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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

I. Unilateral declaration pursuant to Article 96, paragraph 3, of Protocol I

On 23 June 2015, the POLISARIO Front deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following unilateral declaration (original French version):

«Conformément à l'article 96.3 du Protocole additionnel aux Conventions de Genève du 12 août 1949 relatif à la protection des victimes des conflits armés internationaux (Protocole I) du 8 juin 1977, le Front POLISARIO, en tant qu'autorité représentant le peuple du Sahara Occidental luttant pour son droit à disposer de lui-même, déclare s'engager à appliquer les Conventions de Genève de 1949 et le Protocole I dans le conflit l'opposant au Royaume du Maroc.»

This declaration has, as of 23 June 2015, the effects mentioned in Article 96, paragraph 3, of Protocol I.

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

II. Ratification by the Kingdom of Belgium

On 12 May 2015, the Kingdom of Belgium deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem, done at Geneva on 8 December 2005 (Protocol III).

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol III will enter into force for the Kingdom of Belgium six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 12 November 2015.

III. Ratification by Romania

On 15 May 2015, Romania deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem, done at Geneva on 8 December 2005 (Protocol III).

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol III will enter into force for Romania six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 15 November 2015.

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, 26 June 2015

