



**Agreement between the Kingdom of Denmark and  
the International Criminal Court on the Enforcement of  
Sentences of the International Criminal Court**

**ICC-PRES/12-02-12**

**Date of entry into force: 5 July 2012**

**Official Journal Publication**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT ON  
THE ENFORCEMENT OF SENTENCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

The International Criminal Court (hereinafter referred to as “the Court”) and  
The Kingdom of Denmark (hereinafter referred to as “Denmark”),

**PREAMBLE**

**RECALLING** Article 103 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted on 17 July 1998 by the United Nations Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries (hereinafter referred to as “the Rome Statute”), according to which sentences of imprisonment pronounced by the Court shall be served in a State designated by the Court from a list of States which have indicated their willingness to accept sentenced persons;

**RECALLING** Rule 200 of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Court (hereinafter referred to as the “Rule(s)”), according to which the Court may enter into bilateral arrangements with States with a view to establishing a framework for the acceptance of persons sentenced by the Court, consistent with the Rome Statute;

**RECALLING** the widely accepted international treaty standards governing the treatment of prisoners including the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners approved by ECOSOC resolutions 663 C (XXIV) of 31 July 1957 and 2067 (LXII) of 13 May 1977, the Body of Principles for the Protection of all Persons under any Form of Detention or Imprisonment adopted by General Assembly resolution 43/173 of 9 December 1988, and the Basic Principles for the Treatment of Prisoners adopted by General Assembly resolution 45/111 of 14 December 1990;

**NOTING** the willingness of Denmark to accept persons sentenced by the Court;

**IN ORDER** to establish a framework for the acceptance of persons sentenced by the Court and to provide for conditions under which the sentences will be enforced in territory of Denmark;

**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

## **Article 1**

### ***Purpose and scope of the Agreement***

This Agreement shall regulate matters relating to or arising out of the enforcement of sentences imposed by the Court in prison facilities made available by Denmark.

## **Article 2**

### ***Procedure***

1. The Presidency of the Court (hereinafter referred to as "the Presidency"), when notifying the requested State of its designation to enforce a sentence in a particular case, shall transmit to Denmark inter alia the following information and documents:
  - a) the name, nationality, date and place of birth of the sentenced person;
  - b) a certified copy of the final judgment of conviction and the sentence imposed;
  - c) the length and commencement date of the sentence, any pre-trial detention and the time remaining to be served;
  - d) after having heard the views of the sentenced person, any necessary information concerning the state of his or her health, including any medical treatment that he or she is receiving, and any other information relevant to the enforcement of the sentence, including any security aspects;
  - e) any documents that the International Criminal Court may have which show that the convicted person has any ties with Denmark.
2. Denmark shall submit the notification of the designation to the competent national authorities.
3. The competent national authorities of Denmark shall without delay decide upon the Court's designation, in accordance with its national law, and inform the Presidency as soon as there is a final decision on the matter.
4. Denmark may at any time withdraw its conditions of acceptance for the inclusion in the List of States of enforcement. Any amendments or additions to such conditions shall be subject to confirmation by the Presidency.

## **Article 3**

### ***Delivery***

The Registrar of the Court, in consultation with the competent national authorities of Denmark, shall make appropriate arrangements for the proper conduct of delivery of the sentenced person from the Court to the territory of Denmark.

## **Article 4**

### ***Enforcement***

1. Subject to the conditions contained in this Agreement, the sentence of imprisonment shall be binding on Denmark, which shall in no case modify it.
2. The enforcement of a sentence of imprisonment shall be subject to the supervision of the Court and shall be consistent with widely accepted international treaty standards governing treatment of prisoners.
3. After delivery of a sentenced person to the competent authorities of Denmark, the Court may request the temporary transfer of the sentenced person to the custody of the Court for purposes of identification or for obtaining testimony or other assistance, in accordance with Article 93, paragraph 7 of the Rome Statute, and conditional on his or her return to the territory of Denmark within the period decided by the Court. The time spent in the custody of the Court shall be deducted from the term of the overall sentence remaining to be served in Denmark. ‘
4. The Presidency may authorize the temporary extradition of the sentenced person to a third State for prosecution only if it has obtained assurances which it deems to be sufficient that the sentenced person will be kept in custody in the third State and transferred back to Denmark, after the prosecution.

