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Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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## **NOTES TO CORRESPONDENTS**

### **Note to Correspondents in response to questions asked at noon concerning Palestinian letters for accession to international conventions and treaties**

New York, 2 April 2014

We can confirm that Roberterry, the Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General to the PLO and the PA has received 13 letters for accession to international conventions and treaties. Once we receive the letters at headquarters, we will be reviewing them to consider the appropriate next steps.

The treaties and conventions are:

1. The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations
2. The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations
3. The Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in armed conflict
4. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
5. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
6. The Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties
7. The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
8. The Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment
9. The United Nations Convention against Corruption
10. The Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
11. The International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid
12. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
13. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Accession letters for the following conventions were submitted to the Swiss and Dutch Representatives to the PA, respectively:

1. The Four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the First Additional Protocol
2. The Hague Convention (IV) respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land and its annex: Regulations Concerning the Laws and Customs of War on Land