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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 PROTOCOLS I and II

I. Accession by the State of Qatar

On 5 January 2005, the State of Qatar deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Additional Protocol II.

According to its final provisions, the Protocol will enter into force for the State of Qatar six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 5 July 2005.

II. Accession by the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

On 12 April 2005, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II.

According to their final provisions, the Protocols will enter into force for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste six months after the deposit of the instruments, i.e. on 12 October 2005.

III. Translations of the Protocols and Rules of application

On 13 April 2005, Japan deposited with the Swiss Federal Council official translations in the Japanese language of the Additional Protocols I and II, as well as texts in the Japanese language of the three following laws, each with an English summary:

- Law concerning the punishment of Grave Breaches of International Humanitarian Laws;
- Law concerning the Treatment of Prisoners of War and Other Detainees in the Event of Armed Attack Situation;
- Law concerning the Measures for Protection of the Civilian Population in Armed Attack Situations.

Copies of both translations and of these Rules of application are available to the States parties at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

IV. Withdrawal of reservations by Switzerland

On 17 June 2005, Switzerland withdrew the reservations to Articles 57 and 58 of the Additional Protocol I, reservations entered on 17 February 1982 upon ratification.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary of the Geneva Conventions.

Berne, 20 June 2005

