

Reference: C.N.105.2017.TREATIES-I.4 (Depositary Notification)

DECLARATIONS RECOGNIZING AS COMPULSORY THE JURISDICTION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE UNDER ARTICLE 36,
PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE STATUTE OF THE COURT

15 OCTOBER 1946

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND: DECLARATION
UNDER ARTICLE 36 (2) OF THE STATUTE ¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 22 February 2017.

.... In accordance with paragraph 4 of article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice,
the Secretary-General transmits herewith the authentic English text of the declaration, together with its
French translation.

22 February 2017



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.828.2014.TREATIES-I.4 of 7 January 2015 (Declaration under article 36 (2) of the Statute: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

“22 February 2017

Dear Secretary-General,

I have the honour, by directions of Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, to notify you, on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that the United Kingdom's declaration under paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice dated 30 December 2014 is hereby replaced, with immediate effect, by the attached declaration.

(Signed) Matthew Rycroft

Declaration of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
under Article 36(2) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice

1. The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland 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 1 January 1987, with regard to situations or facts subsequent to the same date, other than:

- (i) any dispute which the United Kingdom has agreed with the other Party or Parties thereto to settle by some other method of peaceful settlement;
- (ii) any dispute with the government of any other country which is or has been a Member of the Commonwealth;
- (iii) any dispute in respect of which any other Party to the dispute has accepted the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice only in relation to or for the purpose of the dispute; or where the acceptance of the Court's compulsory jurisdiction on behalf of any other Party to the dispute was deposited or ratified less than twelve months prior to the filing of the application bringing the dispute before the Court;
- (iv) any claim or dispute which is substantially the same as a claim or dispute previously submitted to the Court by the same or another Party;
- (v) any claim or dispute in respect of which the claim or dispute in question has not been notified to the United Kingdom by the State or States concerned in writing, including of an intention to submit the claim or dispute to the Court failing an amicable settlement, at least six months in advance of the submission of the claim or dispute to the Court;
- (vi) any claim or dispute that arises from or is connected with or related to nuclear disarmament and/or nuclear weapons, unless all of the other nuclear-weapon States Party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons have also consented to the jurisdiction of the Court and are party to the proceedings in question.

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2. The Government of the United Kingdom 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.

22 February 2017”

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