

Reference: C.N.487.2018.TREATIES-III.5 (Depositary Notification)

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

VIENNA, 18 APRIL 1961

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: NOTIFICATION OF WITHDRAWAL ¹

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

The above action was effected on 12 October 2018.

(Original: English)

“I have the honor on behalf of the Government of the United States of America to refer to the
Optional Protocol to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations Concerning the Compulsory
Settlement of Disputes, done at Vienna on April 18, 1961.

This letter constitutes notification by the United States of America that it hereby withdraws
from the aforesaid Protocol. As a consequence of this withdrawal, the United States will no longer
recognize the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice reflected in that Protocol.”

12 October 2018



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.234.1972.TREATIES-10 of 28 December 1972
(Ratification: United States of America).