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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of note no. 056 of July 16, 2008 which reads as follows:

“The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark and has the honor to refer to recent discussions between representatives of the two governments regarding procedures for procurement of services for the U.S. Air Base at Thule, Greenland.

As a result of the discussions regarding Article IV of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark (Including the Home Rule Government of Greenland), concerning use of Sondrestrom aviation facility, Kulusuk airfield, and other matters related to United States military activities in Greenland, signed March 13, 1991 (1991 MOU), the Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, hereby proposes to replace Article IV, paragraph 1 of the 1991 Memorandum of Understanding in its entirety with the following:

“In accordance with their respective laws and regulations, either Party may award contracts to commercial enterprises for goods and services, including construction projects, in Greenland, and shall procure directly from Danish/Greenlandic sources. When procurement from such sources is not feasible, U.S. requirements may be satisfied by procurement from U.S. or other sources. Either Party may use its own military or civilian personnel to perform services or construction projects.”

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of Denmark, the Embassy proposes that this note, together with the Ministry's reply to that effect, shall constitute an agreement between the two governments, which shall inter into force on the date of the Ministry's reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America,
Copenhagen, July 16, 2008".

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honour to accept the proposal and declare that the note and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between our two countries which shall enter into force on the date of this note.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Copenhagen, January 27 2009

