

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

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

Accession by the Kingdom of Swaziland

On 2 November 1995, the Kingdom of Swaziland deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II.

According to their final provisions, the Protocols shall take effect for the Kingdom of Swaziland six months after the deposit of the instruments of accession, i.e. on 2 May 1996.

Accession by the Republic of South Africa

On 21 November 1995, the Republic of South Africa deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Additional Protocols I and II.

According to their final provisions, the Protocols shall take effect for the Republic of South Africa six months after the deposit of the instruments of accession, i.e. on 21 May 1996.

Ratification by Mongolia

On 6 December 1995, Mongolia deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Additional Protocols I and II.

The instrument of ratification contains the following reservations and declaration (translation form mongolian original version):

"Reservations:

In regard of Article 88 paragraph 2 of 'The Additional Protocol to the Protection of Victims in the International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I)' which states 'The High Contracting Parties shall cooperate in the matter of extradition', the Mongolian law which prohibits deprivation and extradition of its citizens from Mongolia shall be respected.

Declaration:

In accordance with the Article 90 of 'The Protocol Relating to the Protection of Victims in the International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I)', the competence of 'the International Fact-Finding Commission' mentioned in the said Article shall be accepted in its Paragraph 2 (a)."

According to their final provisions, the Protocols shall take effect for Mongolia six months after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, i.e. on 6 June 1996.

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

Berne, 12 April 1996