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N o t i f i c a t i o n

to the Governments of the States Parties to the Geneva Conventions  
of 12 August 1949, for the Protection of War Victims

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I

Accession of Cape Verde to the four Geneva Conventions

On 11 May 1984, the Republic of Cape Verde has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, for the Protection of War Victims, 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.

According to their clauses, the Republic of Cape Verde shall become a party to the four said Conventions six months after the date on which the instrument of accession was received by the Depositary, i.e. on 11 November 1984.

II

Communication of South Africa relating to the accession of the United Nations Council for Namibia to the four Geneva Conventions and the two Additional Protocols

On 12 March 1984, the Republic of South Africa, a Party to the Conventions, has deposited with the Swiss Government the following communication, dated 24 February 1984:

"Accession to the aforementioned Geneva Conventions and Protocols is governed by an identically worded article which stipulates that

"From the date of its coming into force, it shall be open to any Power in whose name the present Convention has not been signed, to accede to this Convention".

Since South West Africa/Namibia cannot, in terms of international law, be regarded as such a Power and since neither it nor the UN Council for Namibia is able to assume the obligations imposed upon such Power by the four Geneva Conventions, the South African Government rejects the so-called instruments of accession of the UN Council for Namibia to the four Geneva Conventions and its two Additional Protocols as having no legal effect."

The accession of the United Nations Council for Namibia to the four Geneva Conventions and the two Additional Protocols has taken place on 18 October 1983 with effect on 18 April 1984; it formed the subject of our notification of 30 November 1983.

III

Accession of Cameroon to the two Additional Protocols

On 16 March 1984, the Republic of Cameroon has deposited with the

Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the following agreements:

- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I), of 8 June 1977;
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II), of 8 June 1977.

According to the final clauses of the two Protocols, the accession of the Republic of Cameroon shall take effect six months later, i.e. on 16 September 1984.

#### IV

#### Accession of Oman to the two Additional Protocols

On 29 March 1984, the Sultanate of Oman has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the following agreements:

- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I), of 8 June 1977;
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II), of 8 June 1977.

These instruments are accompanied by the following declaration:

"While depositing these instruments, the Government of the Sultanate of Oman declares that these accessions shall in no way amount to recognition of nor the establishment of any relations with Israel with respect to the application of the provisions of the said protocols".

According to the final clauses of the two Protocols, the accession of the Sultanate of Oman shall take effect six months later, i.e. on 29 September 1984.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Government in its capacity of Depositary of the Geneva Conventions and of the Protocols Additional.

Berne, 15 June 1984