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ליד משרד האומות המאוחדות
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Chairperson and Members of the
Committee on the Elimination of Racial
Discrimination and the CERD Secretariat
UNOG – OHCHR

Geneva, 21 May 2019

To the attention of the Chairperson, Committee Members and the Secretariat,

Please find herewith attached a communication submitted by Israel relating to the communication that was forwarded to the Permanent Mission of Israel by the Secretariat of CERD, dated 13 May 2019 (Reference: ICERD-ISC 2018/3).

Yours sincerely,

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The Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva (hereinafter: "the Permanent Mission") presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) and wishes to refer to the Note, dated 13 May 2019 (Reference: ICERD-ISC 2018/3), by which the Secretariat informed the Permanent Mission of the invitation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (hereinafter: "the Committee") to appoint a representative of the State of Israel.

The Permanent Mission notes with appreciation the Committee's assurance in its decision that the appointment of a representative is "to provide the State party with all the information related to the adopted decisions, and to the next steps of this procedure", and that "such nomination does not have any impact on 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 Permanent Mission wishes to emphasize that the appointment of a representative is without prejudice to its principled position, as conveyed to the Committee in its previous communications, that Israel is not in treaty relations with the Palestinian entity under the Convention for the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination, and accordingly, the Committee lacks jurisdiction in this instance to consider the Palestinian complaint under Article 11 of the Convention.

In accordance with the above, the Permanent Mission wishes to inform the Committee that Dr. Tal Becker, Deputy Director-General and Legal Adviser of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been appointed as the representative for this purpose.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights) the assurances of its highest consideration.

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