

Reference: C.N.285.2014.TREATIES-IV.8 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

NEW YORK, 18 DECEMBER 1979

CANADA: COMMUNICATION¹

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

The above action was effected on 14 May 2014.

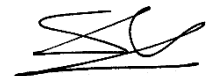
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"The Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the Secretary-General's communication of 9 April 2014, numbered C.N.183.2014.TREATIES-IV.8, relating to that treaty.

The Permanent Mission of Canada notes that this communication was made pursuant to the Secretary General's capacity as Depositary for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The Permanent Mission of Canada notes the technical and administrative role of the Depositary, and that it is for States Parties to a treaty, not the Depositary, to make their own determination with respect to any legal issues raised by instruments circulated by a depositary.

In that context, the Permanent Mission of Canada notes that 'Palestine' does not meet the criteria of a state under international law and is not recognized by Canada as a state. Therefore, in order to avoid confusion, the Permanent Mission of Canada wishes to note its position that in the context of the purported Palestinian accession to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, 'Palestine' is not able to accede to this convention, and that the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women does not enter into force, or have an effect on Canada's treaty relations, with respect to the 'State of Palestine'."

22 May 2014



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.183.2014.TREATIES-IV.8 of 9 April 2014 (Accession: State of Palestine).