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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

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CONVENTIONS

***Declaration by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland***

With letters dated 13 June 1997, the British Ambassador to Switzerland deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration for each of the four Geneva Conventions (original text):

„I am instructed by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to refer to the [four Geneva Conventions] (hereinafter referred to as the „Convention“) which apply to Hong Kong at present.

I am also instructed to state that, in accordance with the Joint Declaration of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People's Republic of China on the Question of Hong Kong signed on 19 December 1984, the Government of the United Kingdom will restore Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China with effect from 1 July 1997. The Government of the United Kingdom will

continue to have international responsibility for Hong Kong until that date. Therefore, from that date the Government of the United Kingdom will cease to be responsible for the international rights and obligations arising from the application of the Convention to Hong Kong."

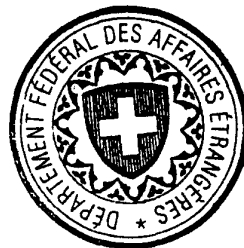
## ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I

### ***Certified copy of the Annex I to the Additional Protocol I***

The Federal Department of Foreign Affairs has the honour to transmit to the Governments of the States parties to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 a certified copy, in the Russian language, of the Annex I to the Protocol Additional I to the said Conventions, as amended on 30 November 1993 and in force in this version since 1 March 1994.

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

Berne, 24 June 1997



Enclosure mentioned