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UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA PARIS, 14 OCTOBER 1994

STATE OF PALESTINE: 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 March 2019.

(Original: English)

"The Permanent Observer of the State of Palestine to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in his capacity as Depositary, and has the honor to refer to depositary notification C.N.175.2018.TREATIES-XXVII.10, dated 4 April 2018, conveying a communication of the United States of America regarding the accession of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 14 October 1994.

The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of the United States of America and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according to which Palestine was accorded a 'Non-member Observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard, Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community.

As a State Party to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, 14 October 1994, which entered into force on 29 March 2018 for the State of Palestine, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligations will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties."

20 March 2019

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¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.175.2018.TREATIES-XXVII.10 of 4 April 2018 (Communication: United States of America).