

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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Notification

concerning

THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF AUGUST 12, 1949 FOR
THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS

DECLARATION OF SUCCESSION BY THE
KINGDOM OF TONGA

By letter of 22 March 1978, addressed to the Federal Council, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Tonga has declared that the Kingdom of Tonga 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 Great Britain. This declaration has been received by the Swiss Government on 13 April 1978 and concerns the following Conventions:

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

According to the above-mentioned declaration, the Kingdom of Tonga is a party to the said Conventions as from 4 June 1970, date of its accession to independence.

Berne, 12 June 1978