AGREEMENT ON SOCIAL SECURITY BETWEEN DENMARK AND THE PHILIPPINES

As of December 1, 2015, a social convention has been agreed between Denmark and the Philippines, which means that Filipinos, who meet certain conditions have social rights in Denmark.

The conditions are as follows:

<u>* A minimum of 3 years' residence in Denmark, including a minimum of one</u> <u>year of paid work.</u>

Employment on Danish ship(s) (DIS) = residence/paid work in Denmark. (All periods of pay after March 31, 1957 may be totaled)

If the conditions are fulfilled, the person in question will have social rights including

- * Old-age pension according to Danish law
- * Early retirement pension (due to disability) according to Danish law

Old-age Pension

In Denmark, old-age pension is awarded at different ages depending on the time of birth:

<u>Date of birth</u>	<u>Retirement age</u>
December 31, 1953 or earlier	65 years
January 1, 1954 – June 30, 1954	65,5 years
July 1, 1954 – December 31, 1954	66 years
January 1, 1955 – June 30, 1955	66,5 years
July 1, 1955 – December 31, 1962	67 years
January 1, 1963 or later	68 years
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Old-age pension is granted in proportion to the number of years of paid work in Denmark.

Early Retirement Pension

In Denmark, it is possible to be entitled to a pension prior to the old-age pension age. This is possible for a person incapable of obtaining paid employment due to disability reasons. Please note that this right is obtained according to Danish conditions, which are very strict.

Contact information regarding Danish pension in the Philippines

We recommend that you contact the nearest SSS Office in the Philippines about 6 months before the time of Danish retirement pension. Request that the office contact the Danish authorities about an application for payment of pension from Denmark. In exceptional cases, alternative contact may be made directly to the "responsible Danish authority" (see below).

Responsible Danish Authority

Udbetaling Danmark – International Pension Kongens Vaenge 8 3400 Hilleroed Denmark +45 70128055 ipos@atp.dk

Documentation of periods at sea

It is possible to contact the Danish Maritime Authority and request a hard copy containing periods of employment on Danish ships (especially from 1986 and onwards).

The Danish Maritime Authority Carl Jacobsens Vej 31 2500 Valby Denmark +45 72196000 <u>sfs@dma.dk</u>

Alternatively and additionally, contact should be made to the ship owner(s), where the relevant person has been employed. Copies of pay slips and contracts of employment may also apply.

The agreement between Denmark and The Philippines

The full agreement: <u>https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=175415&exp=1</u> Article 11 concerns "Benefits under Danish legislation"

Example Old-age Pension

Amount of years with income from Denmark: 5. 5 x 6.063 / 40 = 758 Danish kroner per month (in the year of 2016)

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