

Reference: C.N.259.2014.TREATIES-IV.1 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME
OF GENOCIDE

PARIS, 9 DECEMBER 1948

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: COMMUNICATION¹

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

The above action was effected on 13 May 2014.

(Original: English)

“The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations and has the honor to refer to the Secretary-General’s depositary notification C.N.178.2014, dated April 9, 2014, regarding the purported accession of the ‘State of Palestine’ to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, done at Paris, December 9, 1948.

The Government of the United States of America does not believe the ‘State of Palestine’ qualifies as a sovereign State and does not recognize it as such. Accession to the Convention is limited to sovereign States. Therefore, the Government of the United States of America believes that the ‘State of Palestine’ is not qualified to accede to the Convention and affirms that it will not consider itself to be in a treaty relationship with the ‘State of Palestine’ under the Convention.”

15 May 2014



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.178.2014.TREATIES-IV.1 of 9 April 2014 (Accession: State of Palestine).