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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

Declaration by Australia

On 23 September 1992, Australia deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration (original version):

"WHEREAS Australia is a High Contracting Party to the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), which was adopted at Geneva on the eighth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS Australia may declare, pursuant to Article 90, sub-paragraph 2(a), that it recognises the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission:

THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA, having considered the application of the said Article, hereby DECLARES, for and on behalf of Australia, that it recognises ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorised by that Article."

Australia ratified the Protocol on 21 June 1991.

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

Berne, 14 October 1992