

Reference: C.N.227.2018.TREATIES-III.5 (Depositary Notification)

OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS, CONCERNING THE COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT OF
DISPUTES

VIENNA, 18 APRIL 1961

ISRAEL: COMMUNICATION ¹

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

The above action was effected on 1 May 2018.

(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 of the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, dated 18 April 1961, and has the honor to refer to the Palestinian request to accede to this [Protocol] (Reference number C.N.149.2018.TREATIES-III.5).

‘Palestine’ does not satisfy the criteria for statehood under international law and lacks the legal capacity to join the aforesaid [Protocol] both 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 [Protocol] and regards the Palestinian request for accession as being without legal validity and without effect upon Israel’s treaty relations under the [Protocol].”

1 May 2018



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.149.2018.TREATIES-III.5 of 23 March 2018
(Accession: State of Palestine).