## **Preface**

Danish Foreign Policy Yearbook 2004 is the eighth volume of the yearbook in its present form. It is the second year that it is being published by DIIS, the Danish Institute for International Studies.

As previously, the present volume focuses on Danish foreign policy and Denmark's position within an international and a transnational context, at the regional as well as the global level. Apart from the official outline of Denmark's 2003 foreign policy by the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we have included four scholarly articles, whose authors represent only themselves and their academic expertise. The scholarly articles are summarised at the outset of chapter 1.

Then follows a small selection of official documents that we consider to be pioneering or characteristic of Danish foreign policy during the year. This is supplemented by essential statistics on Danish foreign policy and by some of the most relevant polls on the attitudes of the Danish population on key foreign policy questions. A bibliography then offers a limited selection of scholarly books, articles, and chapters published in 2003 in English, German or French dealing with the yearbook's topic.

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