

Reference: C.N.281.2021.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

KENYA: WITHDRAWAL OF THE DECLARATION UNDER ARTICLE 36 (2) OF THE STATUTE <sup>1</sup>

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

The above action was effected on 24 September 2021.

(Original: English)

“... the Government of the Republic of Kenya, by its Declaration of 12<sup>th</sup> April, 1965  
recognising the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice as compulsory reserved the right at any  
time by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to add to,  
amend, or withdraw any of the foregoing declarations. Such notifications shall be effective on the date  
of their receipt by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Now therefore, in consideration of the foregoing, the Government of the Republic of Kenya,  
hereby declares that it has decided to withdraw and terminate, with effect as of today, its Declaration of  
12<sup>th</sup> April, 1965, concerning the acceptance of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of  
Justice.

The Government of Kenya reserves the right at any time, by means of a written notification  
addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with effect as from the moment of such  
notification, either to amend or terminate the present Declaration. Such notifications shall be effective  
on the date of their receipt by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.”

28 September 2021



<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.51.1965.TREATIES-1 of 10 May 1965 (Declaration:  
Kenya).