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Palestine files a declaration recognizing the competence of the International Court of Justice

THE HAGUE, 3 June 2024. On Friday 31 May 2024, in accordance with Security Council resolution 9 (1946) (adopted by virtue of the powers conferred upon the Council by Article 35, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court), Palestine filed in the Registry of the Court a declaration accepting

“with immediate effect the competence of the International Court of Justice for the settlement of all disputes that may arise or that have already arisen covered by Article IX of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (1948), to which the State of Palestine acceded on 2 April 2014”.

It is recalled that under [Security Council resolution 9 \(1946\)](#), the International Court of Justice is open to any State which is not a party to the Statute of the Court, provided that such State has deposited with the Registrar of the Court “a declaration by which it accepts the jurisdiction of the Court . . . and undertakes to comply in good faith with the decision or decisions of the Court and to accept all the obligations of a Member of the United Nations under Article 94 of the Charter”.

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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, 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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