

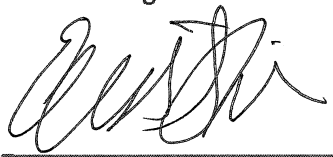
**Joint Statement of the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark  
On The Resolution of the  
Thule Base Maintenance Contract Acquisition Matter**

The people of Denmark, Greenland, and the United States have long maintained a strong and positive partnership in the Arctic. For more than 60 years, the Kingdom of Denmark, including Greenland, and the United States have cooperated to provide for the defense of Europe and North America through mutually beneficial operations at Thule Air Base. Similarly, the partnership between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United States has endured through times of prosperity and times of challenge, and we remain close friends and Allies, working together on a wide range of critical global issues to achieve a better, more secure world for all. The United States has an interest in maintaining a presence at Thule Air Base, and in continuing the mutually beneficial relationship with the Kingdom of Denmark, including Greenland.

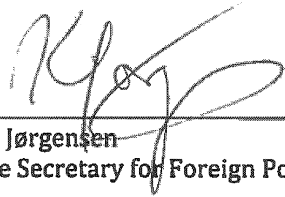
Following the award of the Thule Air Base Maintenance Contract, the Kingdom of Denmark approached the United States to discuss concerns relating to the interpretation of international agreements between the two governments pertaining to the definition of a Danish/Greenlandic enterprise. On March 11, 2015, high-level consultations between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United States began in Washington, DC, regarding the international agreements applicable to the Thule Air Base Maintenance Contract solicitation. The representatives developed a framework intended to resolve, expeditiously and through diplomatic channels, all issues between the two governments relating to the interpretation of those international agreements in accordance with Article XIII(2) of the 1951 Defense of Greenland Agreement (as amended), and are conducting further consultations to this end.

The United States and the Kingdom of Denmark are endeavoring to address the concerns as follows:

- The United States and the Kingdom of Denmark have established an expert working group to develop a mutually acceptable definition of a Danish/Greenlandic enterprise.
- The U.S. Air Force intends to conduct a new acquisition and issue a new request for proposals for the Thule Air Base Maintenance Contract once there is agreement between the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark regarding what constitutes a Danish/Greenlandic enterprise.
- The U.S. Air Force intends then to competitively award a Thule Air Base Maintenance Contract. The United States and the Kingdom of Denmark will determine to what degree, if any, competition will be limited.



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