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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 PROTOCOL I

I. Withdrawal of a declaration by the Russian Federation

On 23 October 2019, the Russian Federation informed the Swiss Federal Council of the following:

«Die Russische Föderation hat beschlossen, die durch die Union der Sozialistischen Sowjetrepubliken bei der Ratifizierung des Zusatzprotokolls I eingereichte Erklärung gemäss Punkt 2 Artikel 90, die Zuständigkeit der internationalen humanitären Ermittlungskommission ipso facto und ohne besondere Übereinkunft gegenüber jeder anderen Hohen Vertragspartei, welche dieselbe Verpflichtung übernimmt, anzuerkennen, zu widerrufen» (original text in German).

«The Russian Federation decided to withdraw the declaration made by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics at the time of the ratification of the Additional Protocol I in accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2, recognizing ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission» (unofficial translation).

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL II

II. Accession by the Republic of Angola

On 7 October 2019, the Republic of Angola deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts, done at Geneva on 8 December 1977 (Protocol II).

Pursuant to its Article 23, paragraph 2, the Protocol II will enter into force for the Republic of Angola six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 7 April 2020.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary (www.eda.admin.ch/depositary) of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols.

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