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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

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I

I. Declaration by the Principality of Monaco

On 26 October 2007, the Principality of Monaco deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration (original French version):

«... déclarons, par les présentes, reconnaître ipso facto et sans accord spécial, à l'égard de toute autre Haute Partie Contractante qui accepte la même obligation, la compétence de la Commission Internationale d'Etablissement des Faits pour enquêter sur les allégations d'une telle autre Partie, comme l'y autorise l'article 90 du Protocole I additionnel aux Conventions de Genève de 1949 ...».

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

II. Ratification by the Republic of El Salvador

On 12 September 2007, the Republic of El Salvador deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of El Salvador six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 12 March 2008.

III. Ratification by Israel

On 22 November 2007, Israel deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

The instrument contains the following text (original English version):

«The Government of Israel declares that while respecting the inviolability of the additional distinctive emblem provided for in the "Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III)", it is the understanding of the Government of Israel that the ratification or the implementation of this protocol does not affect any rights acquired pursuant to reservations made by Israel to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949».

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for Israel six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 22 May 2008.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as Depositary of the Geneva Conventions and according to article 15 of Protocol III.

Berne, 26 November 2007

