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Notification
to the Governments of the States parties
to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949
for the Protection of War Victims

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

I. Signatures of the Protocol III

The Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III), done at Geneva on 8 December 2005, was recently signed by the following States:

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| (1) | Sweden | on 30 March 2006 |
| (2) | Republic of Kenya | on 30 March 2006 |
| (3) | Serbia and Montenegro | on 31 March 2006 |
| (4) | Czech Republic | on 12 April 2006 |
| (5) | Slovakia | on 25 April 2006 |

II. Communication from the depositary

The Protocol III will remain open for signature until 7 December 2006, upon appointment, at the Depositary in Berne. It will furthermore be possible to sign it in Geneva on 19 and 20 June 2006, at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations Office and to the other international organizations.

The States Parties intending to sign the Protocol III are kindly asked to notify the Depositary (DFA, Treaty Section, CH-3003 Berne; Phone: +41 31 325 07 63, Fax: +41 31 325 07 29, E-Mail: dv-staatsvertraege@eda.admin.ch) and to submit in advance, for control purposes, the necessary specific full powers for such a signature.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as Depositary of the Geneva Conventions and according to articles 15 and 17 of Protocol III.

Berne, 27 April 2006

