

Reference: C.N.295.2018.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

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: COMMUNICATION<sup>1</sup>

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 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.250.2018.TREATIES-XXVI.3, dated May 18, 2018, regarding the purported accession of the ‘State of Palestine’ to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, done at Geneva September 3, 1992 (the Convention), 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. Accession to the Convention is limited to sovereign States. Therefore, the Government of the United States of America believes that the ‘State of Palestine’ is not qualified to accede to the Convention and affirms that it will not consider itself to be in a treaty relationship with the ‘State of Palestine’ under the Convention.”

18 June 2018



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