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Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions of 1949  
Model instrument of ratification / accession

***SPECIMEN***

**RATIFICATION / ACCESSION TO THE THIRD ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE GENEVA  
CONVENTIONS ADOPTED ON 8 DECEMBER 2005**

To the Swiss Federal Council

**Bern**

Mr President,  
Members of the Council,

I have the honour to bring to your notice that the Government of ....., in conformity with the decree of ..... [1], declares its ratification of / accession to the Third Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of war victims, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem, adopted on 8 December 2005.

I should be obliged if you would kindly bring the above to the notice of the States party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

Please accept the assurance of my highest consideration.

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Date

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Minister of Foreign Affairs

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[1] This could also be an act, a governmental decree or a law.