

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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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

I

GENEVA CONVENTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS

The four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the
Protection of War Victims are the following :

1. Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of
the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field,
2. Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of
Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces
at Sea,
3. Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners
of War,
4. Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian
Persons in Time of War.

II

SUCCESSION OF TUVALU

By letter of 9 February 1981, addressed to the Swiss Federal Council and received on 19 February 1981, the Government of Tuvalu has declared that this State considers itself bound by the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims in virtue of their former ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Thus Tuvalu is a party to the four said Conventions as from 1 October 1978, date of its accession to independence.

III

SUCCESSION OF GRENADA

By letter of 25 March 1981, addressed to the Swiss Federal Council and received on 13 April 1981, the Government of Grenada has declared that this State considers itself bound by the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims in virtue of their former ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Thus Grenada is a party to the four said Conventions as from 7 February 1974, date of its accession to independence.

IV

ACCESSION OF SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

By letter of 20 March 1981, addressed to the Swiss Federal Council and received on 1 April 1981, the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines has declared that this State accedes to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War

Victims. According to their final clauses, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines shall become a party to the four said Conventions six months after the date on which the Declaration of accession was received by the Depositary, i.e. on 1 October 1981.

V

PROTOCOL I ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS

A procès-verbal of rectification of the French and Spanish authentic texts of Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), is transmitted herewith.

Berne, 8 May 1981

Enclosure