



The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies, Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to refer to the Secretary of State's circular note to the Chiefs of Mission, dated July 1, 2019, in which he informed them of upcoming changes to the process by which the United States of America communicates information in performance of its function as depositary for certain multilateral treaties.

The Chiefs of Mission are reminded that on January 1, 2020, the Department's Office of Treaty Affairs, which manages the U.S. depositary function, will inaugurate an electronic system to communicate notice of actions, e.g., signatures and the deposit of instruments, in respect of treaties for which the United States is depositary. Consequently, effective from that date, the Department of State will cease issuing such notices in the form of paper circular diplomatic notes to Chiefs of Mission. Instead, on the effective date and thereafter, official U.S. depositary notices of treaty actions will be available in electronic form on the Treaty Affairs webpage at <https://www.state.gov/depositary-recent-actions/>. In addition, individuals will be able to subscribe to receive such notices directly by e-mail or through RSS feeds at <https://www.state.gov/subscriptions-treaty-affairs/>.

These changes are being made to improve the speed and efficiency with which U.S. depositary information is communicated.

The Secretary of State would be grateful if the Chiefs of Mission would take note of this information and communicate it to their respective governments.

Department of State,

Washington, December 23, 2019.

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