Alex G. Oude Elferink’s detailed analysis of the negotiations between Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands concerning the delimitation of their continental shelf in the North Sea makes use of the full range of government archives in these three States. He looks at the role of international law in policy formulation and negotiations, and explores the legal context, political considerations and, in particular, oil interests which fed into these processes. The study explains why the parties decided to submit their disputes to the International Court of Justice and looks at the preparation of their pleadings and litigation strategy before the Court. The analysis shows how Denmark and the Netherlands were able to avoid the full impact of the implications of the Court’s judgment by sidestepping legal arguments and insisting instead on political considerations.

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THE DELIMITATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN DENMARK, GERMANY AND THE NETHERLANDS

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ABBREVIATIONS

AA  Auswärtiges Amt
AJIL  American Journal of International Law
B  Bundesarchiv
BIPM  Bataafsche Internationale Petroleum Maatschappij
CMS  Counter-Memorial of Suriname (Guyana v. Suriname)
CR  Common Rejoinder of Denmark and the Netherlands (ICJ Pleadings, North Sea continental shelf cases, Vol. I)
DAEB  Danish Embassy in Bonn
DCM  Counter-Memorial of Denmark (ICJ Pleadings, North Sea continental shelf cases, Vol. I)
DEC  Dutch Embassy in Copenhagen
DEB  Dutch Embassy in Bonn
Dis. op.  Dissenting opinion
DNA  Statens Arkiver; Rigsarkivet
DUC  Dansk Undergrunds Consortium
Ems-Dollard Treaty  Treaty between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic of Germany concerning arrangements for co-operation in the Ems Estuary of 8 April 1960
FM  Foreign Minister
FO  Foreign Office
GEH  German Embassy in The Hague
GM  Memorial of the Federal Republic of Germany (ICJ Pleadings, North Sea continental shelf cases, Vol. I)
GR  Reply of the Federal Republic of Germany (ICJ Pleadings, North Sea continental shelf cases, Vol. I)
ICJ  International Court of Justice
ICJ Pleadings  International Court of Justice, Pleadings, Oral Arguments, Documents
ICJ Reports  Reports of Judgments, Advisory Opinions and Orders; The International Court of Justice
I CLQ  International and Comparative Law Quarterly
ILC  International Law Commission
K. I  Proceedings of the First Chamber of Parliament
K. I (BH)  Parliamentary Papers, First Chamber of Parliament

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<td>League of Nations Treaty Series</td>
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<td>ME</td>
<td>Ministry for the Economy</td>
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<td>MFA</td>
<td>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</td>
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