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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 Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva, and has the honour to acknowledge receipt of its observations, dated 30 August 2018, submitted by the State party under article 11 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD-ISC-2018/3).

A copy of the State party's observations has been transmitted to the Permanent Mission of the State of Israel to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The Secretariat takes this opportunity to remind the State of Palestine that according to paragraph 2 of article 11 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination: "If the matter is not adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties, either by bilateral negotiations or by any other procedure open to them, within six months after the receipt by the receiving State of the initial communication, either State shall have the right to refer the matter again to the Committee by notifying the Committee and also the other State". In view thereof, the Secretariat informs that the deadline for referring the matter again to the Committee is 7 November 2018. This reminder does not imply that any decision has been adopted on the admissibility or substance of the matter under consideration.

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

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