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

ICELAND: DECLARATION UNDER ARTICLE 36 (2) OF THE STATUTE

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

The above action was effected on 26 February 2026.

.... In accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of
Justice, the Secretary-General transmits herewith the text of the declaration.

26 February 2026



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Excellency,

With reference to paragraph 4 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, I have the honour to deposit with you, on behalf of the Government of Iceland, the following declaration made pursuant to that Article.

‘The Government of Iceland declares that it accepts as compulsory ipso facto and without special agreement, 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 the Secretary-General of the United Nations withdrawing this declaration.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any dispute concerning the law of the sea shall be subject to the limitations and exceptions relating to the settlement of disputes under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, its Implementing Agreements, and any declaration made by Iceland pursuant to the Convention or those Agreements.’

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Þorgerður Katrín Gunnarsdóttir
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland
Reykjavik, 9 February 2026
(signed)”