

Reference: C.N.293.2014.TREATIES-IV.2 (Depositary Notification)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
NEW YORK, 7 MARCH 1966

ISRAEL: 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 16 May 2014.

(Original: English)

“The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as depositary to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, and refers to the communication by the depositary, dated 9 April 2014, regarding the Palestinian request to accede to this Convention (Reference number C.N.179.2014.TREATIES-IV.2).

‘Palestine’ does not satisfy the criteria for statehood under international law and lacks the legal capacity to join the aforesaid convention bath under general international law and the terms of bilateral Israeli-Palestinian agreements.

The Government of Israel does not recognize ‘Palestine’ as a State, and wishes to place on record, for the sake of clarity, its position that it does not consider ‘Palestine’ a party to the Convention and regards the Palestinian request for accession as being without legal validity and without effect upon Israel's treaty relations under the Convention.”

22 May 2014



<sup>1</sup> Refer to depositary notification C.N.179.2014.TREATIES-IV.2 of 9 April 2014 (Accession: State of Palestine).