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No. 1297. PROTOCOL¹ RESPECTING MUTUAL AID BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE DANISH GOVERNMENT. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 24 OCTOBER 1945

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Royal Danish Government,

Desiring to make arrangements for the attribution of expenditure incurred in the defeat of the common enemy and the liberation of Denmark,

Have agreed as follows:-

Article 1

- (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of this Article, the Government of the United Kingdom shall not claim reimbursement of the cost of equipment (including war material) supplied to Danish Armed Forces (including those operating within Denmark under the Danish Freedom Council) before the 9th May, 1945, or of the costs of the maintenance of the personnel of the Danish Armed Forces employed under the British High Command.
- (b) The costs to which paragraph (a) of this Article relate are the costs of all stores, supplies, services and facilities which can most effectively be provided, and are provided, for the Danish Armed Forces directly by Departments or agencies of the Government of the United Kingdom.
- (c) After the termination of this Protocol, the Government of the United Kingdom may require the return of any of the articles supplied under this Article which have not been lost, destroyed or consumed.
- (d) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this Article shall not apply to the pay, allowances, pensions and any other emoluments of members of the Danish Armed Forces.

Article 2

(a) The Royal Danish Government shall, as from the effective date of this Protocol, not claim reimbursement of the costs of the reciprocal aid which

¹ Came into force on 24 October 1945, by signature, with retroactive effect as from 1 May 1945.

they are able to supply to the Government of the United Kingdom.

(b) After the termination of this Protocol the Royal Danish Government may require the return of any of the articles supplied under this Article which have not been lost, destroyed or consumed.

Article 3

- (a) The costs to which the provisions of Article 2 of this Protocol relate are the cost of all stores, supplies, services and facilities required by the British Armed Forces in Denmark which can most effectively be procured in Danish territory (excluding the Faroe Islands); as far as possible the procurement in Danish territory shall be effected directly by Departments or agencies of the Royal Danish Government.
- (b) The provisions of paragraph (a) of this Article shall not apply to the pay, allowances, pensions and other emoluments of members of the British Armed Forces.

Article 4

- (a) The Royal Danish Government hereby agree to place at the disposal of the British War Office such funds in Danish currency as are required in Denmark by the British Armed Forces. On the termination of this Protocol the British War Office shall hand over to the Royal Danish Government any such Danish funds remaining in their possession.
- (b) In so far as such funds are used for the procurement on behalf of the British Armed Forces of stores, supplies, services and facilities as mentioned in Article 3 of this Protocol, no reimbursement shall be made by the Government of the United Kingdom.
- (c) In so far as such funds are used for the pay, allowances and other emoluments of the British Armed Forces in Denmark the Government of the United Kingdom shall pay for the period up till the 1st October, 1945, the Sterling equivalent of 80.5 per cent. of the sum so used to the credit of the Royal Danish Government, calculated at the rate of 19.34 kroner to the £. For the remaining period of this Agreement the Government of the United Kingdom shall pay the Sterling equivalent of the full amount of the sum used for such purposes at the official rate in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 of the Anglo-Danish Monetary Agreement of the 16th August, 1945.

¹ United Nations, Treaty Series, Vol. 5, p. 251.

Article 5

In order that the satisfaction of the local requirements of the British Armed Forces may have the least possible disrupting effect on the economy of Denmark, the British military authorities and the Danish authorities will consult together from time to time as to the stores and supplies which the British Army procurement agencies and individual officers and men are permitted to obtain locally. The British military authorities will place such restrictions as are agreed to be necessary upon purchases, whether by agencies or troops.

Article 6

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Royal Danish Government shall consult together with regard to the detailed application of this Protocol. Likewise any difficulty which may arise as to the interpretation and application of this Protocol, and any doubt which may arise as to the nature of the stores, supplies, services and facilities covered by the provisions of Articles 1 and 3 or as to the extent to which these stores, supplies, services and facilities shall be furnished shall be resolved by consultation between the contracting Governments.

Article 7

The effective date of this Protocol shall be the 1st May, 1945.

Article 8

This Protocol shall remain in force until the 8th November, 1945. Before the Agreement is terminated the two contracting Governments shall consult together as regards any arrangements that may be necessary after the date of termination.

IN FAITH WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in London in duplicate this 24th day of October, 1945.

On behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:

[L. S.] Ernest Bevin

On behalf of the Royal Danish Government:

[L. S.] E. REVENTLOW