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PORTUGAL

Declaration recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, in conformity with Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice. Washington, 19 December 1955

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No. 3079. DECLARATION¹ OF PORTUGAL RECOGNIZING AS COMPULSORY THE JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 36, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE. WASHINGTON, 19 DECEMBER 1955

EMBAIXADA DE PORTUGAL, WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., December 19, 1955

Mr. Secretary-General,

Under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, I declare on behalf of the Portuguese Government that Portugal recognizes the jurisdiction of this Court as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special agreement, as provided for in the said paragraph 2 of Article 36 and under the following conditions :

1) The present declaration covers disputes arising out of events both prior and subsequent to the declaration of acceptance of the "optional clause" which Portugal made on December 16, 1920², as a party to the Statute³ of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

2) The present declaration enters into force at the moment it is deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations ; it shall be valid for a period of one year, and thereafter until notice of its denunciation is given to the said Secretary-General.

3) The Portuguese Government reserves the right to exclude from the scope of the present declaration, at any time during its validity, any given category or categories of disputes, by notifying the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with effect from the moment of such notification.

I avail myself of this occasion to present to you, Mr. Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) L. ESTEVES FERNANDES

Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld
Secretary-General of the United Nations

¹ Deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 19 December 1955. Full powers authorizing the deposit of the Declaration were received by the Secretary-General on 21 December 1955.

² League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. VI, p. 384.

³ League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. VI, p. 390.