

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Concerning the Establishment of a  
Secretariat of the Northern Dimension Partnership  
in Public Health and Social Well-Being**

The Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of the Republic of Finland, the Federal Ministry of Health of the Republic of Germany, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Iceland, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Latvia, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Health and Care Services of the Kingdom of Norway, the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Poland, the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of the Kingdom of Sweden, hereinafter referred to as the "Partners".

Recognizing the importance of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being;

Considering the necessity of administrative support to the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being;

Have reached the following understanding:

*Section I*

*Aim*

The Partners intend to establish a Secretariat to provide administrative, analytical and technical support to the Committee of Senior Representatives (CSR) activities within the framework of the Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-being.

*Section II*

*Objective*

The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding is to facilitate co-operation between the Partners with a view to concluding an agreement on the establishment of a Secretariat.

*Section III*

*Envisaged Contents of Agreement*

The agreement envisaged in Section II will include provisions on legal capacity, structure and functions of the Secretariat in order to provide such legal capacity as may be necessary for the exercise of its functions and the fulfilment of its purposes.

*Section IV*

*Location*

The location of the Secretariat is to be determined by the Partners.

*Section V*

*Amendments*

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Partners.

*Section VI*

*Termination*

Any Partner may withdraw from this Memorandum of Understanding by giving three months written notice. The Partners will consult to determine how any outstanding issues should be dealt with.

*Section VII*

*Legal Status of this Memorandum of Understanding*

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any legal obligations. The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Partners on the matters referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in a single copy in the English language. All Partners will receive a certified copy of the signed Memorandum of Understanding.

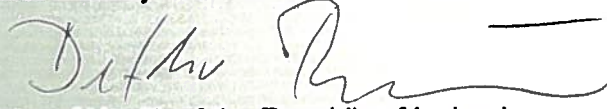
Signed in Oslo this 25th day of November 2009

For the Ministry of Social Affairs of the Republic of Estonia



For the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health of the Republic of Finland

For the Federal Ministry of Health of the Federal Republic of Germany



For the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Iceland

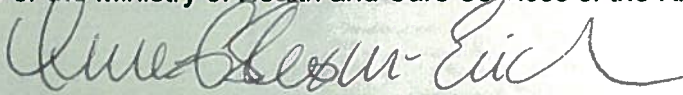


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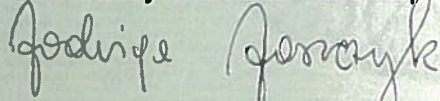


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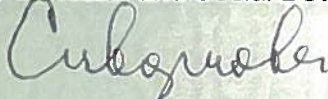
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