

**Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of Belgium on  
the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf,  
18 December 1996**

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and The Kingdom of Belgium,

Desiring in the framework of good-neighbourly relations to achieve a solution acceptable to both Contracting Parties concerning the lateral delimitation of the continental shelf,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

1. The boundary between the continental shelf of the Kingdom of Belgium and the continental shelf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands is formed by the great circle joining the following points expressed in terms of their coordinates in the sequence given below:

Point 5: 51E33'06" N; 03E04'53" E

Point 6: 51E52'34,012" N; 02E32'21.599" E

2. The positions of the points in this article are defined by latitude and longitude on European Datum (1st Adjustment, 1950).

3. The dividing line defined in paragraph 1 has been drawn by way of illustration on the chart annexed to this Agreement.

**Article 2**

In the event that one of the Contracting Parties decides to create an exclusive economic zone, the coordinates given in article 1 shall be used for the lateral delimitation of such a zone.

**Article 3**

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the date on which the Contracting Parties notify each other in writing of the completion of the procedures required by their domestic legislation for the entry into force of this Agreement.

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

DONE at Brussels on 18 December 1996 in duplicate in the French and Dutch languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

FOR THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS:

FOR THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM:

[Signed]

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