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on 3 October 1966**

*Official text: Danish.*

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NORVÈGE et SUÈDE**

**Accord relatif au Fonds culturel nordique. Signé à Copen-  
hague, le 3 octobre 1966**

*Texte officiel danois.*

*Enregistré par le Danemark le 27 novembre 1967.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8841. AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN ON A NORDIC CULTURAL FUND. SIGNED AT COPENHAGEN, ON 3 OCTOBER 1966

The Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, considering it desirable for cultural co-operation between the Nordic countries to be further developed and strengthened, and taking into account the Agreement of 23 March 1962<sup>2</sup> between the said countries concerning co-operation and recommendation No. 28/65 of the Nordic Council concerning a Nordic Cultural Fund, have decided to establish a cultural fund as a common endeavour and have in this connexion agreed as follows :

## PURPOSES

*Article 1*

The purpose of the Nordic Cultural Fund shall be to promote cultural co-operation between the Nordic countries.

*Article 2*

The Fund's sphere of activity shall comprise all aspects of Nordic cultural co-operation. Contributions from the Fund may therefore be made for purposes connected with science, education and training as well as with literature, music, pictorial art, the theatre, films and other forms of art.

*Article 3*

Grants may be made from the Fund for :

- (a) Nordic projects of a non-recurrent character such as expositions, publications, lectures, seminars and symposia;
- (b) Nordic projects of a more permanent character, during a limited experimental period determined by the governing body of the Fund;

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with article 20, the Agreement was provisionally applied as from 1 January 1967 and came into force on 1 July 1967, i.e., on the first day of the month commencing next after the date of deposit of the instruments of ratification by the Governments of all signatory States. The instruments of ratification were deposited with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark as follows :

Iceland . . . . .	19 December 1966	Finland . . . . .	23 May	1967
Norway . . . . .	27 January 1967	Sweden . . . . .	30 June	1967
Denmark . . . . .	29 March 1967			

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 434, p. 145.

- (c) Nordic-oriented studies;
- (d) Information activities both inside and outside the Nordic region relating to Nordic cultural co-operation and cultural matters in the Nordic countries.

#### *Article 4*

Except where special circumstances exist, a grant from the Fund may not be made for a project affecting fewer than three of the Nordic countries.

#### RESOURCES OF THE FUND

#### *Article 5*

The Fund shall be supplied each year with a total sum of 3 million Danish kroner, which shall be contributed by the Nordic countries in proportion to the size of their population; thus, Denmark shall contribute 23 per cent, Finland 22 per cent, Iceland 1 per cent, Norway 17 per cent and Sweden 37 per cent of the aforementioned sum.

#### *Article 6*

Resources supplied to the Fund shall be at the Fund's disposal even after the expiry of the year in which payment was made to the Fund.

#### *Article 7*

The Fund may acquire property through gift or testamentary disposition on the understanding that no condition attaches thereto which is incompatible with the purposes of the Fund.

#### ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND

#### *Article 8*

The administration of the Fund, the distribution of its resources and the general management of its affairs shall be in the hands of a governing body. Decisions concerning the acceptance of testamentary or other gifts and the investment of the Fund's deposited resources shall also be made by the governing body.

The governing body shall consist of ten members. Five of the members, one from each country, shall be appointed by the Nordic Council. The remaining members shall be appointed by the Governments, one member by each Government. A personal deputy shall be appointed for each member in the same manner.

The members and deputies shall be appointed for a period of two successive calendar years. If a member or deputy does not complete his term of office, a successor shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

A chairman and vice-chairman shall be selected by the governing body from among its members for one calendar year at a time. The office of chairman shall be held by the same country for two years in succession.

#### *Article 9*

The chairman or the vice-chairman and at least six other members of the governing body shall constitute a quorum.

Decisions of the governing body shall be made by a majority of the members present and voting. If a vote is equally divided, the chairman shall have the casting vote. A decision on the making of a grant from the Fund may not, however, be taken where both representatives of any one of the countries are opposed thereto.

#### *Article 10*

The governing body shall be assisted by a Nordic Cultural Commission as an advisory organ having the power to initiate proposals.

#### *Article 11*

The governing body may, as required, seek the opinion of experts.

#### *Article 12*

The governing body may engage a secretary and other necessary staff and may determine the salary of the staff.

#### *Article 13*

A travel and *per diem* allowance, computed according to criteria established by the governing body, may be paid to members and staff of the governing body from the resources of the Fund. Payment shall also be made from the resources of the Fund to defray the remuneration determined by the governing body for expert assistance and other expenses connected with the activities of the governing body and the administration of the Fund.

#### *Article 14*

The headquarters of the governing body shall be situated in the country which is represented by the chairman of the governing body.

*Article 15*

The governing body shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

## ACCOUNTS AND AUDITING

*Article 16*

The financial year of the Fund shall be the calendar year.

*Article 17*

Two auditors and their deputies shall be appointed by the Nordic Council for periods of two successive years for the purpose of reviewing the administration of the Fund and auditing the accounts.

*Article 18*

The governing body of the Fund shall submit the accounts and a report of its activity during the preceding calendar year to the auditors by 15 February of each year. The auditors shall submit their report to the governing body by 15 March.

*Article 19*

The reports of the governing body and the auditors shall be submitted to the Governments and the Nordic Council by 1 April. The decision on approval of the accounts and on the discharge of the governing body from liability shall be made by the Nordic Council.

## FINAL PROVISIONS

*Article 20*

This Agreement shall be ratified, and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited as soon as possible with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

The Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month commencing next after the date on which the instruments of ratification of all the Parties have been deposited. It may, however, be applied provisionally from 1 January to 30 June 1967, inclusive.

*Article 21*

If any of the Contracting Parties wishes to denounce the Agreement, written notification to that effect shall be given to the Danish Government, which shall immediately thereafter inform the other Contracting Parties, specifying the date on which the notification was received.

The Agreement shall terminate on the first day of the calendar year following the denunciation if notice of denunciation is received by the Danish Government by 30 June, and otherwise on the first day of the next following calendar year.

Upon the termination of the Agreement, the assets and liabilities of the Fund shall be distributed among the Contracting Parties in accordance with the percentage figures for each country given in article 5.

The Agreement shall be deposited with the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and certified copies thereof shall be transmitted by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs to each of the Contracting Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Copenhagen in one copy in the Danish language on 3 October 1966.

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