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Dear Ministers,

Re: Proposed review of Translatørloven 1988

I am writing in support of all three Danish associations of professional translators and interpreters (Translatørforeningen, Kommunikation og Sprog, Danske Translatører) with the respect to the proposed changes.

Denmark has been a bastion of open and fair society with pioneering social structures that are the model and envy of countries all over the world. The visionary Translatørloven of 1988 preceeded the Directive 2005/36/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005. The proposed abolition of the authorisation is therefore most concerning and is deemed a backward step.

Through the implementation of this Act and the dedication of the three aforementioned professional associations, the Danish government has enjoyed reliable rendition of foreign documents and professional portrayal of Danish documents abroad. The Danish government and the wider Danish people ought to be proud of its very high level of translation and interpreting services. Rather than abolishing this Act, its coverage especially in less common European languages, languages of limited diffusion and emerging languages should be encouraged. This can maintain and enhance the reputation of Denmark and the Danish language, and may I add, with minimal cost to your government and taxpayers.

Whilst not all of the aforementioned professional associations are current members of FIT (Fédération Internationale des Traducteurs/International Federation of Translators), I am writing to you as FIT deemed this current proposal to be a threat to users of translation and interpreting services in Denmark and the wider reputation of Denmark in the European and international stage. The Federation is the global voice of associations of translators, interpreters and terminologists actively involved in professional issues like implementation of best practices, which FIT considers Translatørloven 1988 as one of the best practice models.

I thank you for your kind consideration on this matter. I can assure you that the Danish professional associations can work closely with you, your ministries and your government towards improved implementation of this Act. In the event where international experts are needed, please do not hesitate to contact me as FIT will be very happy to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely,



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President