

No. 2973

**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Declaration recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of
the International Court of Justice, in conformity with
paragraph 2, Article 36, of the Statute of the Inter-
national Court of Justice. New York, 31 October 1955**

Official text: English.

Registered ex officio on 31 October 1955.

**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD**

**Déclaration reconnaissant comme obligatoire la juridiction
de la Cour internationale de Justice, conformément au
paragraphe 2 de l'Article 36 du Statut de la Cour
internationale de Justice. New-York, 31 octobre 1955**

Texte officiel anglais.

Enregistrée d'office le 31 octobre 1955.

No. 2973. DECLARATION¹ OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND RECOGNIZING AS COMPULSORY THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, IN CONFORMITY WITH PARAGRAPH 2, ARTICLE 36, OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. NEW YORK, 31 OCTOBER 1955

UNITED KINGDOM DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

New York, October 31, 1955

Your Excellency,

I have the honour, by direction of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to declare on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that they accept as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special convention, on condition of reciprocity, the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of the Court, until such time as notice may be given to terminate the acceptance, over all disputes arising after the 5th of February, 1930, with regard to situations or facts subsequent to the same date, other than :

- (i) disputes in regard to which the Parties to the dispute have agreed or shall agree to have recourse to some other method of peaceful settlement;
- (ii) disputes with the Government of any other country which is a Member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, all of which disputes shall be settled in such manner as the Parties have agreed or shall agree;
- (iii) disputes with regard to questions which by international law fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom;
- (iv) disputes arising out of events occurring between the 3rd of September, 1939, and the 2nd of September, 1945;
- (v) without prejudice to the operation of subparagraph (iv) above, disputes arising out of, or having reference to, any hostilities, war, state of war, or belligerent or military occupation in which the Government of the United Kingdom are or have been involved;

¹ Deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 31 October 1955. The Declaration of 2 June 1955 was terminated on 31 October 1955. See p. 383 of this volume.

- (vi) disputes relating to any matter excluded from compulsory adjudication or arbitration under any treaty, convention or other international agreement or instrument to which the United Kingdom is a party; and
- (vii) disputes in respect of which arbitral or judicial proceedings are taking, or have taken, place, with any state which, at the date of the commencement of the proceedings, had not itself accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration, Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

(Signed) Pierson DIXON