

Concept Note

Launch event of the *Declaration*  
*on promoting the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice*

VTC format

3 November 2021, 8.45 – 9.45 am (New York time)

Connection link:

<https://backstage.webex.com/backstage/onstage/g.php?MTID=e550819b4356e98be79d52f51e40718bd>

#### Core Group States

Japan, Liechtenstein, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland.

#### Background

On 24 June 2021, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, H.E. Mr. Bogdan Aurescu, hosted a virtual

More specifically, the event was intended to put forth an initiative to promote expanding access to the ICJ's jurisdiction on a stable and predictable basis, in accordance with the Statute, including by means of encouraging States to submit declarations recognizing the Court's jurisdiction as compulsory in relation to any other States accepting the same obligation, to withdraw relevant reservations blocking access to the ICJ jurisdiction in existent treaties and to include compromissory clauses in treaties establishing the ICJ as the dispute settlement mechanism, whenever possible.

H.E. Ms. Yoka Brandt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Krzysztof Szczerski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Agustín Santos Maraver, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Juan Gómez Robledo Verduzco, Ambassador, Deputy Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations

9.20 – 9.45 am