## **Article 5**

### ***Supervision of enforcement***

In order to supervise the enforcement of sentences of imprisonment, the Presidency may, inter alia:

- a) when necessary, request any information, report or expert opinion from Denmark or from any reliable sources;
- b) where appropriate, delegate a judge of the Court or a member of the staff of the Court who will be responsible, after notifying Denmark, for meeting the sentenced person and hearing his or her views, without the presence of national authorities of Denmark;
- c) where appropriate, give Denmark an opportunity to comment on the views expressed by the sentenced person under paragraph (b) of this article.

## **Article 6**

### ***Conditions of imprisonment***

1. The conditions of imprisonment shall be governed by the law of Denmark and shall be consistent with widely accepted international treaty standards governing treatment of

prisoners; in no case shall such conditions be more or less favorable than those available to prisoners convicted of similar offences in Denmark.

2. Denmark shall notify the Presidency of any circumstances, including the exercise of any conditions agreed when declaring its willingness to be included in the List of States of enforcement, which could materially affect the terms or extent of the imprisonment. The Presidency shall be given at least 45 days' notice of any such known or foreseeable circumstances. During this period, the requested State shall take no action that might prejudice its obligations. Where the Presidency can not agree to the aforementioned circumstances, it shall inform the requested State and transfer the sentenced person to a prison of another State.
3. When a sentenced person is eligible for a prison programme or benefit available under the national law of Denmark which may entail some activity outside the prison facilities, Denmark shall communicate that fact to the Presidency, together with any relevant information or observation, to enable the Court to exercise its supervisory function.

#### **Article 7**

##### ***Inspection***

1. The competent national authorities of Denmark shall allow the inspection of the conditions of imprisonment and treatment of the sentenced person(s) by the International Committee of the Red Cross (hereinafter referred to as "the ICRC") at any time and on a periodic basis, the frequency of visits to be determined by the ICRC. The ICRC will submit a confidential report based on the findings of these inspections to Denmark and to the Presidency.
2. Denmark and the Presidency shall consult each other on the findings of the reports referred to in paragraph 1 of this article. The Presidency may thereafter request Denmark to report to it any changes in the conditions of imprisonment suggested by the ICRC.

#### **Article 8**

##### ***Communication***

1. Communications between a sentenced person and the Court shall be unimpeded and confidential.
2. The Presidency and Denmark shall establish appropriate arrangements for the exercise by sentenced persons of his or her right of communication with the Court.

## **Article 9**

### ***Ne bis in idem***

The sentenced person shall not be tried before a court of Denmark with respect to conduct which formed the basis of crimes for which the person has already been convicted or acquitted by the Court.

## **Article 10**

### ***Rule of speciality***

1. The sentenced person in the custody of Denmark shall not be subject to prosecution, punishment or to extradition to a third State for any conduct engaged in prior to that person's transfer to the territory of Denmark, unless such prosecution, punishment or extradition has been approved by the Presidency at the request of Denmark.
2. When Denmark intends to prosecute or punish the sentenced person, it shall notify its intention to the Presidency and transmit the following documents:
  - a) A statement of the facts of the case and their legal characterization;
  - b) A copy of any applicable legal provisions, including those concerning the statute of limitation and the applicable penalties;
  - c) A copy of any sentence, warrant of arrest or other document having the same force, or of any other legal writ which the State intends to enforce;
  - d) A protocol containing views of the sentenced person obtained after the person has been informed sufficiently about the proceedings.
3. In the event of a request for extradition made by a third State, Denmark shall transmit the entire request to the Presidency with a protocol containing the views of the sentenced person obtained after informing the person sufficiently about the extradition request.
4. The Presidency may, in relation to paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article, request any document or additional information from Denmark or the third State requesting the extradition.
5. The Presidency shall make a determination as soon as possible. This determination shall be notified to all those who have participated in the proceedings. If the request submitted under paragraphs 2 and 3 of this article concerns the enforcement of a sentence, the sentenced person may serve that sentence in Denmark or be extradited to a third State only after having served the full sentence pronounced by the Court.
6. Paragraph 1 of this article shall cease to apply if the sentenced person remains voluntarily for more than 30 days in the territory of Denmark after having served the full sentence imposed by the Court, or returns to the territory of that State after having left it.

