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Voortouwcommissie: **vaste commissie voor Europese Zaken**  
Volgcommissie(s): vaste commissie voor Binnenlandse Zaken en Koninkrijksrelaties  
vaste commissie voor Justitie

Bewindsperso(n)en:

Activiteit: **Gesprek**  
Datum: dinsdag 10 maart 2009  
Tijd: 16.00 - 17.00 uur  
Openbaar/besloten: besloten

Onderwerp: heer Morten Kjaerum, directeur Europees Grondrechtenbureau

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Agendapunt: **Gesprek met de heer Morten Kjaerum, directeur van het EU-Fundamental Rights Agency (Europees Grondrechtenbureau) zie bijgevoegde informatie.**

N.B. Het gesprek vindt plaats in de Eerste Kamer.

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Griffier: D.F. Huisinga

Activiteitsnummer: 2009A00948

## **Curriculum Vitae - Morten Kjærum**

### **BORN**

30 March 1957

### **NATIONALITY**

Danish

### **EDUCATION**

LLM, University of Aarhus, Denmark, January 1984

### **PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

2008 -  
Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

2003 - 2008  
Executive Director, the Danish Institute for Human Rights, and Co-director, the Danish Centre for International Studies and Human Rights.

1991-2002  
Executive Director, the Danish Centre for Human Rights

1984-1991  
Head of the Asylum Department, the Danish Refugee Council

### **UN COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) since 2002. CERD is composed of 18 experts elected for a term of four years by the States parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

### **PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS**

2004 elected president of the International Coordination Committee for National Human Rights Institutions (ICC). ICC is the official network of national human rights institutions, which among other tasks coordinates the relation between the UN and national institutions to the UN Commission on Human Rights and other relevant UN institutions.

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS**

An expert within the field of international human rights law and development of methodologies and strategies for the implementation of human rights. Considerable international experience and strong networks gained by membership of a number of local, regional and international organizations and through partnership programs with governments, civil society and the private sector in all parts of the world. Solid management and leadership skills based on previous and present management posts. A highly experienced speaker and lecturer and has published extensively in Danish, Nordic and international journals.

### **KEY TASKS IMPLEMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS**

Human Rights Dialogues:

#### Iran

- November 2002-. Expert participant in the EU delegation to the EU-Iran Dialogue. Head of the secretariat of the EU/Iran Dialogue.
- 2001-. Initiating Iranian-Danish human rights dialogue.

#### China

- February 1998-2002. Expert participant in the EU delegation to the EU-China Human Rights Dialogue.

Team leader of/expert participant in human rights missions for the EU and Danida to inter alia:

### Middle East

- April 2003. Heading Danish delegation to Kuwait in relation to the reconstruction of Iraq after the war. (Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs).
- 1997 -. Initiated the establishment of the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network

### China

- December 1999. Mission at the request of the EU presidency in order to identify the obstacles perceived by the Chinese government and other relevant Chinese institutions and individuals regarding the abolition of the death penalty
- September 1999-. Project on torture prevention and death penalty - Danida.

### Southern Africa

- 1994-2002. Strategic planning, Ministry of Justice South Africa – Danida
- 1994-1996. Establishment of EU human rights foundation South Africa – EU
- 1993-1998. Support of the consolidation of the democratic development and the strengthening of human rights awareness in Lesotho – Danida
- 1993-1995. Establishment of the Botswana Centre for Human Rights - Danida.

### The Balkans

- 2001-2002. Strategic planning, Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Interior, Serbia – Fresta (Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- 1994-2002. Initiate and develop the Balkan Human Rights Network.

### Russia

- 1997. Heading Nordic delegation in relation to the conflict in Chechnia.

### The corporate sector:

- Denmark: 1997-, Initiated and developed collaboration between the Confederation of Danish Industries, the Danish Industrialisation Fund for Developing Countries and the Danish Institute for Human Rights. The project developed the Human Rights Impact Assessment tool, which has been supported by the World Bank and private companies.
- International: 2003-,. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Global Compact and the Danish Institute for Human Rights.
- Ongoing close dialogue with private sector both domestic and international.

Expert participant in Danish official delegations to the UN Human Rights Commission, OSCE and other international fora.

