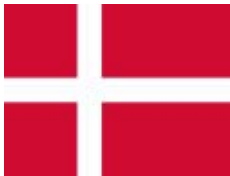


UNESCO CONVENTIONS IN THE FIELD OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property (Paris, 14 November 1970) - Withdrawal of territorial declaration by Denmark



By [LA/DEP/2003/012](#), UNESCO informed you that, on 26 March 2003, Denmark deposited with the Director-General its instrument of ratification of the above-mentioned Convention. The instrument contained the following “temporary reservation” which read as follows:

“ ... until further decision, the Convention will apply neither to the Feroe Islands nor to Groenland” [original : French].

By [LA/DEP/2004/014](#), UNESCO informed you that, on 27 May 2004, with regard to the above declaration, Denmark informed the Director-General that:

“...the Greenland Home Rule authorities have expressed the wish that Greenland be covered by the said Convention. Denmark therefore withdraws its declaration made upon ratification of the Convention to the effect that until further notice the Convention should not apply to Greenland.”

The UNESCO Secretariat then requested a clarification concerning the terminology used, and on 19 August 2004, Denmark informed the Secretariat that the above-mentioned “declaration” (which had been termed a “temporary reservation” previously) should be described as a “territorial declaration”.

On 17 April 2008, with regard to the above territorial declaration made upon ratification, Denmark informed the Director-General that:

“ ...the Government of the Faroes has expressed the wish that the Faroes be covered by the said convention. Denmark therefore withdraws its temporary reservation made upon ratification of the Convention to the effect that until further notice the Convention should not apply to the Faroes.”

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Acceptance by Sri Lanka of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (Paris, 17 October 2003)



On 21 April 2008, Sri Lanka deposited with the Director-General its instrument of acceptance of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. In accordance with the terms of its Article 34, the aforementioned Convention will enter into force with respect to Sri Lanka three months after the date of the deposit of its instrument, that is to say on 21 July 2008.

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