

**No. 9491**

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**DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY and SWEDEN**

**Agreement on the implementation of certain provisions concerning nationality. Signed at Copenhagen on 15 January 1969**

*Authentic texts: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish.*

*Registered by Denmark on 3 April 1969.*

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**DANEMARK, FINLANDE, NORVÈGE et SUÈDE**

**Accord relatif à la mise en œuvre de certaines dispositions concernant la nationalité. Signé à Copenhague le 15 janvier 1969**

*Textes authentiques: danois, finnois, norvégien et suédois.*

*Enregistré par le Danemark le 3 avril 1969.*

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY  
AND SWEDEN ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CER-  
TAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING NATIONALITY

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His Majesty the King of Denmark, the President of the Republic of Finland, His Majesty the King of Norway and His Majesty the King of Sweden have agreed to conclude the following Agreement on the implementation of the provisions of section 10 of the Danish Nationality Act No. 252 of 27 May 1950, as amended by Act No. 399 of 11 December 1968, of section 10 of the Finnish Nationality Act (No. 401) of 28 June 1968, of section 10 of the Norwegian Nationality Act of 8 December 1950, as amended by the Act of 20 December 1968, and of section 10 of the Swedish Nationality Act (No. 382) of 22 June 1950, as amended by the Act of 13 December 1968 (No. 704).<sup>2</sup>

*Article 1*

In the application of the provisions of section 1, paragraph 1 (2), of the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish Nationality Acts, birth within the territory of another Contracting State shall be placed on an equal footing with birth in Denmark, Norway or Sweden, as the case may be.

*Article 2*

In the application of section 3 of the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish Nationality Acts and of section 5 of the Finnish Nationality Act, residence in another Contracting State shall be placed on an equal footing with residence in the State whose nationality the applicant wishes to acquire, but only to the extent that such period of residence occurred before the applicant attained the age of sixteen years and more than five years before the application was made.

*Article 3*

In the application of section 4 of the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish Nationality Acts and of section 6 of the Finnish Nationality Act, residence in another Contracting State before the applicant attained the age of twelve years shall be placed on an equal footing with residence in the State whose nationality the applicant wishes to acquire.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 15 January 1969 by signature with retroactive effect from 1 January 1969, in accordance with article 8.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 90, p. 3.

*Article 4*

The provisions of section 8, paragraph 1, of the Danish, Norwegian and Swedish Nationality Acts shall not apply to persons who have resided in another Contracting State for a total period of seven years or more.

*Article 5*

A national of one Contracting State may acquire the nationality of another Contracting State by submitting an appropriate written application to the authority designated for the purpose by the latter State, provided that

- (1) He did not acquire the nationality of the former State by naturalization;
- (2) He has completed his eighteenth year;
- (3) He has been a resident of the other State for the past seven years;
- (4) He has not during that period been sentenced to a term of imprisonment or received a sentence entailing measures which in this respect have the same consequences as imprisonment under the law of the latter State.

In the application of the provisions of sub-paragraph 1 of the first paragraph, a person who acquired his nationality through the naturalization of one of his parents shall also be deemed to have acquired the said nationality by naturalization.

*Article 6*

A national of one Contracting State who has previously been a national of another Contracting State may, after having first taken up residence in the latter State, regain the nationality of that State by submitting an appropriate written application to the authority designated for the purpose by the said State.

Such application may, however, be made only if the applicant, since losing the nationality which he wishes to regain, has continuously had the nationality of one or more of the Contracting States.

*Article 7*

Where, under article 5 or article 6, a national of one Contracting State acquires the nationality of another Contracting State, his unmarried children under the age of eighteen years shall acquire the same nationality in accordance with the regulations in force under the nationality legislation of the State in question.

*Article 8*

This Agreement shall enter into force on 1 January 1969. As from that date, the Agreement concluded at Copenhagen on 21 December 1950<sup>1</sup> on the implementation of the provisions of section 10 of the Danish Nationality Act No. 252 of 27 May

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 90, p. 3.

1950, of section 10 of the Norwegian Nationality Act of 8 December 1950, and of section 10 of the Swedish Nationality Act (No. 382) of 22 June 1950 shall cease to have effect.

In the event of an amendment being made to the Finnish Nationality Act of 28 June 1968 or to any of the Acts specified in the first paragraph of this article, as amended by the laws enacted in 1968, the Agreement shall cease to have effect as between the State which has amended its legislation and the other States, unless the latter declare their willingness to continue to apply the provisions of the Agreement.

In addition, the Agreement may be terminated by any one of the States on 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 Copenhagen, in quadruplicate in the Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish languages, on 15 January 1969.

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