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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

I

GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949

Succession of Solomon Islands, Saint Lucia and
the Commonwealth of Dominica

The Governments of Solomon Islands, Saint Lucia and the Commonwealth of Dominica have declared that these States consider themselves bound by the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims in virtue of their former ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as there are :

- Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field,
- Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea,
- Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War,
- Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

The declaration of Solomon Islands, of 1 June 1981 and received on 6 July 1981, takes effect retroactively on 7 July 1978, date of their accession to independence.

The declaration of Saint Lucia, of 14 September 1981 and received on 18 September 1981, takes effect retroactively on 22 February 1979, date of its accession to independence.

The declaration of the Commonwealth of Dominica, of 8 September 1981 and received on 28 September 1981, takes effect retroactively on 3 November 1978, date of its accession to independence.

II

PROTOCOL ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949 RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS (PROTOCOL I), ADOPTED AT GENEVA ON 8 JUNE 1977

Ratification by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

On 19 October 1981, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of ratification of the said Protocol I.

In conformity with Article 95 Paragraph 2 of Protocol I, it will enter into force for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 19 April 1982, i.e. six months after the deposit of the instrument of ratification.

Berne, 30 October 1981