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**DENMARK
and
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Agreement relating to the delimitation of the continental
shelf between the two countries (with annexed chart).
Signed at London on 25 November 1971**

Authentic texts : Danish and English.

Registered by Denmark on 22 January 1973.

**DANEMARK
et
ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Accord relatif à la délimitation du plateau continental entre
les deux pays (avec carte en annexe). Signé à Londres
le 25 novembre 1971**

Textes authentiques : danois et anglais.

Enregistré par le Danemark le 22 janvier 1973.

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND RELATING TO THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES

The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland;

Having regard to the Agreement concluded between them on 3 March 1966 relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between their two countries;²

Having decided to establish their common boundary between the parts of the Continental Shelf over which the Kingdom of Denmark and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland respectively exercise sovereign rights for the purpose of exploration and exploitation of the natural resources of the Continental Shelf;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1. The dividing line between that part of the Continental Shelf which appertains to the Kingdom of Denmark and that part which appertains to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is in principle a line which at every point is equidistant from the nearest points of the baselines from which the territorial sea of each country is measured.

Article 2. (1) In implementation of the principle set forth in article 1, the dividing line shall be an arc of a great circle between the following points :

1. 56° 05' 12.0'' N 03° 15' 00.0'' E
2. 55° 55' 09.4'' N 03° 21' 00.0'' E

The positions of the two above-mentioned points are defined by latitude and longitude on European Datum (1st Adjustment 1950).

(2) The dividing line has been drawn on the chart³ annexed to this Agreement.

Article 3. (1) In the north the termination point of the dividing line is the point of intersection of the dividing lines between the Continental Shelves of the Kingdom of Denmark, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Norway.

(2) In the south the termination point of the dividing line is the point of intersection of the dividing lines between the Continental Shelves of the Kingdom of Denmark, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Republic of Germany.

¹ Came into force on 7 December 1972, i.e. on the thirtieth day after the exchange of instruments of ratification, which took place at London on 7 November 1972, in accordance with article 6.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 592, p. 207, and p. 249 of this volume.

³ See page 208 of this volume.

Article 4. If any single geological petroleum structure or petroleum field, or any single geological structure or field of any other mineral deposit, including sand or gravel, extends across the dividing line and the part of such structure or field which is situated on one side of the dividing line is exploitable, wholly or in part, from the other side of the dividing line, the Contracting Parties shall seek to reach agreement as to the exploitation of such structure or field.

Article 5. With the entry into force of this Agreement the Agreement relating to the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf between the two countries signed at London on 3 March 1966 shall cease to have effect.

Article 6. (1) This Agreement shall be ratified. Instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at London.

(2) The Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the exchange of instruments of ratification.

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

DONE in duplicate at London the 25th day of November, 1971, in the Danish and English languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark :
E. KRISTIANSEN

For the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland :
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