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We forward herewith the answer to Question no. 605 (ordinary part) that the Danish Parliament's Legal Affairs Committee submitted to the Minister for Justice on 11 February 2011.
The question was asked at the request of Line Barfoed (The Unity List – the Red-Green Alliance).

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Question no. 605 (ordinary part) from the Danish Parliament's Legal Affairs Committee:

“Has the Danish police force collaborated with the police forces from the Baltic States on joint investigation teams with regard to human trafficking?
If yes, what has their experience of such collaboration been?
If no, what are the reasons for this?”

Answer:

In order to answer this question, the Ministry of Justice obtained a statement from the National Commission of the Danish Police who provided the following information:

“The Danish police take part in international cooperation in a number of different forums, including in relation to combating human trafficking.

The National Commission of the Danish Police collaborates with the other EU Member States within the framework of European police cooperation (Europol) on combating human trafficking, among other matters.

As part of this cooperation, the Danish police take part in operative meetings in Europol on an ongoing basis. In 2010, Denmark collaborated with Germany and Sweden in connection with the investigation of human trafficking, on the basis of which a trilateral investigation was implemented. In this connection consideration was given to the feasibility of establishing a joint investigation team, which was not, however, considered necessary in the concrete case.

We can also inform you that there was bilateral contact between the Danish and Romanian police in 2009 and 2010 occasioned by an extensive investigation conducted by Copenhagen Police Force in connection with human trafficking. This collaboration resulted in a number of Romanian citizens being arrested and handed over to Denmark by the Romanian authorities. The people in question were subsequently found guilty of human trafficking and sentenced to longer terms of imprisonment varying from 14 months to three years.

Furthermore, we can also inform you that the National Commission of the Danish Police regularly discusses common problems with the police forces of the other Nordic countries, including human trafficking, within the framework of Nordic Police and Customs Cooperation (PTN cooperation).

Over and above this, inquiries are regularly made in and by foreign countries regarding concrete cases that are being investigated.”