Representing the European National Human Rights Institutions in the UN Human Rights Commission and in the Council of Europe.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

### INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- President of Committee; The International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, 2004 -
- Member of Committee; The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 2002 -
- Member of Board; Refugee Law Commission, Geneva, 2002 -
- Member of Advisory Group; EU/CoE High Level Advisory Group on Human Rights in Turkey, Geneva, 2002 -
- Member of Board; Centre for Victims of Torture, Brussels, 2002 -
- Member of Network; Network of experts on fundamental rights (established by the European Commission for the European Parliament) 2002 -
- Member of Jury ; The Kreisky award for human rights; the Bruno Kreisky Foundation for Human Rights, Vienna, 2000-
- Member of Advisory Board; the European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, Austria, 2000 -
- Member of Think Tank; The Future of Asylum and Migration; Society for International Development, den Haag, 1999-
- Member of Advisory Board; the Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, 1997-
- Member of Advisory Board; the Human Rights Institute of the University of Latvia, 1996-

- National Correspondent; the Directorate General of Human Rights, the Council of Europe, 1994
- Chairman; the European Coordination Group of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Europe, 1997-2002
- Member of Executive Council; the Euro-Mediterranean Network, Copenhagen, 1997-2002
- Member of Executive Council; International Service for Human Rights, Geneva, 1995-2001
- Member of Advisory Committee; Open Society Foundation, New York, 1994-2000
- Member of Executive Committee; ECRE (European Council on Refugees and Exiles), London, 1985-1993.

#### NATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of Alternative Welfare Commission; Established by Danish NGO working in the interest of senior citizens ("Ældre Sagen"), 2003-
- Member of Jury; Judging architectural competition to construct a new maximum-security prison in Denmark, September/November 2001
- Member of Council; The Council for International Development Cooperation; the Danish Foreign Ministry, 1999-2002
- Deputy Chairman; The Board for Ethnic Equality, Copenhagen, 1997- 2002
- Member of Executive Council; OASIS (Treatment and counselling of refugees), Copenhagen, 1992-1998.

#### **SELECTED KEY NOTE SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- IRAP Conference, South Africa
- Bruno Kreisky Foundation for Human Rights, Vienna, Austria
- University of Bergen, Norway
- Oxford University, England
- University of Warwick, England
- EU/China human rights dialogue
- EU/Iran human rights dialogue
- University of Changsha, China
- University of Georgetown, USA
- University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- University of Aarhus, Denmark
- University of Aalborg, Denmark.
- External examiner: European University Institute (Florence), University of Copenhagen, University of Aalborg, University of Aarhus, University of Roskilde and University of Southern Denmark.

#### **EDITORIAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Human Rights in the Developing Countries, Yearbook, Europe
- Mennesker og Rettigheder, Nordic Journal
- Advisory Board: Nordic Journal of International Law, 1993 -
- EU Law & Human Rights Law (EU-ret & menneskeret), Denmark, 1994-2003.

#### **ACADEMIC AND GENERAL ARTICLES**

##### ACADEMIC ARTICLES

*The Procedure for Manifestly Unfounded Asylum Applications - the Danish Immigration Law §53a*  
Juristen. Copenhagen: 1986. (In Danish)

*Visa Policies and Carrier Sanctions*  
Asyl i Norden, ed. Morten Kjaerum and others. Copenhagen: 1990. (In Danish)

*Refugees and their Role in the European House*  
International Journal of Refugee Law, Special Issue: 1990

*The Concept of Country of First Asylum*  
International journal of refugee law, Vol. 4, No. 4, 1992. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993

*Article 14*  
The Universal Declaration of Human Rights - A Commentary. Scandinavian University Press, 1992

*The Contribution of Voluntary Organizations to the Development of Democratic Governance*  
NGOs and Refugees: Reflections at the turn of the Century. Copenhagen: SOCPOL, 1993

*Temporary Protection in Europe in the 1990s*  
International Journal of Refugee Law, Vol. 6, No. 3, 1994. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994

*Civil Society and Conflict Prevention*

Den Ny Verden, Vol. 28, No. 2, 1995. Copenhagen: Centre for Research Development, 1995. (In Danish)

*Refugees between Human Rights and Humanitarian Law*

Udlændingeret, ed. Morten Kjaerum and others. Copenhagen: Jurist- og Økonomforbundets Forlag 1995. (In Danish)

*Human Rights Implications of the Development of the Concept of Temporary Asylum in the Nordic Countries*  
Nordic Journal of International Law, No. 64, 1995

*Human Rights in the New Europe and a Globalised World*

Grundloven og menneskerettigheder i et dansk og europæisk perspektiv, 1997. (In Danish)

*Racial Discrimination and Other Forms of Discrimination*

Social kritik, No. 55. Copenhagen: Selskabet til fremme af social debat, 1998. (In Danish)

*Judicial Reform and Human Rights in Changing Societies*

Copenhagen: The Danish Centre for Human Rights, 1998

*Human Rights and Administration of Justice*

Beijing/Copenhagen: China Legal System Publishing House, 1999. (With Liu Hainian and Lin Li)

*Article 14*

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: A Common Standard of Achievement, ed. Gudmundur Alfredsson and Asbjørn Eide. The Hague: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1999

*Refugee Law and Human Rights: the Non-refoulement Article in the Convention against Torture*

EU-ret & menneskeret, Vol 6, No. 2. Copenhagen: Jurist- og Økonomforbundets Forlag, 1999. (In Danish)

*Non-custodial Measures and Alternatives to Detention*

EU-China Human Rights Dialogue, ed. Manfred Nowak and Xin Chunying. Verlag Österreich, 2000

