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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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ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I AND II

***Accession by the Republic of Venezuela***

On 23 July 1998, the Republic of Venezuela deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II.

According to their final provisions, the Protocols shall take effect for the Republic of Venezuela six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 23 January 1999.

***Accession by Grenada***

On 23 September 1998, Grenada deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II.

According to their final provisions, the Protocols shall take effect for Grenada six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession, i.e. on 23 March 1999.

The list of the States parties is available on  
<http://www.eda.admin.ch>, heading 'Swiss Foreign Policy', 'International Treaties'

***Communication made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland***

On 10 August 1998, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland communicated to the Swiss Federal Council, pursuant to Article 84 of the Additional Protocol I, the following laws and regulations adopted by the United Kingdom to ensure the application of the Additional Protocol I:

- 1957 Geneva Conventions Act [incorporating the Geneva Conventions into UK law]
- 1995 Geneva Conventions (Amendment) Act [incorporating the Additional Protocols into UK law]
- Statutory Instrument 1998 No. 1505 (C. 30) [bringing the 1995 Act into force]
- Statutory Instrument 1998 No. 1754 [detailing the reservations and declarations on Protocol I]

On request to the depositary, copies of these laws and regulations are available to the States parties.

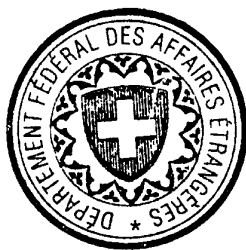
***INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN FACT-FINDING COMMISSION***

The International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission now has an Internet site at the following address:

**[www.lhffc.org](http://www.lhffc.org)**

This instrument of modern communication, created on the request of the Chairman of the Commission by Switzerland, which manages the secretariate, should help draw closer attention on the existence of the Commission and make its competences and role better known among the general public, the organisations acting in the areas of international humanitarian law, the universities and the states, especially those which have not yet filed a declaration recognizing the competence of the Commission.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Federal Council in its capacity as depositary of the Protocols.



Bern, 27 October 1998