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

VIENNA, 18 APRIL 1961

STATE OF PALESTINE: COMMUNICATION ¹

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

The above action was effected on 31 May 2018.

(Original: English)

"The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as Depositary, and has the honor to refer to depositary notification C.N.228.2018.TREATIES-III.5, dated 1 May 2018, conveying a communication of the United State of America regarding the [accession] of the State of Palestine [to] the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, dated 18 April 1961.

The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of the United State of America and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according Palestine 'non-member observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard, Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community.

As a State Party to the Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, concerning the Compulsory Settlement of Disputes, of 18 April 1961, which entered into force 21 April 2018 [for the State of Palestine], the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligations will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties."

31 May 2018

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.228.2018.TREATIES-III.5 of 1 May 2018 (Communication: United States of America).