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PROTOCOL
between the Governments of
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden
concerning
the archives of the Sri Lanka Monitoring Mission (“the SLMM”)

WHEREAS

- the SLMM was established as an international structure with contribution from the Governments of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, hereinafter referred to as the Parties,
- the SLMM’s active operations terminated on 16 January 2008, and
- the SLMM has requested that the Parties safeguard the integrity of its archives after the completion of operations,

THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. In order to safeguard the archives and ensure their secure handling, a depository Agreement shall be concluded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, acting on behalf of SLMM, and the National Archives of Norway.
2. The Agreement referred to in Paragraph 1 shall be based on the following principles:
 - a. The archives shall not form part of a national public archive, but be deposited in conformity with relevant Norwegian laws and the terms of this Protocol.
 - b. The archives shall be inviolable.
 - c. The archives shall be maintained and systematized by the National Archives of Norway. Any Party to this Protocol may upon request receive information on the contents of the archives.
 - d. Any requests for access to information or documents contained in the archives shall be jointly considered and decided upon by the Parties to the present Protocol.
3. This Protocol shall be without prejudice to the Parties’ obligations under national administrative legal practice or national acts on public access to administration files.
4. The financial costs related to the Agreement referred to in Paragraph 1 shall for the first five years be allocated between the Parties. Thereafter, the costs shall be borne by Norway.
5. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Norway shall act as depository for this Protocol and register it with the Secretariat of the United Nations.
6. This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date on which all Parties have notified the depository of the completion of their internal procedures required to be bound it. The protocol shall remain in force unless terminated in writing by all Parties.