

**Exchange of Notes Constituting an Agreement between Denmark and Sweden  
concerning the Delimitation of the Territorial Waters between Denmark and  
Sweden  
(25 June 1979)**

**I**

Copenhagen, 25 June 1979

Sir,

As of 1 July 1979, Sweden will extend its territorial sea to 12 nautical miles or in certain areas to the median line between the Swedish baselines and the baselines of other States. If Denmark should extend its territorial sea in the same manner, certain channels between Sweden and Denmark would be wholly comprised within Swedish and Danish territorial waters.

In order to maintain the same freedom of passage in these waters, Sweden intends to limit Sweden's territorial sea in the channels between the Swedish coast and the Danish coast at Skagen, as well as at Laeso, Anholt and Bornholm, so that on the Swedish side of the median line between the Swedish and Danish baselines there is an area of high sea at least three nautical miles wide.

In order to facilitate continued free access to the Sound (Oresund), Sweden intends to institute an arrangement in the areas immediately north and south of the Sound, which will make it possible for foreign vessels and foreign aircraft to pass through and over high seas.

This presupposes that Denmark's territorial sea in the aforesaid waters will be limited in the same manner.

If the Swedish Government should subsequently wish to extend Sweden's territorial sea in the aforesaid waters beyond the area specified above, the Swedish Government, provided that the Danish Government undertakes to do likewise, shall so notify the Danish Government at least 12 months before such extension takes effect.

If the Danish Government agrees to the foregoing, I propose that this note and your reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our Governments which shall enter into force on the date on which each State notifies the other that the constitutional requirements for entry into force have been fulfilled.

**II**

Copenhagen, 25 June 1979

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of 25/June/1979, reading as follows:

[See note I]

I have the honour to inform you that the Danish Government agrees to the proposal contained in the above note and also agrees that your note and this reply shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments.