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Notification

to the Governments of the States Parties to the Geneva
Conventions of August 12, 1949, for the Protection of
War Victims

I

Accession of the United Nations Council for Namibia to the
four Conventions and the two Protocols Additional

On October 18, 1983, the United Nations Council for Namibia
has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession
to the following agreements:

- Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the
Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, of August 12, 1949;
- Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded,
Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, of August 12,
1949;
- Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War,
of August 12, 1949;
- Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in
Time of War, of August 12, 1949;
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and
relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Con-
flicts (Protocol I), of June 8, 1977;
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and
relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-international Armed Con-
flicts (Protocol II), of June 8, 1977;

According to the final clauses of the four Conventions and the two Protocols, the accession of the United Nations Council for Namibia shall take effect six months later, i.e. on April 18, 1984.

II

Accession of the People's Republic of
the Congo to the two Protocols Additional

On November 10, 1983, the People's Republic of the Congo has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the following agreements:

- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), of June 8, 1977;
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-international Armed Conflicts (Protocol II), of June 8, 1977;

According to the final clauses of the two Protocols, the accession of the People's Republic of the Congo shall take effect six months later, i.e. on May 10, 1984.

III

Accession of the Syrian Arab Republic to the
Additional Protocol I

On November 14, 1983, the Syrian Arab Republic has deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the

- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), of June 8, 1977, with the reservation that this accession shall in no way amount to recognition of nor the establishment of any relation with Israel with respect to the application of the provisions of the said protocol (translation).

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of the said Protocol, the accession of the Syrian Arab Republic shall take effect six months later, i.e. on May 14, 1984.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Government in its capacity of Depositary of the Geneva Conventions and of the Protocols Additional.

Bern, November 30, 1983