

The Embassy of Switzerland presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of ... and, referring to its notes of ... and ..., has the honour to inform it of the following.

In the first note referred to above, Switzerland in its capacity as the depositary state of the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols submitted to the High Contracting Parties to the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocol I (the "High Contracting Parties") the proposal to adopt by a specified written procedure the draft amendments to Annex I of the Additional Protocol I put forward by technical experts at a meeting convened by the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva in August 1990. The Swiss Government asked the High Contracting Parties to take the opportunity provided by the International Red Cross Conference scheduled to be held in Budapest from November 29 to December 6, 1991, to express their views on its proposal to the Swiss delegation.

As the Red Cross Conference was postponed sine die, the Swiss Government, in the second note referred to above, gave those High Contracting Parties preferring a diplomatic conference to a written adoption procedure, the opportunity to notify the depositary thereof on or before January 31, 1992.

At the expiration of said deadline, none of the High Contracting Parties had rejected the adoption procedure proposed by the depositary. The written procedure set forth in the Embassy's note of ... is therefore deemed accepted.

Hence, the Swiss Government invites the Government of ... to declare on or before **June 30, 1992**, its acceptance or rejection of the amendments to Annex I proposed by the technical experts and contained in a report the International Committee of the Red Cross had sent to the ... Government in December 1990, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The Embassy of Switzerland avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of ... the assurance of its highest consideration.