

Reference: C.N.292.2018.TREATIES-XXVI.3 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT,
PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING AND USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND ON
THEIR DESTRUCTION

GENEVA, 3 SEPTEMBER 1992

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 18 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 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, and has the honor to refer to the Palestinian request to accede to this Convention (Reference number C.N.250.2018.TREATIES-XXVI.3).

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

18 June 2018



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.250.2018.TREATIES-XXVI.3 of 18 May 2018 (Accession: State of Palestine).