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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 3516. CONVENTION¹ BETWEEN DENMARK AND ITALY CONCERNING MILITARY SERVICE. SIGNED AT ROME, ON 15 JULY 1954

The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of the Italian Republic, desirous of resolving by mutual agreement the difficulties which persons who are nationals of both countries encounter as a result of their military obligations in the two countries,

Have agreed as follows :

Article I

Nationals of either of the two countries who possess both Danish and Italian nationality shall, on presenting themselves for registration for military service or, if they have been registered automatically, not later than the date on which their age-group is called to the colours, expressly state whether they prefer to fulfil their military obligations in the Danish armed forces or in the Italian armed forces. They shall sign a declaration to that effect in duplicate, one copy to be retained by the authority before which the aforesaid declaration was made and the second copy to be sent to the competent authorities of the other country for approval or for call-up action, according as the person concerned wishes to fulfil his military obligations in the armed forces of the country in which the declaration was made or in those of the other country.

Article II

Danish or Italian nationals in the category described in the preceding article shall be deemed to have fulfilled the military obligations prescribed by the statutes of both countries if they have fulfilled their obligations in the Danish Defence Force or in the Italian armed forces and can produce an authenticated certificate issued at their request by the competent Danish or Italian authorities in proof thereof.

Article III

Young men who possess the nationality of both countries and who are exempted from military service in either of the two countries as physically unfit, shall be deemed to have fulfilled their military obligations if they can produce an

¹ Came into force on 3 May 1956, in accordance with the terms of article X.

authenticated certificate issued at their request by the competent authorities of the said country in proof of their status. Other exemptions from active service can be accepted only in so far as corresponding provisions are concurrently in force in both countries.

Article IV

Young men who possess the nationality of both countries and who have been duly accepted as volunteers in the armed forces of one of the two countries for a period no shorter than the statutory period of active military service required in that country at the time of their engagement, shall also be deemed to have fulfilled their military obligations.

Article V

Young men possessing the nationality of both countries who are serving in the armed forces of one of the two countries and are duly authorized to proceed on leave to the other country, shall be deemed to have satisfied all the relevant statutory requirements in the latter country if they can produce their pass.

Article VI

The provisions of the present Convention shall not preclude the competent authorities of either of the two countries from calling any persons referred to in the present Convention to the colours in the event of mobilization or from registering their names on the reserve list whenever necessary. Such registration shall not be undertaken except in the case of persons habitually resident within the jurisdiction of the country concerned.

Article VII

The provisions of the present Convention shall in no way affect the juridical status of the persons concerned in the matter of nationality.

Article VIII

The administrative authorities of the two countries shall mutually agree on the specific measures required for the implementation of the present Convention in so far as such measures require mutual agreement. The same authorities shall determine the cases and circumstances in which they may communicate with each other directly.

Article IX

Any difficulties that may arise out of the application of this Convention shall be settled between the two Governments through the diplomatic channel.

Article X

The present Convention shall enter into force on the date on which the Government of the Italian Republic shall notify the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark that the required constitutional approval has been obtained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized for this purpose by their respective Governments, have signed the present Convention and have affixed thereto their seals.

DONE at Rome in duplicate on 15 July 1954.

For the Royal Government of Denmark :
Holger BECH

For the Government of the Italian Republic :
Ludovico BENVENUTI