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OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR
RELATIONS CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES

VIENNA, 24 APRIL 1963

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 7 March 2005.

(Original: English)

“I have the honor on behalf of the Government of the United States of America to refer to the
Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations Concerning the Compulsory
Settlement of Disputes, done at Vienna April 24, 1963.

This letter constitutes notification by the United States of America that it hereby withdraws
from the aforesaid Protocol. As a consequence of this withdrawal, the United States will no longer
recognize the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice reflected in that Protocol.”

11 March 2005

