

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ICELAND  
AND THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF DENMARK

This instrument constitutes a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland and the Ministry of Defence of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as the Participants);

*Having regard* to the Agreement between the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (NATO SOFA) done in London on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1951;

*Having regard* to the Memorandum of Understanding on Nordic Cooperation signed in Helsinki on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009;

*Wishing* to develop and further explore areas of cooperation based on a political ambition of a comprehensive, enhanced and long-term approach to security and defence related issues;

*Hereby desiring* to establish a comprehensive framework for bilateral defence and security policy related activities between the Kingdom of Denmark and the Republic of Iceland;

Have reached the following understanding:

SECTION 1  
PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

This MoU provides the framework to reinforce the political will and determination between the Participants to develop and enhance bilateral peacetime defence and security cooperation, seeking to identify new areas of cooperation where mutually beneficial for the Kingdom Denmark and the Republic of Iceland.

The objectives of the cooperation may include but are not limited to:

- Mutual support to situational awareness such as; Information exchange to enhance air and maritime domain awareness and sharing of information and communication systems
- Enhanced operational intelligence cooperation
- Training and exercises
- Cooperation between headquarters and units
- Procedures for easier diplomatic clearance
- Closer cooperation concerning Keflavik Air Base
- Personnel exchanges

Further areas of cooperation may be identified and made subject to the provisions of this MoU with the mutual consent of the Participants.

This MoU is supplementary to existing bi- and multilateral agreements between the Participants. This MoU is not intended to conflict with national or international law or with any existing agreements between the Participants. National law in this context includes Greenlandic and Faroe Islands law under the Governments of Greenland and the Faroe Islands.

SECTION 2

Conflict of Laws

In the event of a conflict between this MoU and national or international law or existing bi- or multilateral agreements, the laws or agreements will prevail. The Participants will notify each other in the event of any such conflict.

SECTION 3

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTICIPANTS

- A. The Participants decide to participate in the development of methods and procedures that would improve the cooperation between them.
- B. The Participants decide to provide general oversight of activities conducted pursuant to this MoU.

SECTION 4

COSTS

This MoU will not impose any financial responsibilities on its Participants. Each Participant will bear the costs of its own activities under this MoU. This MoU contemplates no transfer of funds between the Participants.

SECTION 5

AMENDMENTS, TERMINATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

The MoU may be amended at any time by mutual agreement of the Participants. Either Participant may terminate this MoU by providing 120 days written notice to the other Participant.

This MoU will become effective on the date of the last signature.

07.06.2022 *Reykjavik*

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland

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Minister of Defence of Denmark

