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The Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the State of Israel to the United Nations Office at Geneva, and has the honour to refer to the interstate communication ICERD-ISC-2018/3, which was submitted to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for consideration under article 11 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, by the State of Palestine.

The Secretary-General has the honour to inform the State party of a decision adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination during its 97th session held in Geneva from 26 November to 14 December 2018, as follows:

Noting that the State of Palestine sent an interstate communication concerning Israel on 23 April 2018, which was transmitted to the State concerned on 7 May 2018;

Noting that Israel replied to that communication by Notes verbales of 3 and 30 August, 23 September, 19 and 23 October 2018, which were transmitted to the State of Palestine;

Noting that the State of Palestine submitted observations on the reply of Israel dated 3 August 2018 in a note dated 30 August 2018 and that these observations were transmitted to Israel;

Also taking note of the State of Palestine's submission of 19 October 2018, which was also transmitted to Israel;

Being aware that the matter has not been adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties;

Acknowledging that, on 7 November 2018, the State of Palestine has referred the matter again to the Committee;

Decides

1. To request Israel to inform the Committee whether it wishes - within a period of one month after receipt of this request - to supply any relevant information on



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issues of jurisdiction of the Committee or admissibility of the communication, including the exhaustion of all available domestic remedies;

2. That the Secretariat will immediately transmit any reply received to all members of the Committee and to the State of Palestine giving it the opportunity to provide its observations on that reply within one month of receiving it;

3. That both Israel and the State of Palestine may decide to confine their respective replies to the information already contained in their previous notes in which those issues have been raised;

4. To give Israel the opportunity to provide its comments on any observations that may be communicated by the State of Palestine pursuant to operative paragraph 2 above within one month of having received them, without raising any issue not previously raised by either of the States concerned;

5. To invite the States parties concerned to appoint one representative to take part in the proceedings before the Committee, without voting rights, while the matter is under consideration, and to inform the Chairperson of the Committee of that appointment not later than 1 March 2019;

6. To examine any preliminary question at its 98th session that will take place from 23 April to 10 May 2019;

7. To invite the appointed representative to present at that session the views of the State party concerned, for a maximum of 45 minutes, and in rebuttal for a further period of 15 minutes.

A copy of the decision has been transmitted to the Permanent Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The Secretariat avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the State of Israel the assurances of its highest consideration.

14 December 2018