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COMPULSORY JURISDICTION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

DECLARATION BY POLAND

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his
..... capacity as depositary, transmits herewith, in accordance with
paragraph 4 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court
of Justice, the text of the declaration by the Government of Poland,
recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court
of Justice, made pursuant to paragraph 2 of the above Article 36.

The above declaration was deposited with the Secretary-General
on 25 March 1996.

14 May 1996

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Attention: Treaty Services of Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of
international organizations concerned

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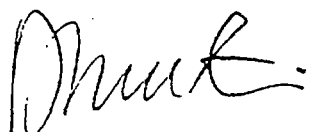
**Declaration of the Republic of Poland
on the recognition of compulsory jurisdiction
of the International Court of Justice**

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Poland I hereby declare that the Republic of Poland withdraws its consent to the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice communicated on 25 September 1990 in light of the article 36 par. 2 of the Statute of the Court. At the same time, I hereby declare that the Republic of Poland shall recognize with the effect as of 25 September 1996, in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned article as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other state accepting the same obligation and subject to the sole condition of reciprocity, the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice in all legal disputes other than:

- a) disputes prior to 25 September 1990 or disputes arisen out of facts or situations prior to the same date,
- b) disputes with regard to the territory and State boundaries,
- c) disputes with regard to environmental protection,
- d) disputes with regard to foreign liabilities or debts,
- e) disputes with regard to any State which has made a declaration accepting the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice less than twelve months prior to the filing of the application bringing the dispute before the Court,
- f) disputes in respect whereof the parties have agreed or shall agree to have recourse to other method of peaceful settlement,
- g) disputes relating to matters which, by international law, fall exclusively within the domestic jurisdiction of the Republic of Poland.

The Government of the Republic of Poland reserves its right to withdraw or modify the present Declaration at any time and by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, taking effect after six months from the moment whereof.

25 March 1996


Minister for Foreign Affairs