

NORDIC COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN RELATION TO EMERGENCIES Embassies of Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland in Nicaragua

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The Embassies of Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland in Nicaragua undertake to coordinate their respective action plans for an emergency response, and to cooperate on an operational level in the event of a crisis that affects nationals of the Nordic countries in Nicaragua.

The Nordic cooperation on an operational level automatically comes into force when citizens from two or more of the countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Iceland are/or are presumed to be involved in or affected by a crisis.

If only one country's citizens are involved the remaining four countries will initially offer any necessary support within the embassies area of responsibility and capability.

Agreed Nordic policy on emergencies

The Nordic cooperation includes (depending on the specific situation)

- ongoing dialogue on risk assessment and contingency plans;
- joint exercises;
- alerting one another in case of crises;
- joint operations HQ /close liaison network;
- joint / coordinated information gathering and sharing during crises;
- servicing of each other's nationals / joint field representation;
- coordinating actions;
- coordinating press lines.

Apart from Nordic cooperation the embassies of Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Iceland will also be part of EU-cooperation in Nicaragua. This cooperation is expected to be supplementary to the Nordic cooperation and primarily be in the form of

- ongoing dialogue on risk assessment and contingency plans;
- alert of one another in case of crises;
- information sharing during crisis.

Nothing in this plan will prevent Nordic countries from acting individually based on own instructions or law and the contingency plan and any actions must furthermore respect the individual countries legal and institutional framework.

Coordination of Emergency Plans

1. Frequency of coordination

Representatives from the Nordic embassies' shall meet in order to update plans every 6th week or whenever changes in the security situation in Nicaragua substantiate a revision of the plans.

2. Assessment risks and sharing of information.

Information of relevance to the identified risks or new risks in Nicaragua will be shared on an ongoing basis, and meeting convened for further discussion if deemed necessary.

3. Mapping of Nordic resources in Nicaragua

The Nordic embassies will seek to establish a Nordic regional liaison network of contact persons covering the whole of Nicaragua.

4. Action plans and contact numbers in Nicaragua

The Nordic embassies will prepare individual but coordinated specific action plans for various crisis scenarios. These plans will include a section on envisioned extent of Nordic coordination and cooperation.

Preparation will include sharing of ideas on equipment/supplies needs assessment, setting up standard structures, documents/forms, training/carry out exercises.

The Nordic embassies will work out jointly a list of contact numbers. The list will be updated every 6th months on a rotational basis or whenever new information arises.

Operational measures in case of an emergency

1. Alert, contact responsibility and first actions

In case of an emergency situation, where nationals of one or more of the Nordic countries are believed to be involved, contact shall be established immediately between the persons responsible for the security at each of the four embassies.

Early response/decision on actions, including to what extent Nordic cooperation is relevant, will be based on information like:

- area, nature and extent of disaster (is it over or evolving), event etc;
- number of persons potentially involved and their nationality;
- Nordic resources available in relation to the crisis.

2. Crisis management implementation

As a general rule, whenever Nordic cooperation makes practical sense, this should be pursued. However, a few issues should be taken into consideration:

- in order to be visible, to have direct contact with national press etc., the Nordic Ambassadors might have to be present in person at the crisis location (if a specific location exists);
- nationals will as far as possible prefer in a crisis situation to be served by own country representatives;
- policies, rules of payment etc. might differ between Nordic countries.

Elements in Nordic crisis management implementation are the following:

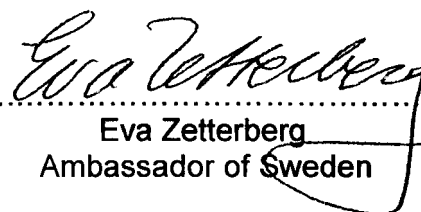
- division of responsibilities between the officers at the Nordic embassies;
- setting up of a joint Nordic field representation at the Danish and the Swedish Embassies.

The Chief Officer in a crisis situation will be the Ambassador of Denmark, Mr. Thomas Schjerbeck with the Ambassador of Norway, Mr. Kristen Christensen as deputy. The Ambassador of Sweden will be in charge of the contacts with media with the Charge d'Affaires of Iceland, Gisli Pálsson, as deputy.

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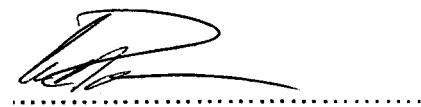
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