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OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

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

The above Convention was adopted on 10 December 2014 by resolution 69/116 during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

In accordance with its article 7, the Convention shall be open for signature in Port Louis, Mauritius, on 17 March 2015 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York by any State or by any regional economic integration organization that is constituted by States and is a contracting party to an investment treaty.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic certified true copies of the Convention are posted on the United Nations Treaty Collection website at the following address: https://treaties.un.org/doc/Treaties/2014/12/20141210%2011-52%20AM/CH XXII 3.pdf.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Convention must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, facsimile: (212) 963-3693.

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