

### 3.—SPECIAL AGREEMENT CONCLUDED ON MARCH 25th, 1948

The Government of the People's Republic of Albania, represented by their Agent Mr. Kahreman Ylli, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Albania at Paris ;

and

the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, represented by their Agent Mr. W. E. Beckett, C.M.G., K.C., Legal Adviser to the Foreign Office ;

Have accepted the present Special Agreement, which has been drawn up as a result of the Resolution of the Security Council of the 9th April 1947, for the purpose of submitting to the International Court of Justice for decision the following questions :—

(1) Is Albania responsible under international law for the explosions which occurred on the 22nd October 1946 in Albanian waters and for the damage and loss of human life which resulted from them and is there any duty to pay compensation ?

(2) Has the United Kingdom under international law violated the sovereignty of the Albanian People's Republic by reason of the acts of the Royal Navy in Albanian waters on the 22nd October and on the 12th and 13th November 1946 and is there any duty to give satisfaction ?

The Parties agree that the present Special Agreement shall be notified to the International Court of Justice immediately after the delivery on the 25th March of its judgment on the question of jurisdiction.

The Parties request the Court, having regard to the present Special Agreement, to make such orders with regard to procedure, in conformity with the Statute and the Rules of the Court, as the Court may deem fit, after having consulted the Agents of the Parties.

In witness whereof the above-mentioned Agents, being duly authorized by their Governments to this effect, have signed the present Special Agreement.

Done this 25th day of March, 1948, at midday, at The Hague, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited with the International Court of Justice.

(Signed) W. E. BECKETT.

(Signed) KAHREMAN YLLI.

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