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**UNITED NATIONS
(OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES)
and
SWEDEN**

Agreement regarding the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees representative for Nordic countries to be situated in Stockholm. Signed at Geneva on 31 August 1985 and at Stockholm on 30 September 1985

Authentic text: English.

Registered ex officio on 1 February 1990.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(HAUT COMMISSARIAT DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS)
et
SUÈDE**

Accord relatif à l'établissement à Stockholm d'un bureau du représentant des pays nordiques du Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés. Signé à Genève le 31 août 1985 et à Stockholm le 30 septembre 1985

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Enregistré d'office le 1^{er} février 1990.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN AND
THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUG-
GEES REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORDIC COUNTRIES TO BE SITUATED IN
STOCKHOLM

THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN AND THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

CONSIDERING that Sweden is a party to the 1951 United Nations
Convention relating to the Status of Refugees² and the 1967 Protocol thereto;³

CONSIDERING that the Government of Sweden (hereinafter referred to as
"the Government") and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
(hereinafter referred to as the "High Commissioner" or, alternatively,
"UNHCR") have agreed to establish a Regional Office of the UNHCR (hereinafter
referred to as the "UNHCR Regional Office") for Denmark, Finland, Iceland,
Norway and Sweden (hereinafter referred to as the "Nordic countries"), located
in Stockholm;

CONSIDERING that the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of
the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on
13 February 1946⁴ (hereinafter referred to as the "General Convention"), to
which Sweden acceded on 28 August 1947, is applicable to UNHCR, a subsidiary
organ of the United Nations established pursuant to Article 22 of the Charter
of the United Nations as an integral part of the United Nations;

CONSIDERING that it is desirable to regulate further certain matters
relating to the establishment of the UNHCR Regional Office in Stockholm;

NOW THEREFORE the Government and the UNHCR have entered into this
agreement through the undersigned representative of the Government and the
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1986, the date agreed upon in an exchange of notes (of 20 and 24 December 1985) by which the Parties notified each other of the completion of their required procedures, in accordance with section 17.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, p. 137.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 606, p. 267.

⁴ *Ibid.*, vol. 1, p. 15, and vol. 90, p. 327 (corrigendum to vol. 1, p. 18).

Article I
FUNCTIONS

Section 1

The UNHCR Regional Office will exercise in Sweden and in the other Nordic countries the functions assigned to it by the High Commissioner pursuant to Art. 35 of the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, the Statute of the Office of UNHCR and the subsequent General Assembly resolutions relating to the provision of international protection and assistance to refugees and asylum-seekers.

Section 2

The Government shall - in accordance with the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees - grant the Regional UNHCR Representative and his staff free access in Sweden to refugees falling under the UNHCR mandate and persons seeking asylum or recognition of their refugee status.

Article II
STATUS OF THE UNHCR REGIONAL OFFICE

Section 3

The premises of the UNHCR Regional Office and the residences of the Representative, his Deputy and other internationally recruited UNHCR staff shall be inviolable.

Section 4

The appropriate Swedish authorities shall exercise due diligence to ensure the security and protection of the premises of the UNHCR Regional Office and its staff.

Section 5

The UNHCR Regional Office shall have the right to import into Sweden free of tax or import duties its official vehicles, office furniture, machinery and