*Human Rights and Cosmopolitanism*

Politologiske Studier, University of Copenhagen, Vol. 4, No. 2., May 2001. (In Danish)

*New Trends in the Prohibition of Torture at International Level*

Global Law Review, official Chinese law review, Vol. 23, Autumn 2001. (With Lisbeth Ilkjaer)

*Universal Human Rights: Between the Local and the Global*

Human Rights on Common Grounds: The Quest for Universality, ed. K. Hastrup, Kluwer Law International, 2001

*Human Rights, State Security and Burden-Sharing: People or States First?*

Journal of Refugee Studies, Vol. 14, No. 2, June 2001, Oxford University Press

*Refugees: The Parakeets of Human Rights Standing*

Discrimination and Toleration, ed. K. Hastrup and G. Ulrich, Kluwer Law International. 2002

*Refugee Protection Between State Interests and Human Rights: Where is Europe Heading?*

Human Rights Quarterly, May, 2002

*Who is supervising human rights?*

Menneskerettens udfordring – ideologi eller videnskab? Ed. Kirsten Hastrup. Akademisk Forlag, 2002. (In Danish.)

*National Human Rights Institutions Implementing Human Rights*

Human Rights and Criminal Justice for the Downtrodden. Essays in Honour of Asbjørn Eide, ed. Morten Bergsmo, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2003. The article also published by the Danish Institute for Human Rights in 2003 as an offprint in a separate booklet to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Paris Principles on National Human Rights Institutions.

*Trends in the International Work against Torture*

How to Eradicate Torture. A Sino-Danish Joint Research on the Prevention of Torture. Eds. Morten Kjærum and Hatla Thelle. Social Sciences Documentation Publishing House, Beijing, China, 2003. (With Lisbeth Ilkjaer).

GENERAL ARTICLES

*The Contributions of Voluntary Organisations to the Development of Democratic Governance*

The Role of Voluntary Organisations in Emerging Democracies: Experience and Strategies in Eastern and Central Europe and in South Africa, ed. Ann McKinstry Micou and Birgit Lindsnæs. Copenhagen: The Danish Centre for Human Rights, 1993

*The Evolving Role of UNHCR in the Broader UN perspective*  
Problems and Prospects of Refugee Law, ed. Vera Gowlland and Klaus Samson. Geneva: The Graduate Institute of International Studies, 1992

*Global Responsibility and Global Solution: Asylum Policy*  
Europa perspektiv 93: status og perspektiver for samarbejde i Europa, ed. Morten Espelund og Carl Thaarup Hansen. Copenhagen: Handelshøjskolens forlag, 1993. (In Danish)

*Human Rights: the Flight to Europe*  
Social kritik, No. 22/23, Nov.1992. Copenhagen: Selskabet til fremme af social debat, 1992. (With Christian Horst). (In Danish)

*Human Rights in Denmark*  
Mennesker og rettigheder, Vol. 11, No. 1, 1993. Oslo: Scandinavian University Press, 1993. (In Danish)

*Minorities on the International Agenda: International Discourse on Minority Issues*  
Geografisk Orientering, No. 1, 1993. Brenderup: Geografforbundet, 1993. (With Lene Johannesen) (In Danish)

*Minorities on the International Agenda*  
International Horisont, No. 4, 1991. Copenhagen: 1991. (With Lene Johannesen) (In Danish)

*Myth and Reality in the Refugee Debate*  
Mennesker & rettigheder, No. 1, 1991. Oslo: 1991. (With Arne Piel Christensen). (In Danish)

*The Role of Airline Companies in the Asylum Procedure*  
Ed. Morten Kjaerum. Copenhagen: The Danish Refugee Council, 1988

*Temporary Human Rights*  
EXIL, Vol. 4, No. 2, 1995. The Danish Refugee Council, the Danish Centre for Human Rights, Department for Minority Studies, University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen: 1995. (In Danish)

*The Fight Against Discrimination and Ensuring Equality*  
Amsterdamtraktaten og menneskerettighederne, ed. Eva Ersbøll and others. Copenhagen: The Danish Centre for Human Rights, 1998. (In Danish)

*The Big Brother Society*  
Lov & Ret; Vol. 8, No. 4, 1998. Copenhagen: Advokatrådet, 1998. (In Danish)

*The EU-Charter on Fundamental Rights: Nice Words or Increased Protection?*  
Udenrigs, No. 1, 2001. (In Danish)

*Human Rights – A Living Reality*  
Verden i Forandring IV – Temaartikler om menneskerettigheder. Ed. Henning Nielsen, Jesper Gronenberg and Tomas Bech Madsen. Odense Universitetsforlag, 2001. (In Danish.)

*Det mangfoldige menneske*  
Danmark på afveje. Kritik af den herskende orden. Ed. Stig Dalager, Per Schultz Jørgensen. Socialpolitisk Forlag, 2004. (In Danish)).