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Dear Nordic friends,

I would like to start by thanking you for participating in the twin city meeting in Frederiksberg in May last year and for your positive feedback.

The City of Frederiksberg has, as you know, been part of this Nordic circle of twin cities since the late 1940s – almost 70 years of collaboration. Frederiksberg has greatly benefited from this collaboration, both through friendships and professional relationships.

The twin city collaboration of Danish municipalities has typically involved a number of traditions, but currently finds itself in a time of fermentation, considering the output of such formalised collaboration as for example the large twin city meetings. At the same time, the Danish municipalities are financially strained, requiring continuous streamlining of their activities and services. Therefore, Frederiksberg wants to maintain this collaboration in the future, but in the form of a bilateral professional collaboration.

In continuation hereof, on January 11 the Finance Committee of Frederiksberg decided to modify the twin city collaboration and budget, which means that the City of Frederiksberg will only be participating with a small delegation and as guests at the traditional twin city meetings – for example with a delegation consisting of three politicians and relevant directors. Therefore, in the future Frederiksberg will neither participate in the planning of twin city meetings nor send a large delegation.

Insofar as you consider this to be in agreement with your view on the twin city collaboration, the City of Frederiksberg – in order to maintain contact – would like to participate in future twin city meetings as guests and with a small group only; naturally, Frederiksberg will be happy to pay for all of their expenses in connection with such meetings. Once you have decided on a theme for the 2017 twin city meeting, we are also happy to participate with presentations. As mentioned, Frederiksberg would like to be part of a bilateral and professional collaboration, serving as inspiration to us all.

The administration will get back to you as soon as possible with an answer as to whether the Youth Council in Frederiksberg will be able to handle the contact concerning Frederiksberg's youth delegation in connection with future twin city meetings.

Throughout the years, the NORDEN Association in Frederiksberg has played a very important role in our twin city collaboration, and good relationships and collaboration have been established with the NORDEN Association in the other Nordic cities. We expect this close collaboration between the NORDEN Association Frederiksberg and the NORDEN Association of the other Nordic cities to continue.

I hope for your understanding and look forward to continuing our good collaboration in concrete projects, serving as inspiration to us all.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jørgen Glenthøj', written in a cursive style.

Jørgen Glenthøj
Mayor