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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

Communication from the depositary

By letters dated 9 and 22 July 2014 (cf. enclosed copies), the State of Palestine requests Switzerland, as depositary of the Geneva Conventions, to lead consultations with a view to convene a Conference of the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions and to circulate the letter (and its annex) to all High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions.

Pursuant to Recommendation contained in Resolution A/RES/64/10 of the General Assembly of the United Nations (paragraph 5 of the Resolution) and the various reports established by the depositary on the implementation of the said Recommendation, the depositary will resume the consultations that were suspended in 2011. These consultations will primarily focus on the holding of such a Conference.

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.

Enclosure

Berne, 22 July 2014

