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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

Ratification by the Republic of the Philippines

On 30 March 2012, the Republic of the Philippines deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol I.

The instrument of ratification contained the following understandings (original in English language):

- “a) The application of Protocol I, particularly Articles 1(4), 4 and 96(3) shall not affect the legal status of the Parties to the conflict, nor the legal status of the concerned territory; as such, no claim of status of belligerency may be invoked therefrom;*
- b) The application of Protocol I may in no case be invoked in internal armed conflicts within sovereign States;*
- c) The terms “armed conflict” and “conflict” do not include the commission of ordinary crimes, whether collective or isolated.”*

Pursuant to its Article 95, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of the Philippines six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 30 September 2012.

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.

Berne, 3 May 2012

