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Q2(c)

Describe the composition of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Discuss its voluntary jurisdiction

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Fifteen judges

Nine-year terms; elections by the General Assembly and the Security Council voting separately.

Article 36(2) Statute

Optional clause by which a State may declare in advance that it accepts compulsory jurisdiction vis-à-vis other declarants.

Reservations

States often exclude categories of dispute, periods of time, or require reciprocity, which narrows 'compulsory' jurisdiction.

Article 94 UN Charter

A party may have recourse to the Security Council if the other party fails to perform a judgment.

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