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The Islamic Republic of Iran files a declaration recognizing the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court

THE HAGUE, 29 June 2023. The Islamic Republic of Iran filed a declaration recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, on 26 June 2023.

The declaration, made under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court, was deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York.

Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute reads as follows:

“The States parties to the present Statute may at any time declare that they recognize as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other State accepting the same obligation, the jurisdiction of the Court in all legal disputes”.

Seventy-four States parties to the Statute currently recognize the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court by means of a declaration made under Article 36.

Further information

The full list of States which have deposited declarations recognizing the jurisdiction of the Court as compulsory, together with the text of the declarations themselves, can be found on the ICJ’s website under “[Jurisdiction](#)”.

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The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It was established by the United Nations Charter in June 1945 and began its activities in April 1946. The Court is composed of 15 judges elected for a nine-year term by the General Assembly and the Security Council of the United Nations. The seat of the Court is at the Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands). The Court has a twofold role: first, to settle, in accordance with international law, through judgments which have binding force and are without appeal for the parties concerned, legal disputes submitted to it by States; and, second, to give advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by duly authorized United Nations organs and agencies of the system.

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