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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, II and III

## I. Accession by the Republic of the Fiji Islands

On 30 July 2008, the Republic of the Fiji Islands deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Protocols I, II and III.

Pursuant to their final provisions, the three Protocols will enter into force for the Republic of the Fiji Islands six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 30 January 2009.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

## II. Ratification by the Republic of Moldova

On 19 August 2008, the Republic of Moldova deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

The instrument contains the following text (translation of the original Moldovan version): 
«Until the full re-establishment of the territorial integrity of the Republic of Moldova, the provisions of the Convention will be applied only on the territory controlled effectively by the authorities of the Republic of Moldova».

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Moldova six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 19 February 2009.

## III. Ratification by the Republic of Paraguay

On 13 October 2008, the Republic of Paraguay deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Paraguay six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 13 April 2009.

## IV. Ratification by the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

On 14 October 2008, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 14 April 2009.

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.

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