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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

CONVENTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I AND II

I. Withdrawal of reservations by the Republic of Hungary

On 31 Mai 2000, the Republic of Hungary withdrew the declaration and reservations made on 8 December 1949 upon signature of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

II. Withdrawal of reservations by the Slovak Republic

On 5 June 2000, the Slovak Republic withdrew the reservations made by the Czechoslovakian Republic upon signature of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and maintained by the Slovak Republic upon its declaration of succession of 2nd April 1993.

III. Declaration by the Portuguese Republic

On 22 November 1999, the Portuguese Republic deposited with the Swiss Federal Council a declaration on the applicability of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols I and II to Macao. Pursuant to the said declaration, the Portuguese Republic ceased to assume the rights and obligations arising from the Conventions and Protocols for Macao on 20 December 1999.

VI. Declaration by the People's Republic of China

On 31 Mai 2000, the People's Republic of China deposited with the Swiss Federal Council a declaration on the applicability of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols I and II to the Special Administrative Region of Macao. Pursuant to this declaration, the Conventions and Protocols are applicable to the Special Administrative Region of Macao from 20 December 1999.

V. Translations of the Conventions and Protocols

On 15 May 2000, the Republic of Estonia deposited with the Swiss Federal Council an official Estonian translation of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols I and II.

On 15 May 2000, Turkmenistan deposited with the Swiss Federal Council an official Turkmen translation of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols I and II.

Copies of these translations are available to the States parties at their request at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I AND II

VI. Accession by the Principality of Monaco

On 7 January 2000, the Principality of Monaco deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession of the Additional Protocols I and II.

According to their final provisions, the Protocols shall take effect for the the Principality of Monaco six months after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, i.e. on 7 July 2000.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I

VII. Declaration by the Republic of Costa Rica

On 9 December 1999, the Republic of Costa Rica deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration (original version):

"The Government of Costa Rica declares that it recognises ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorised by article 90 of Protocol I Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949."

The present notification is made by the Swiss Federal Council in its capacity as depositary of the Conventions and Protocols.

Berne, 7 July 2000