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INDIA

**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. New York, 7 January 1956**

*Official text: English.*

*Registered ex officio on 9 January 1956.*

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INDE

**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, 7 janvier 1956**

*Texte officiel anglais.*

*Enregistrée d'office le 9 janvier 1956.*

No. 3116. DECLARATION<sup>1</sup> OF INDIA 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. NEW YORK, 7 JANUARY 1956<sup>2</sup>

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PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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No. 16/PR.

7 January 1956

Excellency :

I have the honour, by direction of the President of India, to declare on behalf of the Government of India that, in pursuance of paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, the Government of India recognize as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special agreement, on condition of reciprocity and only till such time as notice may be given to terminate this Declaration, the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in all legal disputes arising after the 26th January 1950 with regard to situations or facts subsequent to that date concerning :

- (a) the interpretation of a treaty;
- (b) any question of International Law;
- (c) the existence of any fact which if established would constitute a breach of an international obligation; or
- (d) the nature or extent of the reparations to be made for the breach of an international obligation,

but excluding the following :

- (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 country which on the date of this Declaration is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, all of which disputes shall be settled in such manner as the parties have agreed or shall agree;

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<sup>1</sup> Deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 9 January 1956.

<sup>2</sup> For the termination of the Declaration of 28 February 1940, see p. 388 of this volume.

- (iii) disputes in regard to matters which are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of India as determined by the Government of India; and
- (iv) disputes arising out of or having reference to any hostilities, war, state of war or belligerent or military occupation in which the Government of India are or have been involved.

I have the honour to be, with the highest consideration,

Your Excellency's obedient servant,

(Signed) Arthur S. LALL  
Permanent Representative of India  
to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York