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**Information to the Governments of the States parties
to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims**

On 1 December 2011, the Republic of Mauritius transmitted to the Swiss Federal Council a reaction with regard to the declarations made by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 15 June 2011 (see Depositary notification GEN 3/11 of 1 July 2011) relating in particular to the territorial application of the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III), done at Geneva on 8 December 2005.

The Republic of Mauritius is neither a Signatory of nor a Party to the Protocol III. A State is usually authorized to make a reservation, declaration or objection relating to a treaty once it has signed or acceded to it. According to this principle, the Depositary (www.eda.admin.ch/depositary) is not in a position to register or notify this reaction. However, the Republic of Mauritius duly received the notification of 1 July 2011, the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions providing for the transmission of Depositary notifications relating to the Protocols also to the Parties to the Conventions, whether or not they are Signatories of the Protocols. Therefore, the Depositary transmits herewith the reaction of the Republic of Mauritius to the Parties to the Geneva Conventions for information purposes.

Enclosure

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