

Agreement between the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark along with the Local Government of Greenland on the one hand and the Government of the Republic of Iceland on the other hand on the Delimitation of the Continental Shelf and the Fishery Zone in the Area between Greenland and Iceland. 11 November 1997

The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark along with the Local Government of Greenland on the one hand and the Government of the Republic of Iceland on the other hand,

Wishing to maintain and strengthen the good-neighbourly relations between Denmark/Greenland and Iceland,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The boundary line between the Parties' parts of the continental shelf and the fishery zone in the area between Greenland and Iceland is based on the median line between the relevant coastlines of Greenland and Iceland together with the negotiating results of 28 June 1997 and is fixed as straight lines between the following points in the order which is indicated below:

A.	69°35'.0"N	13°16'.0"W
B.	69°21'.4"N	13°33'.6"W
C.	69°05'.1"N	15°21'.3"W
D.	69°03'.0"N	15°45'.1"W
E.	68°45'.8"N	17°20'.2"W
F.	68°24'.5"N	20°00'.0"W
G.	68°08'.2"N	21°45'.0"W
H.	67°49'.5"N	23°21'.6"W
I.	67°37'.8"N	24°26'.5"W
J.	67°22'.9"N	25°36'.0"W
K.	67°03'.9"N	26°33'.4"W
L.	66°57'.3"N	26°59'.7"W
M.	66°38'.4"N	27°45'.9"W
N.	66°12'.7"N	28°58'.7"W
O.	65°13'.0"N	29°51'.4"W
P.	63°55'.4"N	30°34'.9"W
Q.	63°18'.8"N	30°51'.8"W

All straight lines are geodesic lines. The agreed-upon line is defined by geographic latitude and longitude in accordance with the World Geodesic System 1984 (WGS84). The line shall be subject to a technical revision before 1 January 1999.

By way of illustration, the boundary line and the above-mentioned points have been drawn on the sketch map annexed to this Agreement.¹⁷

The boundary point A has been established in cooperation with the Kingdom of Norway and shall be confirmed through bilateral agreements with the Government of the Kingdom of Norway.

¹⁷ For technical reasons, the sketch map is not reproduced.

Article 2

If natural resources are found in or on the continental shelf of one of the Parties and the other Party is of the opinion that the resources extend onto its continental shelf, the latter Party may, by presenting the evidence upon which the opinion is based, e.g., geological or geophysical data, submit this to the first-mentioned Party.

If such an opinion is submitted, the Parties shall initiate discussions on the extent of the resources and the possibility for exploitation, with a presentation of each of the Parties' information hereon. If it is established during these discussions that the resources extend across both Parties' parts of the continental shelf and also that the resources in the area of one Party can be exploited wholly or in part from the area of the other Party or that the exploitation of the resources in the area of one Party would affect the possibility of exploitation of the resources in the area of the other Party, an agreement concerning the exploitation of the resources shall be made at the request of one of the Parties.

Article 3

This Agreement is without prejudice to other delimitation questions between the Kingdom of Denmark and the Republic of Iceland.

Article 4

This Agreement shall enter into force when the Parties have informed each other in writing that the necessary procedures have been concluded. However, the provision on the coordinates of boundary point A shall only enter into force when the Government of the Kingdom of Norway has informed the Parties in writing that the determination of that point has been confirmed.

DONE at Helsinki on 11 November 1997 in duplicate in the Danish and Icelandic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Denmark

For the Local Government
of Greenland

For the Government of the
Republic of Iceland