Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the lateral delimitation of the continental shelf in the vicinity of the coast, 1 December 1964

The Kingdom of the Netherlands and
The Federal Republic of Germany,
Considering that it is urgently necessary to determine by agreement the lateral delimitation of the continental shelf on the North Sea bordering on their territory for the area in the vicinity of the coast and that that section of the frontier should be drawn in keeping with the joint settlement arrived at in the Supplementary Agreement of 14 May 1962 to the Ems-Dollard Treaty of 8 April 1960,
Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

(1) Up to the fifty-fourth parallel of north latitude, the boundary between the Netherlands and German parts of the continental shelf of the North Sea shall run from the northern end of the line which was agreed upon in the Supplementary Agreement of 14 May 1962 to the Ems-Dollard Treaty of 8 April 1960, and which divides the frontier area of the Ems Estuary length-wise, along the shortest line passing through points E1 and E3 to point E3.

(2) The co-ordinates of the points (according to German marine charts No. 50, July 1956 edition, and No. 90, May 1964 edition) are the following:

Point E1: 53°45'06"N, 6°19'56" E;
Point E2: 53°48'56"N, 6°15'49" E;
Point E3: 54°00'00"N, 6°06'26" E.

Article 2

(1) The provisions of this Treaty shall not affect the question of the course of the international frontier in the Ems Estuary. Each Contracting Party reserves its legal position in this respect.

(2) A decision under the terms of article 46, paragraph 2, of the Ems-Dollard Treaty shall not affect this Treaty.

Article 3

This Treaty shall also apply to Land Berlin unless the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany notifies the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the contrary within three months after the entry into force of this Treaty.

Article 4

(1) This Treaty is subject to ratification; the instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at The Hague as soon as possible.

(2) This Treaty shall enter into force on the day after the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification. DONE at Bonn on 1 December 1964, in duplicate in the Dutch and German languages, both texts being equally authentic.