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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 PROTOCOLS I and II

I. Accession by the Republic of Haiti

On 20 December 2006, the Republic of Haiti deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II of 8 June 1977.

According to their final provisions, both Protocols entered into force for the Republic of Haiti six months after the deposit of the instruments of accession, i.e. on 20 June 2007.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

II. Accession by the Republic of Albania

On 6 February 2008, the Republic of Albania deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Albania six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 6 August 2008.

III. Ratification by the Republic of Estonia

On 28 February 2008, the Republic of Estonia 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 Estonia six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 28 August 2008.

IV. Ratification by the Republic of Slovenia

On 10 March 2008, the Republic of Slovenia 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 Slovenia six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 10 September 2008.

V. Corrections of the Russian, Chinese and Arabic texts

With notification of 3 December 2007, the depositary suggested corrections to the Russian, Chinese and Arabic texts of the Protocol III. No objection was raised against these proposals within the assigned deadline so that the depositary performed these corrections in the original.

The enclosed procès-verbal, in French, of rectification of the authentic texts of the Protocol III in these three languages was established on 13 March 2008.

The rectified authentic texts are available on the website of the depositary: www.eda.admin.ch/depositary (" Protection of war victims). Certified true copies of the corrected texts will be delivered on demand by the depositary.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols.

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