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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 PROTOCOLS I AND II

I. Accession by the Republic of Lithuania

On 13 July 2000, the Republic of Lithuania deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II.

The instrument of accession to the Additional Protocol I contained the following declaration (original text):

"Whereas it is provided in paragraph 2(a) of Article 90, the Republic of Lithuania declares that it recognizes ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorized by Article 90."

According to their final provisions, the Protocols entered into force for the Republic of Lithuania six months after the deposit of the instruments of accession, i.e. on 13 January 2001.

CONVENTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I AND II

II. Translation of the Conventions and Protocols

On 3 August 2000, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan deposited with the Swiss Federal Council an official Kyrgyz translation of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the Additional Protocols I and II.

Copies of this translation are available to the States parties at their request at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Federal Council in its capacity as depositary of the Conventions and Protocols.

Bern, 23 January 2001