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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 communication submitted by the State of Palestine under article 11 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD-ISC-2018/3).

The Secretariat has the honour to transmit to you the text of the decision taken by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in that regard on 10 May 2019:

*"The Committee takes note of the Notes Verbales dated 23 April and 1 May 2019 in which the State of Israel indicates that it is unable to participate in the oral proceedings of the Committee to be held on 2 April 2019 regarding the question of its jurisdiction over the communication submitted by the State of Palestine under article 11 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, as in the State of Israel's view, "the format proposed for the proceedings is incompatible with its fundamental position in the present case as to the lack of treaty relations with the Palestinian entity".*

*The Committee considers that all communications related to the proceedings established under article 11 of the Convention have to be carried out through the representative designated by the relevant State party in compliance with article 11, paragraph 5, "to take part in the proceedings of the Committee, without voting rights, while the matter is under consideration". The Committee notes that the State of Israel has not appointed a representative as requested in the Committee's decision of 14 December 2018, as well as in its Notes Verbales dated 6 March, 22 March 2019, and 10 April 2019.*

*In view thereof, the Committee reiterates its invitation to the State of Israel to appoint a representative, as the Committee's interlocutor in the context of the proceedings under article 11 of the Convention, so as to provide the State party with all the information related to the adopted decisions, and to the next steps of this procedure. Such nomination does not have any impact on the future decisions that the State of Israel may take as to the possible participation of its representative in future meetings related to the communication of reference, but only aims at enabling the communication between the Committee and the State party regarding the proceedings".*

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

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