

No. 3452

**NORWAY, DENMARK
and
SWEDEN**

**Agreement concerning the relationship between compulsory
military service and nationality in Norway, Denmark
and Sweden. Signed at Oslo, on 3 March 1956**

Official texts: Danish, Norwegian and Swedish.

Registered by Norway on 20 June 1956.

**NORVÈGE, DANEMARK
et
SUÈDE**

**Accord sur le rapport entre l'obligation de service mili-
taire et la nationalité en Norvège, au Danemark et en
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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3452. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN NORWAY, DENMARK,
AND SWEDEN CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE AND
NATIONALITY IN NORWAY, DENMARK AND SWEDEN.
SIGNED AT OSLO, ON 3 MARCH 1956

The Royal Norwegian Government, the Royal Danish Government and the Royal Swedish Government, desiring to define the relationship between compulsory military service and nationality in Norway, Denmark and Sweden, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

A person who is a national of only one of the Contracting States shall be exempt in the other Contracting States from compulsory military service or any other service connected therewith, including service in the Home Guard.

Article 2

A person who is a national of more than one Contracting State shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, be deemed to be a national only of the Contracting State in which he is domiciled or, if he is not domiciled in any of the States, of the State in which he was last domiciled.

If he has been resident in one Contracting State for more than two years and is still resident there, that State shall be entitled in all circumstances to regard him as domiciled there.

If a person who is a national of more than one Contracting State has failed to comply with his military obligations in such a State, the other Contracting State or States of which he is a national may, irrespective of the foregoing provisions of this article, forthwith conscript him; provided that if the offence has been due to negligence or is trivial, he shall be allowed a reasonable time in which to comply with his obligations.

Article 3

If a person who is a national of more than one Contracting State has completed his first term of service in the armed forces of one such State, he shall be exempt from similar service in the other Contracting States.

¹ Came into force on 3 March 1956, upon signature, in accordance with article 9.

For the purposes of this article, a person shall be considered to have completed his first term of service in the armed forces when :

- (1) He has been discharged on completion of the full term of such service; or
- (2) He has been discharged after having enlisted in the armed forces and served there for a period not less than that prescribed, as regards branch of service and so on, for conscripts in the State in question, on condition, however, that such service is, in that State, considered equivalent to compulsory military service.

If a person as referred to in the first paragraph who is liable for military service has completed only part of the first term of service in one Contracting State, he may, in another Contracting State, be required to perform similar service only to such extent as in the circumstances is considered reasonable and necessary with a view to his usefulness in the armed forces.

A person as referred to in this article may, in addition, in the Contracting State in which he will in future become liable for military service, be required to fulfil such obligations, including service in the Home Guard, as are prescribed in that State for persons of the same age and with the same educational qualifications and so on who are liable for military service.

Article 4

For the purposes of article 3, service in the armed forces shall be deemed to include, in the case of Denmark, service in the civil defence corps and civil duties in lieu of military service; in the case of Norway, civil duties in lieu of military service; and, in the case of Sweden, unarmed military service outside the armed forces.

Article 5

Each Contracting State shall give favourable consideration to the possibility of exempting from all or part of his compulsory military service any person who becomes a national of that State after completing all or part of the military service in another Contracting State.

The provisions of articles 3 and 4 shall be taken as a guide in arriving at a decision in such cases.

Article 6

A person who on account of a physical or mental defect, chronic disease, physical infirmity or similar cause has in one of the Contracting States been declared unfit for military service and consequently exempted therefrom shall be similarly exempt in the other Contracting States.

Article 7

A total or partial exemption from military service under this Agreement may be made conditional upon the production of evidence that the conditions for such exemption are fulfilled.

If the competent authority does not procure the said evidence through official channels, it may require the person liable for military service to produce the same within a period of not less than three months to be prescribed by that authority. If that time-limit is not met, the person concerned shall be regarded as not fulfilling the conditions for exemption from military service.

Article 8

The Contracting States shall furnish each other the information necessary to determine whether a person fulfils the conditions for a total or partial exemption from military service as provided in this Agreement.

They shall keep each other informed of the authorities that are competent to supply such information and of the documents and certificates that may be issued by those authorities with regard to the matters dealt with in this Agreement.

Article 9

This Agreement shall come into force on the date of signature.

It may be terminated by any Contracting State with respect to any other Contracting State, subject to six months' notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized for the purpose, have signed this Agreement and have thereto affixed their seals.

DONE at Oslo on 3 March 1956 in three copies in the Norwegian, Danish and Swedish languages, all the texts being equally authentic.

(Signed) Halvard LANGE
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(Signed) M. A. WASSARD
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(Signed) Hans W:son AHLMANN
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