## **Article 11**

### ***Appeal, and revision***

The Court alone shall have the right to decide on any application for appeal and revision. Denmark shall not impede the making of any such application by the sentenced person.

## **Article 12**

### ***Reduction of sentences, early release and pardon***

1. The Court alone shall have the right to decide any reduction of sentence, and shall rule on the matter after having heard the person.
2. Denmark shall not release the person before expiry of the sentence pronounced by the Court.
3. If, pursuant to the applicable national law of Denmark, the convicted person is eligible for early release or pardon, Denmark shall notify the Presidency accordingly.
4. The Court will give its view as to whether early release or pardon is appropriate. Denmark will take these views into consideration and respond to the Court prior to taking any decision in the matter.
5. Following receipt of response, the Court may request that Denmark transfer the convicted person to another State following a decision of the Court in accordance with the Rome Statute and the Rules.

## **Article 13**

### ***Escape***

1. If the sentenced person has escaped, Denmark shall, as soon as possible, advise the Registrar by any medium capable of delivering a written record.
2. If the sentenced person escapes from custody and flees the territory of Denmark, Denmark may, after consultation with the Presidency, request the person's extradition or surrender from the State in which the person is located pursuant to any existing bilateral or multilateral arrangements, or may request that the Presidency seek the person's surrender, in accordance with Part 9 of the Rome Statute.
3. If the State in which the sentenced person is located, agrees to surrender him or her to Denmark, pursuant to either international agreements or its national legislation, Denmark shall so advise to the Registrar in writing. The person shall be surrendered to Denmark as soon as possible if necessary in consultation with the Registrar, pursuant to Rule 225 of the Rules.

4. If the sentenced person is surrendered to the Court, then the Court shall transfer him or her to Denmark. Nevertheless, the Presidency may, acting on its own motion or at the request of the Prosecutor or of Denmark, designate another State, including the State to the territory of which the sentenced person has fled.
5. In all cases, the entire period of detention in the territory of the State in which the sentenced person was in custody after his/her escape and, where paragraph 4 of this article is applicable, the period of detention at the seat of the Court following the surrender of the sentenced person from the State in which he/she was located shall be deducted from the sentence remaining to be served.

#### **Article 14**

##### ***Change in designation of State of enforcement***

1. The Presidency, acting on its own motion or at the request of the sentenced person or the Prosecutor, may, at any time, decide to transfer a sentenced person to a prison of another State.
2. A sentenced person shall be entitled, at any time, to apply to the Presidency to be transferred from Denmark.
3. If the Presidency decides not to change Denmark as State of enforcement, it shall notify the sentenced person, the Prosecutor, the Registrar and Denmark.

#### **Article 15**

##### ***Termination of enforcement***

1. The enforcement of the sentence shall cease:
  - a) when the Court's sentence has been completed;
  - b) upon the demise of the sentenced person;
  - c) following a decision of the Court to transfer the sentenced person to another State in accordance with the Rome Statute and the Rules;
  - d) upon release following proceedings under Article 12 of this Agreement for the pardon of the convicted.
2. The competent national authorities of Denmark shall terminate the enforcement of the sentence as soon as they are informed by the Court of any decision or measure as a result of which the sentence ceases to be enforceable.

