

**Joint Press Statement on the Occasion of the Official Visit to Denmark by  
H.E. Prime Minister Chung Hong-won**

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Within the context of the strategic partnership between Denmark and Korea, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Chung Hong-won, paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Denmark on 20-22 October 2013. Prime Minister Chung's visit included bilateral talks with the Prime Minister of Denmark, H.E. Helle Thorning-Schmidt, participating in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Danish-Korean Green Growth Alliance as well as the Global Green Growth Forum (3GF) 2013.

The Prime Ministers met on 22 October and discussed bilateral, regional and multilateral issues of common interest and reconfirmed their commitment to the strategic partnership between Denmark and Korea. Within the framework of the strategic partnership and the Korean-Danish Green Growth Alliance, the Governments of Korea and Denmark have promoted sustainable growth and green cooperation between relevant organizations of the public and private sector.

The Prime Ministers agreed on the mutual benefit of the strategic partnership and alliance and welcomed the results achieved in political, economic, scientific and cultural areas as well as in the international arena.

Discussing the situation on the Korean Peninsula, Prime Minister Thorning-Schmidt reconfirmed the Danish Government's commitment to contribute to lasting peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula and full support for the Trust Building Process on the Korean Peninsula, initiated by the President Park Geun-hye of the Republic of Korea.

Expressing grave concern over North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, the Prime Ministers stressed that North Korea's nuclear and ballistic missile programmes are unacceptable and urged North Korea to abide by, inter alia, its international obligations under the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and the Joint Statement of 19 September of the Six-Party Talks.

The Governments of Denmark and Korea support sustainable global growth and public-private partnerships through mutual support for the GGGI initiated by Korea and the 3GF initiated by Denmark.

Acknowledging many shared opportunities and challenges to future sustainable growth and employment, the Prime Ministers agreed to foster, in the framework of the strategic partnership, existing cooperation and synergies across a broader range of issues and sectors of common interest. Taking into account the ambitious goals contained in the Korean Government's vision for a Creative Economy and the Danish Government's strategy for Denmark at Work as well as the

establishment of an Innovation Centre of Denmark in Seoul, the Prime Ministers furthermore agreed to expand cooperation in research, innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship as well as small and medium-sized enterprise development in future-oriented sectors such as information and communication technology (ICT), design, health and welfare and maritime and offshore technology. In this context, the Prime Ministers agreed to continue joint efforts for further cooperation in the abovementioned issues and sectors within the framework of the strategic partnership.

At the 3rd meeting of the Green Growth Alliance focusing on maritime-related green cooperation, with the theme of Green Shipping, the Prime Ministers agreed to further strengthen the existing cooperation in this area within which Denmark and Korea have wide-ranging interests and globally competitive industries. The participation of representatives of relevant Danish and Korean companies and institutions provided both sides with opportunities to explore concrete possibilities for future cooperation.

Prime Minister Chung extended an invitation to Prime Minister Thorning-Schmidt to visit Korea, which was received with sincere gratitude.