

No. 3141

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

**Convention (with Final Protocol) respecting reciprocity in
the granting of maternity assistance. Signed at Reyk-
javik, on 20 July 1953**

*Official texts: Swedish (two texts, one for Sweden and one for Finland), Danish,
Finnish, Icelandic and Norwegian.*

Registered by Sweden on 3 February 1956.

**SUÈDE, DANEMARK, FINLANDE,
ISLANDE et NORVÈGE**

**Convention (avec Protocole final) relative à l'assistance
réciproque en cas de maternité. Signée à Reykjavik, le
20 juillet 1953**

*Textes officiels suédois (deux textes, l'un pour la Suède et l'autre pour la Finlande),
danois, finnois, islandais et norvégien.*

Enregistrée par la Suède le 3 février 1956.

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION]

No. 3141. CONVENTION² BETWEEN SWEDEN, DENMARK,
FINLAND, ICELAND AND NORWAY RESPECTING
RECIPROCITY IN THE GRANTING OF MATERNITY
ASSISTANCE. SIGNED AT REYKJAVIK, ON 20 JULY
1953

His Majesty the King of Sweden, His Majesty the King of Denmark, the President of the Republic of Finland, the President of the Republic of Iceland and His Majesty the King of Norway, having decided to conclude a convention respecting reciprocity in the granting of maternity assistance, have appointed as their plenipotentiaries :

His Majesty the King of Sweden :

Mr. G. E. Sträng, Cabinet Minister and Head of the Ministry of Social Affairs;

His Majesty the King of Denmark :

Mr. Poul Sørensen, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs;

The President of the Republic of Finland :

Mr. Vieno Simonen, Minister of Social Affairs;

The President of the Republic of Iceland :

Mr. Steingrímur Steinthórsson, Prime Minister and Minister of Social Affairs;

His Majesty the King of Norway :

Mr. Aaslaug Aasland, Minister of Social Affairs,

who, having been duly furnished with full powers for that purpose, have agreed on the following :

Section 1

Each contracting country hereby undertakes, in accordance with the provisions of this Convention, to provide a woman who is staying in that country and is a national of another contracting country with maternity assistance.

For the purposes of this Convention a woman who is not herself a national of a contracting country but who is or was last married to a national of such country shall be treated as a national of a contracting country.

¹ Translation by International Labour Office (International Labour Office, *Legislative Series*, May-June 1955), with the exception of the preamble of the Convention and the sixth paragraph of the Final Protocol.

² Came into force on 1 September 1954, in accordance with section 7, the instruments of ratification having been deposited in Reykjavik by Sweden on 29 January 1954, by Denmark on 9 February 1954, by Finland on 1 June 1954, by Iceland on 22 January 1954, and by Norway on 13 May 1954.

A woman who was formerly a national of one of the contracting countries and has not acquired the nationality of any other country shall also be treated as a national of a contracting country.

Section 2

In this Convention the term "maternity assistance" means relief and care provided in respect of pregnancy and confinement under the general provisions in force at the time in the countries concerned.

Section 3

The provisions of the country of residence respecting the granting of maternity assistance to the nationals of that country shall apply as regards the conditions for entitlement to maternity assistance under this Convention.

The Convention shall not apply to a person who belongs to the foreign service of any of the other contracting countries.

Section 4

The cost of providing maternity assistance under this Convention shall be defrayed in full by the country of residence.

Section 5

This Convention shall in no way limit the right of each contracting country to make general provisions respecting the right of aliens to stay in the country :

Provided that such provisions shall not make it possible for this Convention to be evaded.

Section 6

The competent authorities in the contracting countries shall have power to conclude agreements respecting the detailed rules necessary for the administration of this Convention.

Section 7

This Convention shall be ratified, and the instruments of ratification shall be deposited as soon as possible at the Iceland Foreign Ministry.

This Convention shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the expiration of two calendar months from the exchange of the instruments of ratification.