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Dear Mayor and friends in Hafnarfjordur,

The collaboration between the City of Frederiksberg and Hafnarfjordur has existed for many years, and Frederiksberg has greatly benefited from this collaboration, both through friendships and professional relations. Our contact is tied to a series of traditions, including the large formalised twin city meetings and the annual Christmas present from Frederiksberg to Hafnarfjordur and its citizens – a Christmas tree.

As mentioned in my last letter to you, Frederiksberg is currently trying to adjust and thereby maintain our twin city collaboration in the future, but in the form of more bilateral professional collaboration. As mentioned, the natural consequence hereof is that the City of Frederiksberg will not participate in the planning meeting on May 25-27 this year. However, if it is in accordance with your plans, we are happy to send a small delegation to the 2017 twin city meeting. 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.

Furthermore, I can inform you that the Finance Committee in Frederiksberg has decided, as part of the mentioned alteration of the twin city collaboration, that the City of Frederiksberg as of 2016 will no longer be sending Christmas trees to Iceland.

I hope we can continue to meet in various contexts to discuss common professional challenges.

Kind regards,

Jørgen Glenthøj
Mayor