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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note No. ONU/1999/28 dated 8 January 1999, transmitting the instrument of ratification by the Government of Portugal of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 9 December 1948.

Portugal not being a signatory to the above Convention, the instrument of ratification is considered to be an instrument of accession and deposited as such with the Secretary-General on 9 February 1999, the date of its receipt.

Due note has been taken of the declaration contained in the instrument.

In accordance with its article XIII (3), the Convention will enter into force for Portugal on the ninetieth day following the date of deposit of the instrument, i.e., on 10 May 1999.

All States concerned are being informed accordingly.

16 February 1999

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