

Reference: C.N.617.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.19 (Depositary Notification)

CONVENTION ON ROAD TRAFFIC
VIENNA, 8 NOVEMBER 1968

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 11 December 2019.

(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 Road Traffic, dated 8 November 1968, and has the honor to refer to the Palestinian request to accede to this Convention (Reference: C.N.587.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.19).

‘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.”

11 December 2019



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.587.2019.TREATIES-XI.B.19 of 20 November 2019 (Accession: State of Palestine).