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Re Instruments of accession to 1907 Hague Conventions

Dear Dr. Sai,

With reference to your letter dated 8 April 2024, by which you submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands the instruments of accession of the 'Hawaiian Kingdom' to the Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes (I), concluded at The Hague on 18 October 1907, and to the Convention Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land (IV), concluded at The Hague on 18 October 1907, we can inform you as follows.

As the Depositary of the said Conventions, the Ministry only accepts for deposit instruments of accession of sovereign States. Since it has been generally recognized internationally that Hawaii is one of the constituent states of the United States of America, the Ministry cannot accept for deposit the instruments of accession of the 'Hawaiian Kingdom' to the said Conventions.

Sincerely,

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