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**United Nations (United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and  
the Empowerment of Women)  
and  
Denmark**

**Agreement between the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and the Government of Denmark relating to the office in Copenhagen of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (with exchange of letters and annexes). New York, 23 April 2013**

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**Nations Unies (Entité des Nations Unies pour l'égalité des sexes et  
l'autonomisation des femmes)  
et  
Danemark**

**Accord entre l'Entité des Nations Unies pour l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation de la femme et le Gouvernement du Danemark concernant le bureau à Copenhague de l'Entité des Nations Unies pour l'égalité des sexes et l'autonomisation de la femme (avec échange de lettres et annexes). New York, 23 avril 2013**

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[ ENGLISH TEXT – TEXTE ANGLAIS ]

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE  
UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY  
AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF DENMARK  
RELATING TO THE OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN OF THE  
UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE  
EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN**

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, (hereinafter referred to as "UN Women") and the Government of Denmark, represented by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, (hereinafter referred to as "the Government"),

**CONSIDERING** that UN Women was established as a separate and identifiable entity by General Assembly decision 64/289 of 21 July 2010;

**CONSIDERING** that, by her decision as stated in a letter to the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations of 7 June 2012 (attached hereto as Annex I), the Executive Director of UN Women informed that she had decided to accept the generous offer of the Government of Denmark as stated in a letter to the Executive Director from the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations of 31 May 2012 (attached hereto as Annex II) to host UN Women's Nordic Liaison Office in the new UN City in Copenhagen according to the provisions outlined in the said letter;

**CONSIDERING** that UN Women is an integral part of the United Nations, whose status, privileges and immunities are governed by the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946, to which Denmark acceded on 10 June 1948, without reservation;

**CONSIDERING** that it is desirable to conclude an Agreement, complementary to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, to regulate questions not envisaged in that Convention arising as a result of the location of a UN Women Liaison Office in Denmark;

**Have agreed as follows:**

**Article I**  
***Definitions***

In the present Agreement,

- (a) "Archives" means all records, correspondence, documents, publications, manuscripts, photographs, films, recordings, computer data files and software belonging or held by UN Women, wherever located;
- (b) "Convention" means the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 13 February 1946;
- (c) "Country" means Denmark;
- (d) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of UN Women or his / her authorized representative;
- (e) "Experts on missions" means individuals, other than officials of UN Women, performing missions on behalf of UN Women within the scope of Articles VI and VII of the Convention;
- (f) "Liaison Office" means all the UN Women offices and premises, installations and facilities made available to or occupied, maintained or used by UN Women in Copenhagen and any sub-offices which may be established in Denmark, with the written consent of the Government;
- (g) "Officials of the Liaison Office" means the Head of the Office and all UN Women personnel, assigned to serve in the Liaison Office, irrespective of nationality, with the exception of persons who are recruited in Denmark and assigned to hourly rates;
- (h) "the appropriate Danish Authorities" means national, departmental, local and other competent authorities under the laws and regulations of Denmark;

**ARTICLE II**  
***Juridical personality and capacity***

UN Women, acting through its Liaison Office, shall have the capacity:

- (a) To contract;
- (b) To acquire and dispose of immovable and movable property;
- (c) To institute legal proceedings.

**ARTICLE III**  
***Purpose***

The purpose of this Agreement is to regulate the status of the Liaison Office and its personnel, and to ensure the availability of the necessary privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies to enable UN Women to perform fully and effectively its functions, including its scheduled programmes of work and any related activities.

**ARTICLE IV**  
***Mandate, general objectives and standards of operation of UN Women***

UN Women's mandate is as set out in United Nations General Assembly decision 64/289 of 21 July 2010 and successive decisions of the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE V**  
***Status of the Liaison Office***

1. UN Women, its property, funds and assets wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from every form of legal process, except insofar as in any particular case where the Secretary-General of the United Nations has expressly waived its immunity. It is understood, however, that no waiver of immunity shall extend to any measure of execution.

2. The premises of UN Women shall be inviolable. The property, funds and assets of UN Women, wherever located and by whomsoever held, shall be immune from search, requisition, confiscation, expropriation and any other form of interference, whether by executive, administrative, judicial or legislative action.

3. The Archives of UN Women, and in general all documents belonging to or held by it, shall be inviolable.

4. The appropriate Danish Authorities shall not enter the Liaison Office premises to perform any official duties, except with the express consent of the Executive Director and under conditions agreed to by him or her.

5. UN Women shall have the power to make regulations, operative within the Liaison Office, for the purpose of establishing therein conditions in all respects necessary for the full execution of its functions. No law of Denmark which is inconsistent with a regulation of UN Women authorized by this paragraph shall, to the extent of such inconsistency, be enforceable within the Liaison Office. Any dispute between UN Women and the Government as to whether a regulation of UN Women is authorized by this paragraph or as to whether a law of Denmark is inconsistent with any regulation of UN Women authorized by this paragraph, shall promptly be settled by the procedure set out in Article XXIV, paragraph 2. The regulations set out in this Article shall not prevent the reasonable application of protective measures to be taken by the competent Danish authorities in case of an emergency such as a fire.

6. Juridical actions, including service of legal process and the seizure of private property, shall not take place within the Liaison Office, except with the consent of, and under conditions approved by the Executive Director.

7. Without prejudice to the provisions of the Convention or this Agreement, UN Women shall prevent the Liaison Office from being used as a refuge by persons who are avoiding arrest under any law of Denmark, who are required by the Government for extradition to another country, or who are endeavouring to avoid service of legal process.

8. The appropriate Danish authorities shall make every possible effort to secure upon the request of the Head of the Liaison Office the public services needed by UN Women, including, without limitation by reason of this enumeration, postal, telephone, and telegraph services and power, water and fire protection services. Such public services shall be supplied on equitable terms.

9. In case of any interruption or threatened interruption of the aforesaid services, the appropriate Danish authorities shall consider the needs of the Liaison Office as being of equal importance with those of essential agencies of the Government, and shall take steps accordingly to ensure that the work of UN Women is not prejudiced.

10. Any location in or outside Copenhagen which may be used temporarily for meetings by UN Women or the United Nations shall be deemed, with the written concurrence of the Government, to be included in the Liaison Office district for the duration of such meetings.