NOTING that in case the Parties decided, within the scope of this Agreement, to enter into specific agreements in the area of freedom, security and justice which were to be concluded by the Union pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the provisions of such future specific agreements would not bind the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and/or Ireland unless the Union, simultaneously with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and/or Ireland as regards their respective previous bilateral relations, notifies Japan that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and/or Ireland has/have become bound by such future specific agreements as part of the Union in accordance with Protocol (No 21) on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union; noting that any subsequent Union internal measures which were to be adopted pursuant to Title V of Part Three of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to implement this Agreement would not bind the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and/or Ireland unless they have notified their wish to take part in or accept such measures in accordance with Protocol (No 21); and also noting that such future specific agreements or such subsequent Union internal measures would fall within Protocol (No 22) on the position of Denmark, annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

Purpose and general principles

1. The purpose of this Agreement is for the Parties to:

(a) strengthen the overall partnership between the Parties by furthering political and sectoral cooperation and joint actions on issues of common interest, including regional and global challenges;

(b) provide a long-lasting legal foundation for enhancing bilateral cooperation as well as cooperation in international and regional organisations and fora;

(c) contribute jointly to international peace and stability through the promotion of peaceful settlement of disputes in conformity with the principles of justice and international law; and

(d) contribute jointly to the promotion of shared values and principles, in particular democracy, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental freedoms.

2. In pursuance of the purpose set out in paragraph 1, the Parties shall implement this Agreement based on the principles of mutual respect, equal partnership and respect for international law.