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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 III

I. Ratification by the Dominican Republic

On 1 April 2009, the Dominican Republic deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Dominican Republic six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 1 October 2009.

II. Ratification by the Republic of Nicaragua

On 2 April 2009, the Republic of Nicaragua deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Nicaragua six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 2 October 2009.

III. Ratification by the Republic of Austria

On 3 June 2009, the Republic of Austria deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Austria six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 3 December 2009.

IV. Ratification by the Federal Republic of Germany

On 17 June 2009, the Federal Republic of Germany deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of ratification of the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Federal Republic of Germany six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 17 December 2009.

V. Accession by the Republic of Kazakhstan

On 24 June 2009, the Republic of Kazakhstan deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol will enter into force for the Republic of Kazakhstan six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 24 December 2009.

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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