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**SWEDEN, FINLAND and NORWAY**

**Agreement concerning a joint Nordic pavilion at the Venice Biennale. Signed at Oslo on 23 July 1965**

*Authentic texts: Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian.*

*Registered by Sweden on 17 December 1974.*

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**SUÈDE, FINLANDE et NORVÈGE**

**Accord relatif à un pavillon nordique commun à la Biennale de Venise. Signé à Oslo le 23 juillet 1965**

*Textes authentiques : suédois, finnois et norvégien.*

*Enregistré par la Suède le 17 décembre 1974.*

## [TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN SWEDEN, FINLAND AND NORWAY CONCERNING A JOINT NORDIC PAVILION AT THE VENICE BIENNALE

The Governments of Sweden, Finland and Norway, which in 1962, in conformity with the Nordic Council's recommendation No. 3/1955, established a joint pavilion at the Venice Biennale, have agreed as follows:

## I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

*Article 1.* The Nordic pavilion at the Venice Biennale hereinafter called "the pavilion" and situated next to the 1932 Danish pavilion is intended to provide a setting for the artistic presentations of the Nordic countries at the biennial international exhibition of contemporary sculpture, painting and graphic arts to be held at Venice.

*Article 2.* The pavilion shall be the property of the Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian States, each of them owning one third. It is situated on land which, pursuant to a contract between the three countries and the city of Venice signed on 26 June 1961, is rented for a nominal annual compensation of 1,000 lire for the period up to 23 May 1980, with the option of renewal for a similar period.

It is expected that Iceland may be invited to participate in the exhibitions in the pavilion without becoming a part owner thereof.

*Article 3.* 1. Maintenance costs for the pavilion shall be met by State contributions from the participating countries, and both supervision and maintenance shall be the responsibility of each country in turn for periods of six years. During the first accounting period, from 12 June 1962 to 12 June 1968, Norway shall be responsible for supervision and maintenance. Administration shall then pass to Sweden, and thereafter to Finland.

2. Expenditures shall be shared equally between the participating countries; funds shall be advanced by the administering country, and the accounts relating to them shall be settled at the end of the financial year.

3. Damages due to fire and other accidental causes shall also be covered jointly by the three countries, each participating country being regarded as self-insurer for its share. If a country wishes to have its share insured, the administering country shall, upon special request, make arrangements to have the necessary policy drawn up.

*Article 4.* The Government of the administering country shall appoint an auditor for the pavilion's accounts. The auditor shall either be certified in the administering country or be an employee of that country's State auditing service.

## II. ADMINISTRATION

*Article 5.* 1. The administering country shall prepare a budget for each calendar year covering the regular expenditures and the expenditures for any necessary repairs, and the proposed budget shall be submitted, not later than 1 March of the preceding calendar year, to the other countries for approval.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 23 July 1965 by signature, in accordance with article 9.

2. At the end of each financial year the administering country shall prepare an annual report and balance-sheet and shall settle the accounts with the other countries.

3. The budget shall be prepared in the currency of the administering country, and the State contributions shall be paid in that currency.

4. The annual report and the balance-sheet shall be submitted to the Nordic Council by the Government of the administering country.

*Article 6.* In accordance with the lease with the city of Venice, the Ente Autonomo dell' Esposizione Biennale Internazionale d'Arte shall bear the local responsibility for the security of the pavilion. One of the two sets of keys to the pavilion shall be handed over to that institution. The other set of keys shall be held by the administering country's consular representative at Venice.

*Article 7.* In the year of the Biennale a building expert from one of the Nordic countries shall be assigned by the administering country to inspect the pavilion and propose any necessary repairs. Alternatively, the task may be assigned to a local expert if the competent authority deems it appropriate.

The assignment shall be made no later than February of the year in question. The expert shall also ensure that the pavilion is open and clean for handing over to the exhibition committee. After the closing of the exhibition the expert shall prepare an inventory and undertake the formal closing of the pavilion.

*Article 8.* Upon the expiry of a country's period of supervision and maintenance, one set of keys shall be delivered to the consular representative of the country which is to be responsible for supervision and maintenance during the next period. Delivery shall take place at the opening of the exhibition in the year in question.

Before the pavilion is handed over, a joint inspection shall be carried out with a view to ascertaining the need for repairs and taking decisions concerning the scope of any repairs to be made. A record stating the conclusions of the inspection shall be prepared.

### III. ENTRY IN TO FORCE AND PERIOD OF VALIDITY

*Article 9.* The Agreement shall enter into force when it has been signed by the Governments of all the participating countries and shall remain valid for a period of six years reckoned from the beginning of the first supervision period, 12 June 1962, unless it is denounced by one of the Parties at least one year before the expiry of the period.

If any of the participating States wishes to denounce the Agreement, the denunciation shall be made in writing to the Norwegian Government, which shall immediately inform the other States thereof and of the date on which the denunciation was received.

*Article 10.* The Agreement shall be deposited in Norway with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and certified copies shall be transmitted by the Ministry to the Government of each participating State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the plenipotentiaries have signed this Agreement, done at Oslo on 23 July 1965, in one copy in the Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian languages, all texts being equally authentic.

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