatic corps: "*In our time, the weakness of multilateralism is a particular cause for concern at the international level. A diplomacy that promotes dialogue and seeks consensus among all parties is being replaced by a diplomacy based on force, by either individuals or groups of allies.*" These words resonate deeply in the current international climate and call for renewed commitment to peaceful and cooperative approaches to global challenges.

We therefore encourage the European Union to continue acting as a united, responsible, firm and trust-building force, remaining rooted in its fundamental values and committed to upholding a rules-based international system and effective multilateralism.

We entrust Greenland, Denmark, Europe and the international community to the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace, and Saint Ansgar, Apostle of the North. May God grant wisdom to political leaders and all those in positions of responsibility, so that they may work tirelessly for the common good, justice and peace.