

**Agreement between the Royal Norwegian Government and the Government
of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics concerning the sea frontier
between Norway and the USSR in the Varangerfjord,
15 February 1957**

The Royal Norwegian Government and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, desiring to define the Norwegian-Soviet sea frontier in the Varangerfjord and thus contribute to the maintenance of good-neighbourly relations between Norway and the Soviet Union, have resolved to conclude this Agreement and have for this purpose appointed the undersigned as their plenipotentiaries, who, having exhibited their full powers, found to be in good and due form, have agreed on the following provisions:

Article 1

The sea frontier between Norway and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the Varangerfjord shall follow a straight line from frontier mark No. 415 (spar buoy), which is the terminal point of the frontier drawn in 1947, to the intersection of the outer limits of Norwegian and Soviet territorial waters. The said frontier is indicated on the attached Soviet chart, which is drawn on the scale 1:100,000.

Neither of the Contracting Parties shall extend its territorial waters beyond the straight line extending from the intersection referred to in the first paragraph of this article to the median point of the line between Cape Nemetsky and Cape Kibergnes. The said straight line is indicated on the aforementioned chart by a dotted line.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties shall establish, on a footing of equality, a Joint Soviet-Norwegian Boundary Commission, which shall calculate the geographical co-ordinates of the point of intersection of the outer limits of the territorial waters and of the median point of the line between Cape Nemetsky and Cape Kibergnes, which are referred to in article 1, shall set up reference marks whereby the location of the Norwegian-Soviet sea frontier in the Varangerfjord can be determined, and shall prepare the necessary documents.

The Joint Commission shall begin its work not later than May 1957 and shall endeavour to complete it before the end of the same year.

All expenses incurred in connection with the said work shall be equally apportioned between the Contracting Parties.

Article 3

This Agreement shall be ratified and shall enter into force on the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification.

The instruments of ratification shall be exchanged at Moscow as soon as possible.

DONE at Oslo on 15 February 1957 in two copies in the Norwegian and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic.