

No. 8841

**DENMARK, FINLAND, ICELAND,
NORWAY and SWEDEN**

**Agreement on a Nordic Cultural Fund. Signed at Copenhagen,
on 3 October 1966**

Official text: Danish.

Registered by Denmark on 27 November 1967.

**DANEMARK, FINLANDE, ISLANDE,
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. AGREEMENT¹ 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 1962² 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;

¹ 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		

² 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.