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Denmark brings a case against Norway

The following information is made available to the Press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

On 16 August 1988 the Government of Denmark filed in the Registry of the International Court of Justice an Application instituting proceedings against Norway.

In its Application, the Government of Denmark explains that despite negotiations conducted since 1980, it has not been possible to find an agreed solution to a dispute with regard to the delimitation of Denmark's and Norway's fishing zones and continental shelf areas in the waters between the East Coast of Greenland and the Norwegian island of Jan Mayen, where there is an area of some 72,000 square kilometres to which both parties lay claim. It therefore requests the Court:

"to decide, in accordance with international law, where a single line of delimitation shall be drawn between Denmark's and Norway's fishing zones and continental shelf areas in the waters between Greenland and Jan Mayen".
