

# Agreement on the improvement of the fairway near Walsoorden

<b>Official reference</b>	Overeenkomst van 13 juli 1970 tussen de Regering van het Koninkrijk België en de Regering van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden betreffende de verbetering van de vaarweg voor de Westerschelde nabij Walsoorden	
<b>Official website</b>	www.vnsc.eu	
<b>Relevant dates</b>	Document	13/07/1970
	Entry into force	14/07/1972
	Ratification by Belgium	4/04/1972
<b>Policy level</b>	International (bilateral)	
<b>Type of instrument</b>	Agreement	
<b>Geographical reach</b>	Scheldt Estuary and the Western Scheldt	
<b>Federal ratification</b>	Wet van 4 april 1972 houdende goedkeuring van de Overeenkomst tussen de Regering van het Koninkrijk België en de Regering van het Koninkrijk der Nederlanden betreffende de verbetering van de vaarweg door de Westerschelde nabij Walsoorden, met bijgevoegd plan, ondertekend te 's-Gravenhage op 13 mei 1970	

## // abstract:

This agreement stipulates the work necessary to improve the waterway of the Western Scheldt near the level of Walsoorden. Moreover, it deals with the preparation and the execution of the work, as well as the maintenance and the renovation. In this agreement, the Netherlands ensure the planning and execution of the work. However, Belgium has to agree to the plans. Additionally, the costs and payment of these costs are fully disclosed in the agreement. The costs are to be paid by Belgium for the planning and execution of the works while the Netherlands have to pay for the renovation and maintenance of the changes. The agreement ends with a stipulation on how disputes between Belgium and the Netherlands should be dealt with through the help of an arbitration commission.