

Reference: C.N.63.2015.TREATIES-XVIII.10 (Depositary Notification)

ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

ROME, 17 JULY 1998

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 16 January 2015.

(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 to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, and refers to the communication by the depositary, dated 6 January 2015, regarding the Palestinian request to accede to this Statute (Reference number C.N.13.2015.TREATIES-XVIII.10).

'Palestine' does not satisfy the criteria for statehood under international law and lacks the legal capacity to join the aforesaid Statute under general international law, as well as under the terms of the Rome Statute and 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 Statute and regards the Palestinian request for accession as being without any legal validity or effect.”

23 January 2015



¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.13.2015.TREATIES-XVIII.10 of 6 January 2015 (Accession: State of Palestine).