

No. 8751

**NETHERLANDS
and
DENMARK**

Agreement concerning the delimitation of the continental shelf under the North Sea between the two countries (with annexed map). Signed at The Hague, on 31 March 1966

Official texts: Dutch and Danish.

Registered by the Netherlands on 29 August 1967.

**PAYS-BAS
et
DANEMARK**

Accord relatif à la délimitation du plateau continental limitrophe des territoires des deux pays, sous la mer du Nord (avec carte en annexe). Signé à La Haye, le 31 mars 1966

Textes officiels néerlandais et danois.

Enregistré par les Pays-Bas le 29 août 1967.

[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 8751. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK CONCERNING THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF UNDER THE NORTH SEA BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SIGNED AT THE HAGUE, ON 31 MARCH 1966

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark, desiring to fix the boundary between their respective portions of the continental shelf under the North Sea on the basis of a line which at every point is situated at an equal distance from the nearest points on the base lines from which the outer territorial waters of each country are measured at the present time, have agreed as follows :

Article 1

1. In the application of the median-line principle set out in the preamble of this Agreement, the boundary line between the portion of the continental shelf belonging to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the portion belonging to the Kingdom of Denmark shall consist of arcs of great circles between the following points in the sequence indicated :

- A. 55° 02' 36" N — 5° 29' 09" E
- B. 55° 26' 11" N — 4° 25' 34" E
- C. 55° 46' 22" N — 3° 36' 40" E
- D. 55° 50' 06" N — 3° 24' 00" E

The positions of the points referred to in this article are expressed in longitude and latitude according to the European Datum (first revision 1950).

2. The boundary line is marked on the chart attached to this Agreement.²

Article 2

1. At the request of one Contracting Party, the other Contracting Party shall as soon as possible make known its opinion regarding the position, in relation to the boundary line, of an existing or projected installation or other structure or a drilling site.

¹ Came into force on 1 August 1967, by the exchange of the instruments of ratification at Copenhagen, in accordance with article 3.

² See insert between pp. 218 and 219 of this volume.

2. In the event of a dispute concerning the position, in relation to the boundary line, of an installation or other structure or a drilling site, the Contracting Parties shall determine by agreement between them on which side of the boundary line the installation, structure or drilling site is situated.

Article 3

1. This Agreement shall be ratified. The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged as soon as possible at Copenhagen.

2. The Agreement shall come into force on the date on which the instruments of ratification are exchanged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed the present Agreement.

DONE at The Hague on 31 March 1966 in duplicate in the Dutch and Danish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands :

J. LUNS

For the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark :

H. HJORTH-NIELSEN
