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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 PROTOCOL III

I. Ratification by the Republic of Chile

On 6 July 2009, the Republic of Chile 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 Chile six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 6 January 2010.

II. Ratification by Australia

On 15 July 2009, Australia 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 Australia six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 15 January 2010.

III. Ratification by the French Republic

On 17 July 2009, the French Republic 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 French Republic six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 17 January 2010.

IV. Ratification by the Federative Republic of Brazil

On 28 August 2009, the Federative Republic of Brazil 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 Federative Republic of Brazil six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 28 February 2010.

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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