

No. 2332

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**DENMARK  
and  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY**

**Agreement concerning repayment of expenditure incurred  
in connexion with the stay in Denmark of German  
refugees from 1945 to 1949. Signed at London, on  
26 February 1953**

*Official texts: Danish and German.*

*Registered by Denmark on 23 October 1953.*

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**DANEMARK  
et  
RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE D'ALLEMAGNE**

**Accord concernant le remboursement des dépenses occa-  
sionnées par le séjour au Danemark de réfugiés alle-  
mands, de 1945 à 1949. Signé à Londres, le 26 février  
1953**

*Textes officiels danois et allemand.*

*Enregistré par le Danemark le 23 octobre 1953.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 2332. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONCERNING REPAYMENT OF EXPENDITURE INCURRED IN CONNEXION WITH THE STAY IN DENMARK OF GERMAN REFUGEES FROM 1945 TO 1949. SIGNED AT LONDON, ON 26 FEBRUARY 1953

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*The Royal Danish Government on the one hand and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany on the other hand, considering :*

That it is in the interest of both States to reach a friendly settlement of the claim in respect of the assistance furnished by Denmark to German refugees at and after the end of the Second World War,

That the Kingdom of Denmark, like other States which have furnished post-war economic assistance to Germany, has declared its readiness to make concessions to the Federal Republic with respect to the amount of its claim,

That the Kingdom of Denmark has declared its readiness not to claim reimbursement of the said expenditure from the Federal Republic of Germany in so far as the Kingdom of Denmark has claimed reparations for the assistance furnished to refugees and has actually received reparations payments in settlement thereof,

That the Federal Republic of Germany has declared its readiness to repay the expenditure incurred by Denmark on the board, lodging and repatriation to Germany of the German refugees concerned on the same terms as apply to the settlement of financial claims arising in respect of post-war economic assistance furnished to Germany by other States,

*Have agreed as follows :*

*Article 1*

The Federal Republic of Germany shall pay to the Kingdom of Denmark, in accordance with article 2, the sum of 160 million Danish Kroner as a full and final discharge of all claims by Denmark upon Germany in respect of the assistance furnished to German refugees during the period ending 15 February 1949.

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<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 5 October 1953 by the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Copenhagen, in accordance with article 7.

*Article 2*

The Federal Republic of Germany shall pay to the Kingdom of Denmark the sum of 160 million Danish Kroner specified in article 1 by twenty yearly instalments of 8 million kroner. The first payment shall become due on 1 September 1953, and the subsequent instalments on 1 September of each year thereafter, until the total sum of 160 million Kroner has been paid.

No interest shall be payable provided that the instalments are paid on the dates prescribed.

The Federal Republic of Germany may, after previous consultation with the Governments of the United States of America, the French Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, make advance payments at any time. The effect of such advance payments shall be to reduce each instalment still outstanding by an equal amount.

*Article 3*

In the event of the Federal Republic of Germany making a payment, under the Agreement with the United States of America, the French Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on post-war assistance furnished by the said countries, at any time or in any amount which is not required pursuant to the terms of such Agreements, it shall, in accordance with the provisions of article 2, paragraph 3, unless the Kingdom of Denmark agrees otherwise, make a proportionate payment with respect to the indebtedness under this Agreement.

*Article 4*

Payments under this Agreement shall be made under the Payments Agreement between the Kingdom of Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany in force at the time of each payment. So long as the Agreement for the Establishment of a European Payments Union remains in force and provided that both the Kingdom of Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany are Contracting Parties to the Payments Union, payments shall be made through the European Payments Union.

If the Agreement for the Establishment of a European Payments Union is terminated before the last payment under this Agreement has been made, or if the Kingdom of Denmark or the Federal Republic of Germany leaves the European Payments Union before the latter's termination, at a time when there is no payments agreement in force between the Kingdom of Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany, the two Governments shall negotiate to affect the payments due under this Agreement through another channel.

*Article 5*

In the event of the failure on the part of the Federal Republic of Germany to make the payments agreed to be made in articles 1 and 2 of this Agreement, the claim of the Kingdom of Denmark amounting to 160 million Danish Kroner shall become due and payable in full, subject, however, to the deduction of the instalments previously paid by the Federal Republic of Germany under this Agreement.

*Article 6*

If at any time the Contracting Parties decide that, as a result of adverse economic conditions or for any other reason, it is in their common interest to amend the provisions concerning payment or any other provisions of this Agreement, they shall by mutual agreement make such amendment or alteration in writing.

*Article 7*

This Agreement shall be ratified by the Kingdom of Denmark and the Federal Republic of Germany and shall enter into force when the instruments of ratification have been exchanged but not before the entry into force of the international "Agreement on German External Debts".

The two Governments shall confirm the date the present Agreement is to enter into force by means of an exchange of notes which shall take place at the same time as the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiary representatives, having been duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at London on 26 February 1953, in the Danish and German languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark :  
(Signed) E. REVENTLOW

For the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany :  
(Signed) ABS.

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