

APPENDIX 1: MEMORANDUM DATED 6 DECEMBER 2000

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THE DANISH-GERMAN DECISION ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF A FIXED LINK ACROSS FEHMARN BELT

A fixed link across Fehmarn Belt for road and railway is recognised as an integrated part of the development of the Trans-European transport networks – a network through the territory of the Community of the European countries having the specific objectives of ensuring the sustainable mobility of persons and goods under the best possible social, environmental and safety conditions.

The Ministers confirm that the Danish Ministry of Transport and the German Ministry of Transport, Building and Housing attach great political importance to the implementation of a fixed link across Fehmarn Belt. The structure would not least stand as a symbol of the cultural and trade cooperation between Germany, Denmark, and the other Nordic countries. The development of such a large project will require a complex planning process, and thoroughly investigations are necessary to reveal, which financial construction would be most efficient for the implementation of the project.

It is confirmed that road and railway improvement ashore arising from establishing a fixed link across Fehmarn Belt would be regarded as investments which should be funded by the state budgets, whereas the coast-to-coast section would be regarded as an investment project where financial risk taken by the private sector could be highly beneficial to the project realisation.

With the aim to acquire further knowledge of private sector involvement in the implementation of the project Trafikministeriet, Denmark, and Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Bau und Wohnungswesen, Germany, are on this day instituting a Danish-German Project Organisation to launch an Enquiry of Commercial Interest (ECI) with the aim to investigate the willingness and ability of the private sector to design, build, finance and operate a fixed link across Fehmarn Belt.

The Project Organisation consists of a Steering Committee and the Fehmarnbelt Development Joint Venture as outlined in "Rules of Procedure concerning the institution of a Danish-German Project Organisation". The Project Organisation shall report to the Governments in 2002 with the aim that a political decision concerning the continuation of the project can be taken before end of 2002.

Done at Berlin, 6 December 2000

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