## **Article 16**

### ***Transfer of the sentenced person upon completion of the sentence***

1. Following completion of the sentence, the sentenced person who is not a national of Denmark may, in accordance with the law of Denmark, be transferred to a State which is obliged to receive him or her, or to another State which agrees to receive him or her, taking into account any wishes of the person to be transferred to that State, unless Denmark authorizes the person to remain in its territory.
2. Subject to the provisions of Article 10 of this Agreement, Denmark may also, in accordance with its national law, extradite or otherwise surrender the person to a State which has requested the extradition or surrender of the person for purposes of trial or enforcement of a sentence.

## **Article 17**

### ***Impossibility to enforce sentences***

1. If, at any time after the decision has been taken to enforce a sentence, further enforcement has, for any legal or practical reasons and beyond the control of the competent national authorities, become impossible, Denmark shall promptly inform the Presidency.
2. The Court shall make appropriate arrangements for the transfer of the sentenced person.
3. The competent national authorities of Denmark shall allow at least 60 days following the notification of transfer by the Presidency before taking other measures on the matter.

## **Article 18**

### ***Information***

1. Denmark shall immediately notify the Presidency of the following:
  - a) the completion of the sentence by the sentenced person, two months prior to the completion of the sentence;
  - b) if the sentenced person has escaped;
  - c) if the sentenced person has deceased; and
  - d) a request of extradition of the sentenced person, including the documents and information referred to in Article 10, paragraph 3 of this Agreement.
2. Denmark shall notify the Presidency, 30 days before the scheduled completion of sentence served by the sentenced person, the relevant information concerning the intention of Denmark to authorize the person to remain in its territory or the location where it intends to transfer the person.

3. Denmark shall notify the Presidency of any important event concerning the sentenced person, and of any prosecution of that person for events subsequent to his or her transfer.

## **Article 19**

### ***Costs***

1. The ordinary costs for the enforcement of the sentence in the territory of Denmark shall be borne by Denmark.
2. Other costs, including those for the transport of the sentenced person from and to the seat of the Court and to and from the territory of Denmark, shall be borne by the Court.
3. In case of escape, the costs associated with the surrender of the sentenced person shall be borne by the Court if no State assumes responsibility for them.

## **Article 20**

### **General cooperation**

1. The competent national authorities of Denmark shall take all necessary measures to ensure the efficient execution of this Agreement and to ensure the appropriate security, safety and protection of the sentenced persons.
2. The ultimate responsibility for the fulfillment of obligations provided in this Agreement shall rest with Denmark.
3. The Court and Denmark shall designate a focal point to facilitate the implementation of this Agreement. All communications from the Court in respect of this Agreement shall be directed to the Ministry of Justice, Slotsholmsgade 10, DK-1216 Copenhagen K.

## **Article 21**

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

This Agreement shall enter into force upon receipt by the International Criminal Court of written notification by the Denmark that the necessary internal formalities have been complied with which will allow the Agreement to enter into force.

## **Article 22**

### ***Amendments***

This Agreement may be amended, after consultation, by mutual consent of the parties.

**Article 23**

***Termination of the Agreement***

Upon consultation, either party may terminate this Agreement, with two months prior written notice. Such termination shall not affect sentences in force at the time of the termination, and the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply until such sentences have been completed, terminated or, if applicable, the sentenced person has been transferred in accordance with Article 13 of this Agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, duly authorized thereto, have signed this Agreement.

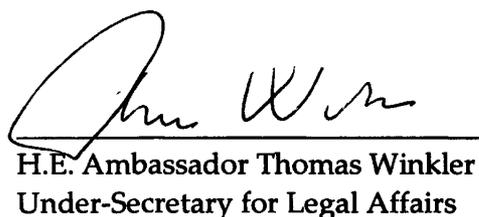
Done at *Kampala* this *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *June*, 2010, in duplicate, in the English language.

A certified Danish translation is annexed to the Agreement.

**FOR THE COURT**

**FOR THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Sang-Hyun Song  
President of the International Criminal Court

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
H.E. Ambassador Thomas Winkler  
Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs