

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA OF
THE COMPULSORY JURISDICTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT
OF JUSTICE

New York, September 10, 1985

Dear Secretary-General:

On behalf of the Government of Canada,

1. I give notice that I hereby terminate the acceptance by Canada of the compulsory jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice hitherto effective by virtue of the declaration made on 7 April 1970⁽¹⁾ in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 36 of the Statute of that Court.⁽²⁾

2. I declare that the Government of Canada accepts as compulsory ipso facto and without special convention, 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 terminate the acceptance, over all disputes arising after the present declaration with regard to situations or facts subsequent to this declaration, other than:

- (a) disputes in regard to which the parties have agreed or shall agree to have recourse to some other method of peaceful settlement;
- (b) disputes with the Government of any other country which is a member of the Commonwealth, all of which disputes shall be settled in such manner as the parties have agreed or shall agree;
- (c) disputes with regard to questions which by international law fall exclusively within the jurisdiction of Canada.

3. The Government of Canada also reserves the right at any time, by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and with effect as from the moment of such notification, either to add to, amend or withdraw any of the foregoing reservations, or any that may hereafter be added.

(1) Treaty Series 1970 No. 10

(2) Treaty Series 1945 No. 7