The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and refers to the U.N. Secretary-General’s depositary notification C.N.795.2017.TREATIES-XXVI.2.d, dated January 2, 2018, regarding the purported consent by the ‘State of Palestine’ to be bound by the Protocol on Explosive Remnants of War to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects (Protocol V), done at Geneva November 28, 2003, for which the Secretary-General of the United Nations is the depositary.

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. Consent to be bound by Protocol V is limited to sovereign States. Therefore, the Government of the United States of America believes that the ‘State of Palestine’ is not qualified to consent to be bound by Protocol V and affirms that it will not consider itself to be in a treaty relationship with the ‘State of Palestine’ under Protocol V.”

4 April 2018

1 Refer to depositary notification C.N.795.2017.TREATIES-XXVI.2.d of 2 January 2018 (Consent to be bound: State of Palestine).