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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,  
15 OCTOBER 1946

JAPAN: 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 6 October 2015.

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.

7 October 2015



6 October 2015

Your Excellency,

I have the honour, by direction of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, to declare on behalf of the Government of Japan that, in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, Japan recognizes as compulsory *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other State accepting the same obligation and on condition of reciprocity, the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice, over all disputes arising on and after 15 September 1958 with regard to situations or facts subsequent to the same date and being not settled by other means of peaceful settlement.

This declaration does not apply to:

- (1) any dispute which the parties thereto have agreed or shall agree to refer for final and binding decision to arbitration or judicial settlement;
- (2) 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 notified less than twelve months prior to the filing of the application bringing the dispute before the Court;
- (3) any dispute arising out of, concerning, or relating to research on, or conservation, management or exploitation of, living resources of the sea.

The Government of Japan 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.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

Motohide Yoshikawa  
Ambassador Extraordinary and  
Plenipotentiary  
Permanent Representative of  
Japan to the United Nations

His Excellency  
Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General of the United Nations

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