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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 Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

On 10 November 2009, the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Protocols I and II.

Pursuant to their final provisions, the two Protocols will enter into force for the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan six months after the deposit of the instruments, i.e. on 10 May 2010.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

II. Accession by the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

On 21 September 2009, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana 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 Cooperative Republic of Guyana six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 21 March 2010.

III. Ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

On 23 October 2009, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 23 April 2010.

IV. Ratification by the Hellenic Republic

On 26 October 2009, the Hellenic Republic deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Hellenic Republic six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 26 April 2010.

V. Ratification by the Republic of Poland

On 26 October 2009, the Republic of Poland deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Poland six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 26 April 2010.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary (www.eda.admin.ch/depositary) of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols.

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