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

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GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF AUGUST 12, 1949

Accession of Zimbabwe

On March 7, 1983, the Republic of Zimbabwe has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 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 Zimbabwe 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 September 7, 1983.

Accession of Mozambique

On March 14, 1983, the People's Republic of Mozambique has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, for the Protection of War Victims, mentioned above.

According to their final clauses, the People's Republic of Mozambique 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 September 14, 1983.

Withdrawal of a Reservation by the Netherlands

On February 7, 1983, the Kingdom of the Netherlands has withdrawn, for the Kingdom in Europe and the Netherlands Antilles, the reservation concerning the Geneva Convention of August 12, 1949, relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, which reads as follows:

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands reserves the right to impose the death penalty in accordance with the provisions of Article 68, paragraph 2, without regard to whether the offences referred to therein are punishable by death under the law of the occupied territory at the time the occupation begins".

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

Accession of Tanzania

On February 15, 1983, the United Republic of Tanzania has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the Protocols I and II, mentioned above.

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of Protocol I, and to Article 23, Paragraph 2, of Protocol II, the said Protocols shall enter into force for the United Republic of Tanzania on August 15, 1983, i.e. six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession.

Accession of the United Arab Emirates

On March 9, 1983, the United Arab Emirates has deposited with the Swiss government two instruments of accession to the Protocols I and II, mentioned above.

These instruments include both the following declaration:

"On accepting the said protocol, the Government of the United Arab Emirates takes the view that its acceptance of the said protocol does not, in any way, imply its recognition of Israel, nor does it oblige to apply the provisions of the protocol in respect of the said country.

The Government of the United Arab Emirates wishes further to indicate that its understanding described above in conformity with general practice existing in the United Arab Emirates regarding signature, ratification, accession or acceptance of international conventions, treaties or protocols, of which a country not recognized by the United Arab Emirates is a party."

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of Protocol I and Article 23, paragraph 2, of Protocol II, the said Protocols shall enter into force for the United Arab Emirates on September 9, 1983, i.e. six months after the deposit of the instruments of accession.

Accession of Mexico

On March 10, 1983, the United Mexican States has deposited with the Swiss government an instrument of accession to Protocol I alone, mentioned above.

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of Protocol I, the said Protocol shall enter into force for the United Mexican States on September 10, 1983, i.e. six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession.

Accession of Mozambique

On March 14, 1983, the People's Republic of Mozambique has deposited with the Swiss government an instrument of accession to Protocol I alone, mentioned above.

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of Protocol I, the said Protocol shall enter into force for the People's Republic of Mozambique on September 14, 1983, i.e. six months after the deposit of the said instrument.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Government in its capacity as Depositary of the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and in application of Article 100 of Protocol I and of Article 26 of Protocol II.

Bern, April 18, 1983