



**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS  
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CONVENTIONS CONCLUDED AT THE HAGUE ON 18 OCTOBER 1907  
DURING THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE OF 1907

Notification

Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes  
(The Hague, 18 October 1907)

**COMMUNICATION**

**Israel, 04-01-2016**

'Palestine' does not satisfy the criteria for statehood under international law and lacks the legal capacity to join the aforesaid Convention under general international law, as well as under the terms of the bilateral Israeli-Palestinian agreements and of the Convention, including the threshold conditions established pursuant to Article 94.

The Government of Israel notes that the role of the depositary is a technical one and that the depositary does not have authority to determine the legal validity or effect of instruments of accession. Accordingly, regardless of any action taken by the depositary regarding the purported instrument of accession in this instance, such actions do not in themselves grant any legal validity or effect to such an instrument.

The Government of Israel wishes to place on record, for the sake of clarity, its position that it does not recognize 'Palestine' as a State nor as a party to the Convention, and that it regards the Palestinian request for accession as being without any legal validity or effect.

The Hague, 2 February 2016

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