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Cooperation Agreement

between the Governments of the West Nordic Countries

The Government of the Faroe Islands, the Government of Greenland and the Government of Iceland (hereinafter referred to as the Parties),

Aiming to expand cooperation in trade and other areas of common interest within the West Nordic Region;

Recognising the need for a joint forum, at both ministerial and administrative level, to discuss and develop such enhanced cooperation;

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

This Agreement establishes trilateral cooperation between the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland on trade and other areas of common interest.

Article 2

1. A Working Group composed of representatives from the three countries shall administer this Agreement. In order to ensure the effective operation of this Agreement the Working Group shall exchange relevant views and information.

2. The tasks of the Working Group are to:
 - a. Follow-up on political instructions for increased cooperation,
 - b. Make recommendations on possible increased cooperation,
 - c. Keep oversight over existing cooperation agreements in different areas,
 - d. Examine possibilities for converting existing bilateral cooperation into trilateral cooperation,
 - e. Work towards the removal of obstacles and barriers in order to strengthen and encourage trade within the West Nordic Region, and
 - f. Address any other relevant issues.

Article 3

1. The Foreign Ministers in the West Nordic Region shall meet annually to discuss matters of common interest in the area of trade and foreign policy. Annual meetings are held alternately in the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland. To the extent possible, these meetings will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the West Nordic Council.

2. The time and date of the annual meetings shall be determined with at least 6 months' notice. The Party hosting the meeting shall:

- a. Convene the meeting,
- b. Prepare the agenda, and
- c. Draft the minutes for approval by all Parties.

Article 4

The Foreign Ministers can establish working groups or committees to work on specific tasks relevant to this Agreement.


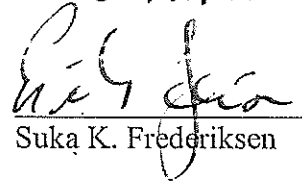
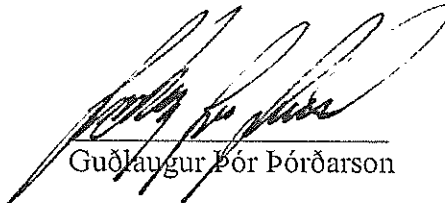
Article 5

Any Party may terminate this Agreement with 6 months' notice.

Article 6

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 September 2017.

Reykjavík, 31 August 2017

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