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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

CONVENTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

Succession by Bosnia and Herzegovina

On 31 December 1992, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina deposited with the Swiss Federal Council a declaration of succession concerning the four Conventions as well as the Additional Protocols I and II, without taking over the reservations and the declaration formulated by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yougoslavia and without entering new reservations.

The instrument contains the following declaration (original version):

"The Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 90 of Protocol I, recognizes ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligations, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorized by Article 90."

According to the international practice, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina became a party to the Conventions and Protocols at the date of its independence, i.e. on 6 March 1992.

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



Berne, 17 February 1993