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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**

CONVENTIONS

I. Communication by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

On 5 October 2010, the Kingdom of the Netherlands informed the Depositary about a modification in the structure of the Kingdom (French original text enclosed) and, on 8 September 2011, transmitted a detailed status report about the application of the treaties deposited with the Swiss Federal Council.

Following this modification, the four Geneva Conventions are applicable to the Netherlands as follows: to the European part as from 3 February 1955, to the Caribbean part (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba) as from 10 October 2010, to Aruba as from 1 January 1986 and to Curaçao and Sint Maarten as from 10 October 2010; they also applied to the former Netherlands Antilles as from 3 February 1955.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I and II

II. Communication by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

On 5 October 2010, the Kingdom of the Netherlands informed the Depositary about a modification in the structure of the Kingdom (French original text enclosed) and, on 8 September 2011, transmitted a detailed status report about the application of the treaties deposited with the Swiss Federal Council.

The Kingdom of the Netherlands also stated that its declaration of 26 June 1987 relating to the Protocol I remains valid for the European part of the Netherlands and for Aruba and that it is furthermore confirmed for Curaçao, Sint Maarten and the Caribbean part of the Netherlands (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba).

Following this modification in the structure, the Protocols I and II are applicable to the Netherlands as follows: to the European part as from 26 December 1987, to the Caribbean part (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba) as from 10 October 2010, to Aruba as from 26 December 1987 and to Curaçao and Sint Maarten as from 10 October 2010; they also applied to the former Netherlands Antilles between 26 December 1987 and 9 October 2010.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

III. Accession by the Cook Islands

On 7 September 2011, the Cook Islands deposited with the Swiss Federal Council their instrument of accession to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Cook Islands six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 7 March 2012.

IV. Communication by the Kingdom of the Netherlands

On 5 October 2010, the Kingdom of the Netherlands informed the Depositary about a modification in the structure of the Kingdom (French original text enclosed) and, on 8 September 2011, transmitted a detailed status report about the application of the treaties deposited with the Swiss Federal Council.

Following this modification, the Protocol III is applicable to the Netherlands as follows: to the European part as from 13 June 2007, to the Caribbean part (the islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustasius and Saba) as from 10 October 2010, to Aruba as from 13 June 2007 and to Curaçao and Sint Maarten as from 10 October 2010; it also applied to the former Netherlands Antilles between 13 June 2007 and 9 October 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.

Enclosure

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