



FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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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**

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Ratification of the Additional Protocols by Australia

On 21 June 1991, Australia deposited with the Swiss Government its instruments of ratification of the Additional Protocols I and II.

The instrument concerning the Protocol I was accompanied by declarations attached to this notification.

According to their final clauses, the two Protocols shall take effect for Australia six months after the deposit of the instruments of ratification, i.e. on 21 December 1991.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Government in its capacity of depositary of the Protocols.

Berne, 12 July 1991

Enclosure: Declarations in relation to Protocol I