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# Agreement

between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom  
of Denmark on the Participation in Certain Elections of Nationals of Each Country  
Resident in the Territory of the Other

Copenhagen, 8 February 2024

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*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
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**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT  
BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE KINGDOM OF  
DENMARK ON THE PARTICIPATION IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS OF  
NATIONALS OF EACH COUNTRY RESIDENT IN THE TERRITORY OF  
THE OTHER**

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Denmark, hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”;

*Desiring* to further strengthen and consolidate the existing relations between the Parties and the close friendship that traditionally unites their nations;

*In view of* the migration of the Parties’ nationals between the Parties’ territories and the importance that the Parties attach to the facilitation of the integration of the other Party’s nationals resident in their territory;

*Desiring* to continue to encourage the social and political participation of the other Party’s nationals resident in their territory;

*Considering* that it is desirable to promote the participation of nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resident in Denmark in local elections;

*Considering* that it is desirable to promote the participation of nationals of the Kingdom of Denmark resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in local elections;

*To this end*, desiring that nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resident in Denmark participate in Denmark’s local elections;

*To this end*, desiring that nationals of the Kingdom of Denmark resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland participate in the United Kingdom’s local elections;

*And considering* that participation in the elections by the Parties’ nationals resident in the territory of the other, to which the Agreement refers, will allow greater integration and will promote their political and social rights;

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Agreement:

1) “*local elections*” - in relation to the United Kingdom means:

- a) local government elections,
- b) mayoral elections, and
- c) combined authority mayoral elections,
- d) combined county authority mayoral elections

as defined in the United Kingdom’s legislation;

2) “*local elections*” - in relation to the Kingdom of Denmark means:

- a) municipal council elections in Denmark (kommunalbestyrelsesvalg),
- b) regional council elections in Denmark (regionsrådsvalg),
- c) binding local referenda in Denmark (bindende kommunale folkeafstemninger),

as defined in the Kingdom of Denmark’s legislation;

3) “*nationals of the United Kingdom*” - has the meaning given by the Declaration of 13 December 2007 by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the definition of the term ‘nationals’ in the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as it had effect on the date on which it was made; and

4) “*United Kingdom*” - means the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

## ARTICLE 2

### **Entitlement of resident nationals of the United Kingdom to vote and/or to stand in local elections in Denmark**

The Kingdom of Denmark grants to nationals of the United Kingdom who are legally resident in Denmark and registered in the Civil Registration System (*Det Centrale*

*Personregister*) the rights to vote and/or to stand as candidates in local elections in Denmark subject to the same conditions as citizens of the European Union who are not nationals of the Kingdom of Denmark.

#### ARTICLE 3

##### **Entitlement of resident nationals of the Kingdom of Denmark to vote and/or to stand in local elections in the United Kingdom**

- 1) The United Kingdom grants to nationals of the Kingdom of Denmark who are legally resident in the United Kingdom the rights to vote and/or to stand as candidates in local elections in the United Kingdom subject to the same conditions as nationals of the United Kingdom.
- 2) This Article shall not affect the rights of nationals of the Kingdom of Denmark who are legally resident in the United Kingdom to vote and/or to stand in other elections in the United Kingdom, which shall continue to be governed by domestic law.

#### ARTICLE 4

##### **Notification on changes in domestic law**

The Governments of the Parties shall notify each other on changes to the franchise in their domestic law that are relevant to the scope and implementation of the Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 5

##### **Amendments**

- 1) The Agreement may be amended by written agreement between the Parties.
- 2) Any amendments of the Agreement shall enter into force pursuant to the conditions specified in Article 7 of the Agreement.

#### ARTICLE 6

##### **Settlement of Disputes**

Any disputes concerning the interpretation, application or implementation of the

Agreement shall be resolved solely by negotiation between the Parties.

#### ARTICLE 7

##### **Entry into force**

- 1) The Parties shall notify each other through diplomatic channels on the completion of their respective internal requirements necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement.
- 2) The Agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of the receipt of the later of the notifications referred to in paragraph 1.
- 3) This Agreement shall not apply to nationals of the United Kingdom resident in the territory of the Faroe Islands and Greenland.

#### ARTICLE 8

##### **Duration and termination**

- 1) The Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period.
- 2) Either Party may terminate the Agreement by giving written notification to the other Party. In such case the Agreement shall terminate 30 days after the day of receipt of the termination notification through diplomatic channels.
- 3) Termination of this Agreement shall not affect the mandates of nationals of the Parties who are elected in local elections during the period that this Agreement is in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorised thereto by their respective Parties, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Copenhagen this eighth day of February 2024, in the English and the Danish languages with both texts being equally authentic.

**For the United Kingdom of  
Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland:**

**EMMA HOPKINS**

**For the Kingdom of Denmark:**

**NIKOLAJ STENFALK**



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