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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 PROTOCOL I

Communications by the State of Palestine

On 18 June 2014, the Swiss Federal Council received from the State of Palestine the three following communications referring to the communication by the United States of America, respectively by the State of Israel and by Canada, contained in the depositary's notification GEN 3/14 of 21 May 2014 (original English versions):

«The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of the United States of America and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according Palestine 'non-member observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community. As a State Party to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims and their Additional Protocol I of 8 June 1977, which entered into force on 2 April 2014, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligation will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties.»

«The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of Canada and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according Palestine 'non-member observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community. As a State Party to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims and their Additional Protocol I of 8 June 1977, which entered into force on 2 April 2014, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligation will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties.»

«The Government of the State of Palestine regrets the position of Israel, the occupying power, and wishes to recall United Nations General Assembly resolution 67/19 of 29 November 2012 according Palestine 'non-member observer State status in the United Nations'. In this regard Palestine is a State recognized by the United Nations General Assembly on behalf of the international community. As a State Party to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims and their Additional Protocol I of 8 June 1977, which entered into force on 2 April 2014, the State of Palestine will exercise its rights and honor its obligations with respect to all States Parties. The State of Palestine trusts that its rights and obligation will be equally respected by its fellow States Parties.»

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary (www.eda.admin.ch/depositary) of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols.

Berne, 27 June 2014

