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1977 Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions of 1949
- Ratification kit -

SPECIMEN

RATIFICATION / ACCESSION TO THE TWO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS OF 8 JUNE 1977

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 two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection
of war victims, adopted on 8 June 1977, namely:

- Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflict (Protocol I);
- Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Conflicts (Protocol II).

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.

.....
Date Minister of Foreign Affairs

SUCCESSION TO THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949 AND THEIR TWO ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS OF 8 JUNE 1977

Depositary: Swiss Federal Council, Bern, Switzerland

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

The Government of..... is honoured to inform the Swiss Federal Council that it considers itself, by virtue of succession, to be bound by the following treaties to which was Party:

1. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, of 12 August 1949;
2. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, of 12 August 1949;
3. Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, of 12 August 1949;
4. Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949;
5. Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), of 8 June 1977;
6. Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts

(Protocol II), of 8 June 1977.

(Optional cause)

However, the Government ofdoes not maintain any of the reservations made to those treaties byand, therefore, considers itself bound by the said treaties without any reservation.

(Optional clause)

The Government ofdeclares that it recognizes ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegation by such other Party, as authorized by Article 90 of Protocol I.

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