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Le Greffier
The Registrar

H.E. Mr Mahmoud Abbas
President of the State of Palestine

Ref: 2015/IOR/3496/HvH

Date: 7 January 2015

Excellency,

I hereby confirm receipt, on 1 January 2015, of your 31 December 2014 "Declaration Accepting the Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court" which was lodged with me pursuant to article 12(3) of the Rome Statute, and in which you state that "the Government of the State of Palestine recognises the jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of identifying, prosecuting and judging authors and accomplices of crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court committed in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, since 13 June 2014."

Pursuant to Rule 44(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence, a declaration under article 12(3) of the Rome Statute has the effect of the acceptance of jurisdiction with respect to the crimes referred to in article 5 of the Statute of relevance to the situation, as well as the application of the provisions of Part 9 of the Statute and any rules thereunder concerning to States Parties.

I hereby accept the declaration and I have transmitted it to the Prosecutor for her consideration. This acceptance is without prejudice to any prosecutorial or judicial determinations on this matter.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Herman von Hebel

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