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

The above action was effected on 1 June 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 Constitution of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization of 8 April 1979, and has the honor to refer to the Palestinian request to accede to this Constitution (Reference number C.N.251.2018.TREATIES-X.9).

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

1 June 2018

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