

4. International Court of Justice

The International Court of Justice was established by the Charter as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations. It replaced the Permanent Court of International Justice, which had borne a similar relationship to the League of Nations. The Court consists of 15 judges elected by the General Assembly and the Security Council from a list of nominees submitted by national groups; their term of office runs for nine years and they are eligible for re-election. Although the judges are to be elected "regardless of their nationality", the main forms of civilization and the principal legal systems of the world are to be represented.

Parties to the Statute of the Court include all members of the United Nations and three other national entities: Liechtenstein, San Marino, and Switzerland. They are not obliged to submit to the Court legal disputes with other states unless they have submitted to the compulsory jurisdiction of the Court by a declaration filed pursuant to Article 36 of its Statute or have done so for particular classes of dispute in treaties and other international agreements. Thirty-seven countries, including Canada, have filed declarations of acceptance of compulsory jurisdiction of the Court, with or without reservations of various kinds.

The present judges of the Court, with the year of expiry of their term of office, are:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Year of Expiry</i>
Ricardo J. Alfaro (Vice-President)	Panama	1964
Abdel Hamid Badawi	United Arab Republic	1967
Jules Basdevant	France	1964
José Luis Bustamante y Rivero	Peru	1970
Roberto Cordova	Mexico	1964
Sir Gerald Fitzmaurice	Britain	1964
Philip C. Jessup	United States	1970
V. K. Wellington Koo	China	1967
Vladimir M. Koretsky	U.S.S.R.	1970
Gaetano Morelli	Italy	1970
Lucio M. Moreno Quintana	Argentina	1964
Sir Percy Spender	Australia	1967
Jean Spiropoulos	Greece	1967
Kotaro Tanaka	Japan	1970
Bohdan Winiarski (President)	Poland	1967

5. List of Secretaries-General

<i>Names</i>	<i>Terms of Office</i>
Trygve Lie	February 1, 1946-April 9, 1953
Dag Hammarskjöld	April 10, 1953-September 18, 1961
U Thant	Acting Secretary-General, November 3, 1961-November 30, 1962
	Elected Secretary-General on November 30, 1962, until November 3, 1966.