

Reference: C.N.263.2014.TREATIES-IV.11.b (Depositary Notification)

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE  
CHILD ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

NEW YORK, 25 MAY 2000

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: COMMUNICATION<sup>1</sup>

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

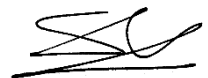
The above action was effected on 13 May 2014.

(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.200.2014, dated April 9, 2014, regarding the purported accession of the ‘State of Palestine’ to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, done at New York, May 25, 2000.

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 Optional Protocol 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 Optional Protocol and affirms that it will not consider itself to be in a treaty relationship with the ‘State of Palestine’ under the Optional Protocol.”

15 May 2014



<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.200.2014.TREATIES-IV.11.b of 9 April 2014 (Accession: State of Palestine).