

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION

BETWEEN: **The Government of Nunavut**

 and

 The Greenland Home Rule Government

WHEREAS:

Greenland and Nunavut share certain elements of their history and development;

Greenland and Nunavut are geographic neighbors, with many common and similar natural features and characteristics;

The people of Greenland and Nunavut have extensive personal, cultural and social relationships; and

In recognition of the importance of these connections and wishing to foster and maintain them for the mutual benefit of their respective citizens, the Greenland Home Rule Government and the Government of Nunavut signed a Memorandum of Intent to develop a cooperation agreement that would result in an on-going working relationship between the two jurisdictions.

THE PARTIES THEREFORE AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

Principles

1. Mutual recognition by the parties of their respective interests and a commitment to ongoing cooperation between them is desirable and advantageous for the conduct of government business and the well-being of their citizens.
2. The parties may from time to time agree to cooperate or collaborate formally or informally on any matter within their respective jurisdictions. This Memorandum of Understanding shall not be interpreted to either require or exclude cooperation on any specific matter, and nor shall it in any way limit the ability of either party to independently determine and pursue its own objectives or priorities.
3. Cooperation under this Memorandum of Understanding will be realized in

accordance with the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction.

Joint action and cooperation

4. On the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, and on an annual basis thereafter, the parties will meet to formally consider and determine priority issues or initiatives for the coming year and to review progress on current or completed matters. Where the parties agree it would be desirable to do so, specific priorities and initiatives may be attached as appendices to this Memorandum of Understanding.
5. Initiatives pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding may take the following forms:
 - (a) sharing of information and research;
 - (b) review of practices and procedures;
 - (c) collaboration or joint representation on mutual issues;
 - (d) personnel training and development, including loans and exchanges of personnel;
 - (e) development of joint programs or services;
 - (f) common use of facilities or resources; or
 - (g) any other form which the parties agree would be practical in the circumstances.
6. Work plans will be developed to carry out agreed-upon initiatives.
7. Unless otherwise specifically agreed to in advance, each party shall bear the costs of its own participation and involvement in any initiatives flowing from this Memorandum of Understanding.

Coordination and Implementation

8. Each party will designate an office or senior official to be responsible for the coordination and implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding. The designated officials will maintain communication on a frequent and as needed basis to share information on matters of relevance to both parties; to monitor ongoing initiatives; to consider additional matters which might be addressed; and to include those in the work plans as appropriate.
9. The designated offices or officials shall encourage and facilitate, as appropriate, the direct contacts between officials of their respective governments, including the conclusion of working arrangements on the implementation of specific projects and programs.

Amendment and termination

10. This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect unless amended or cancelled.
11. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by written agreement of the parties.
12. Either party may terminate its involvement in this Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months prior notice in writing to the other party.

Review

13. The Parties agree that once every three (3) years this Memorandum of Understanding will be reviewed to ensure that the terms and conditions are mutually acceptable. It is also agreed that the annual objectives and progress achieved will be the subject of a joint annual review by both parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in Nuuk, on this [24th] day of [October], 2000.

[Original signed]

[Original signed]

The Honourable Paul Okalik
Premier
Government of Nunavut

The Honourable Jonathan Motzfeldt
Premier
Government of Greenland

APPENDIX 'A'

Matters requiring particular focus and priority

As outlined in Section 4 of this Memorandum of Understanding, the two governments are in agreement that the following list contains subject areas that are of a high priority.

Without limiting the desirability of close cooperation on other topics, the Government of Nunavut and Greenland Home Rule Government recognize a particular need to maintain close, ongoing working relations with respect to the following matters:

- i. Agreement between Statistics Greenland and the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics on the collection and exchange of data and related studies.
- ii. Cooperation in the area of Human Resources, Staff Training and Professional Development.
- iii. Cooperation to ensure the sustainable management of the polar bear populations common to both Greenland and Nunavut.
- iv. Cooperation on the sustainable fisheries management in the waters common to Greenland and Nunavut.
- v. Cooperation and exchange of expertise in the areas of energy conservation and waste disposal.