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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

I. Withdrawal of reservations by Ukraine

On 30 June 2006, Ukraine withdrew the reservations to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, made upon signature and confirmed on 8 August 1954 upon ratification.

These reservations referred to:

- Article 10 of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 for the amelioration of the condition of wounded and sick in armed forces in the field;
- Article 10 of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 for the amelioration of the condition of wounded, sick and shipwrecked members of armed forces at sea;
- Articles 10, 12 and 85 of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 relative to the treatment of prisoners of war;
- Articles 11 and 45 of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 relative to the protection of civilians in time of war.

CONVENTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I AND II

II. Accession by the Republic of Montenegro

On 2 August 2006, the Republic of Montenegro deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of War Victims and to the Additional Protocols I and II of 8 June 1977.

According to their final provisions, the Conventions and the Protocols I and II will enter into force for the Republic of Montenegro six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 2 February 2007.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I

III. Declaration by the Republic of Montenegro

On 2 August 2006, the Republic of Montenegro deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration (original English version):

"The Republic of Montenegro declares that it recognizes *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 authorized by Article 90 of Protocol I additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949".

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II

IV. Accession by the Republic of Sudan

On 13 July 2006, the Republic of Sudan 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 Republic of Sudan six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 13 January 2007.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

V. Signatures of the Protocol III

The Protocol III was recently signed by the following States:

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| (1) Dominican Republic | on 26 July 2006 |
| (2) Singapore | on 2 August 2006 |
| (3) Republic of Korea | on 2 August 2006 |

VI. Ratification by Iceland

On 4 August 2006, Iceland deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of 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.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for Iceland six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 4 February 2007.

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

Berne, 7 August 2006

