

No. 23508

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**CANADA**

**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. Done at New York on 10 September 1985**

*Authentic texts: English and French.*

*Registered ex officio on 10 September 1985.*

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**CANADA**

**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. Faite à New York le 10 septembre 1985**

*Textes authentiques : anglais et français.*

*Enregistré d'office le 10 septembre 1985.*

DECLARATION<sup>1</sup> BY CANADA 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

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF CANADA  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS

LA MISSION PERMANENTE DU CANADA  
AUPRÈS DES NATIONS UNIES

Dear Secretary-General:

On behalf of the Government of Canada,

(1) I give notice that I hereby terminate the acceptance by Canada of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice hitherto effective by virtue of the declaration made on 7 April 1970<sup>2</sup> in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of that Court.

(2) I declare that the Government of Canada accepts 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 present declaration with regard to situations or facts subsequent to this declaration, other than:

- (a) Disputes in regard to which parties have agreed or shall agree to have recourse to some other method of peaceful settlement;
- (b) Disputes with the Government of any other country which is a member of the Commonwealth, all of which disputes shall be settled in such manner as the parties have agreed or shall agree;
- (c) Disputes with regard to questions which by international law fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of Canada.

(3) The Government of Canada also reserves the right at any time, by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with effect as from the moment of such notification, either to add to, amend or withdraw any of the foregoing reservations, or any that may hereafter be added.

<sup>1</sup> The declaration was deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 10 September 1985, to take effect on the same date.

<sup>2</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 724, p. 63.

It is requested that this notification may be communicated to the governments of all the States that have accepted the Optional Clause and to the Registrar of the International Court of Justice.

New York, September 10, 1985

[*Signed*]

STEPHEN LEWIS  
Ambassador  
and Permanent Representative

H.E. Mr. Javier Pérez de Cuéllar  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York

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