

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF BILATERAL DEFENCE AND SECURITY
CO-OPERATION**

The Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark (hereafter “Denmark”) and the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (hereafter “the UK”), hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”;

Recognising the long-standing shared interests, values and responsibilities of Denmark and the UK, and both nations’ common understanding of the strategic security context;

Reaffirming the broad, strong and long-standing bilateral relationship between Denmark and the UK forged from facing together both countries’ common security challenges and fighting alongside each other on operations;

Determined to address strategic challenges and promote international peace and security in the context of their UN obligations;

Desiring to reach a higher level of military co-operation in order to enhance the operational capabilities of both nations and ensure an even higher degree of interoperability;

Resolved to build on and strengthen the existing strong links between the armed forces of Denmark and the UK;

Mindful of their rights and obligations under the North Atlantic Treaty and convinced that greater bilateral defence and security co-operation will reinforce those rights and obligations for the benefit of the NATO Alliance as a whole;

Convinced that European allies and partners need to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of their comprehensive defence and security efforts by seeking to develop new approaches to bilateral and multinational defence and security co-operation, including through the co-ordination, on a voluntary basis, of defence and security policy and plans;

Recognising the need for closer bilateral and multilateral co-operation in capability development in order to achieve more cost-efficient, more available and more useable capabilities for Denmark and the UK and for the NATO Alliance;

Mindful of the importance of prudent resource management and acknowledging the financial and resource constraints faced by both nations;

Noting that all existing bilateral Memoranda, Arrangements, Agreements and ongoing cooperation will remain in place and are not affected by the terms of this Arrangement;

Taking into account the provisions of the Agreement between the Participants to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces (hereafter "the NATO SOFA"), dated 19 June 1951;

Have reached the following understandings:

SECTION 1 PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION

1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework for developing and furthering bilateral co-operation and relations between the Participants in defence and security matters building on existing cooperation and seeking to identify new areas of cooperation with mutual benefits.
2. Any co-operation under this MOU will be carried out in accordance with the respective national legislation of the Participants and international law and subject to common agreement.
3. This MOU does not prejudice or preclude either nation's choice of partners on operations or decisions regarding any future investment in defence materiel.

SECTION 2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS MEMORANDUM

For the purposes of the implementation of this MOU the Participants may conclude supplementary written arrangements in the form of MOUs, Technical Arrangements or any other form of bilateral written arrangement with the consent of both participants.

SECTION 3 AIMS OF CO-OPERATION

The Ministry of Defence of Denmark and the Ministry of Defence of the UK have decided in principle, and subject to full and proper consultation and mutual consent, to enhance bilateral defence and security co-operation with the following aims:

- a. To further develop the existing excellent defence and security relations, understanding and trust already established between the Participants;
- b. To further develop the existing co-operation in the field of multinational operations in support of international stability, peace and security;
- c. To identify, discuss and strive for a common understanding of strategic defence and security issues at both the political and the military level;
- d. To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Participants' defence and security policy through informing and consulting bilaterally and by addressing it together in international forums and organisations when feasible and mutually beneficial;
- e. To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Participants' armed forces;
- f. To further enhance interoperability and deployability and improve the capability to act jointly in all areas ranging from defence-related security sector reform and capability building to high-end operations on land, sea and in the air;
- g. To remain each other's partners of choice on operations, in exercises and training and other defence tasks;
- h. To strive to optimise the use of their defence resources and improve cost-efficiency;
- i. To achieve technological benefits and efficiencies, sharing knowledge where possible;
- j. To promote defence industry collaboration between both countries.

SECTION 4 FIELDS OF CO-OPERATION

As resources allow, the Participants will endeavour to enhance their co-operation in the following areas:

- a. Defence and security policy development;
- b. Exercises, training and education;
- c. Operations, including expeditionary forces;
- d. Capacity building, training and mentoring of third country security forces;
- e. Conflict prevention;
- f. Equipment and capabilities;
- g. Logistics, including logistic support and strategic transportation;
- h. Cyber security;
- i. Strategic surveillance and situational awareness;
- j. Search and rescue;
- k. Defence intelligence;
- l. National defence reforms;
- m. Exchanges and attachments of personnel;
- n. Defence science and technology;
- o. Air and maritime surveillance;
- p. Medical services;

- q. Comprehensive approach, including sharing of lessons learned by both nations' stabilisation units;
- r. Veterans' welfare;
- s. Co-operation between Defence Command Denmark and the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters;
- t. Such other areas or activities as may be decided upon or noted by the Participants.

SECTION 5 PLANNING

On the basis of this MOU, the Participants will attend annual Defence Staff Talks to discuss the status and priorities for, and progress in, their bilateral co-operation, and to identify new areas for co-operation.

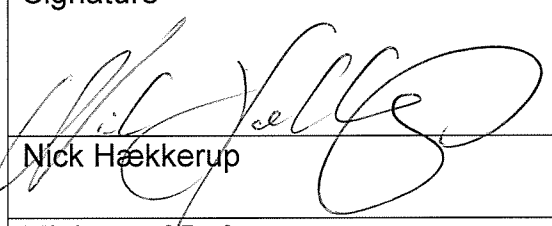
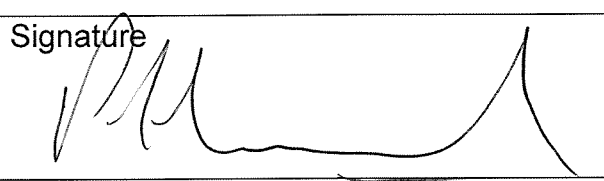
SECTION 6 PROTECTION OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND VISITS

1. Classified information generated or exchanged as a result of this MOU will be treated in accordance with the provisions as detailed in the General Security Arrangement between the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark concerning the protection of non-atomic classified information exchanged for the purpose of defence production, research and procurement, dated 11 April 2008 and its subsequent amendments and applicable national laws and regulations of the States of the Participants.
2. International visits between the Participants will be coordinated in accordance with Section 7 of the above mentioned Security Arrangement.

SECTION 7 FINAL PROVISIONS

1. All disputes that may arise as a result of the interpretation or application of this MOU will be settled through consultations and negotiations between the Participants and will not be referred to any tribunal or third party for settlement.
2. The Participants may amend this MOU at any time by mutual written consent.
3. This MOU will enter into effect on the date of last signature.
4. This MOU will remain in effect unless terminated by mutual consent or by either Participant giving six months' written notice to the other.

Signed in Copenhagen on September 20, 2012 in two original copies in the English Language only.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK	FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND
Signature 	Signature 
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