

Amid Greenland dust-up, Denmark says U.S. is a national security risk

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Denmark's intelligence service for the first time has described the United States as a potential threat to its and the European region's national security because of the Trump administration's apparent willingness to use economic and military coercion and pressure "to enforce its will," even against allies.

"The world's great powers are increasingly prioritizing their own inter-

ests and use force to achieve their goals," the NATO country's military intelligence agency said in its annual threats assessment, published on Dec. 10. The Danish Defense Intelligence Service named Russia and China among the chief nations posing challenges to Denmark and Europe. But in an unusual move, it singled out the United States because of what it said was "uncertainty" about "the role of the United States as a guarantor of European security."

"The United States uses economic

power, including in the form of threats of high tariffs, to enforce its will and no longer excludes the use of military force even against allies," the report said.

The U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen referred all questions on the Danish intelligence report to the U.S. State Department, which did not immediately respond to a comment request.

Tensions between Copenhagen and Washington have soared amid President Donald Trump's stated interest in taking control of Greenland, a resource-

rich, strategically important island that's part of the kingdom of Denmark.

Denmark also is among European nations opposed to a White House peace plan for Ukraine, which appears to favor Russia on key points.

The report said that the Ukraine-Russia war was the main factor shaping the European security environment. Denmark believes the threat from Russia to NATO will rise next year, though it currently sees no threat of a "regular military attack" against Denmark.