

PARTNERSHIP DECLARATION

between

**the
United States of America**

and

**the
Faroe Islands**

concerning

Increased Cooperation

PARTNERSHIP DECLARATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FAROE ISLANDS CONCERNING INCREASED COOPERATION

The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and The FAROE ISLANDS, hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”;

ACKNOWLEDGING common strategic and economic interests in the North Atlantic and the Arctic and conscious of their strong partnership based on common principles and values, including respect for the rule of law, human rights, and free market values;

COMMITTED TO the principles of equality, transparency, good faith, and mutual respect;

RECOGNIZING shared interest in furthering cooperation and strengthening the relationship between the United States and the Faroe Islands for mutual economic, scientific, and cultural benefit;

CONSIDERING the respective and unique scientific, technical, regulatory, and policy expertise of the United States and the Faroe Islands;

REAFFIRMING the social and economic benefits of tourism, sustainable use of marine resources, and their intent to continue development of renewable energy;

RECOGNIZING the aspiration of both Participants to expand and diversify trade between the United States and the Faroe Islands;

NOW THEREFORE reach the following understanding:

1. This Partnership Declaration marks the beginning of strengthened cooperation between the United States and the Faroe Islands in areas of mutual interest, including, but not limited to:
 - Regional Affairs, including search and rescue, marine resource management, research and education, and environmental protection;
 - Scientific Cooperation, including energy policy and renewable energy, marine and oceanographic research, and health;
 - Cultural Cooperation, including education and the arts; and
 - Economic Cooperation, including sustainable economic development, entrepreneurship, innovation, tourism, and trade.
2. The Participants intend to mobilize their respective expertise to work together to foster cooperation between governmental agencies, academic institutions, and private sector representatives in both the United States and Faroe Islands.
3. By their joint determination, and subject to applicable laws and regulations, the Participants may invite other entities to participate in the cooperative activities carried out within the framework of this Partnership Declaration. Such entities may include governmental agencies, other entities of the Participants’ respective governments, universities, science and research centers, institutes and institutions, private sector firms, and those of regional partner countries. The costs of such participation are

expected to be the responsibility of the entities that incur them and subject to applicable laws and regulations.

4. This Partnership Declaration does not impose any legal obligations on the Participants and is not intended to constitute a commitment or obligation of funds by either Participant.
5. The implementation of this partnership is expected to be overseen by a representative from each Participant, appointed by each Participant. Unless otherwise decided, the United States will be represented by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs in charge of Nordic, Baltic, and Arctic Security Affairs policy, and the Faroe Islands will be represented by the Director of the Foreign Service. The representatives intend to convene a joint session once a year to review implementation and identify, as mutually determined, additional activities that would benefit from the Participants' cooperation, including additional senior-level meetings as appropriate.
6. This Partnership Declaration is intended to become operative upon signature. A Participant that wishes to withdraw its participation in this Declaration should endeavor to provide at least 90 days advance written notification to the other Participant. Such withdrawal is intended to discontinue the operation of this Partnership Declaration. Such discontinuation is not intended to affect the implementation of ongoing activities facilitated under this Declaration prior to discontinuation.

Signed at Tórshavn this _____ day of November, 2020.

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