

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Translation

Notification  
to the Governments of the States Parties  
to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949  
for the Protection of War Victims  
concerning

THE RATIFICATION OF THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS I AND II  
BY THE HOLY SEE

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On 21 November 1985, the Holy See has deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of ratification of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I), as well as of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II), both signed on 12 December 1977. The said ratification is accompanied by an enclosed declaration.

According to the final clauses of the two Protocols, the ratification of the Holy See shall take effect six months later, i.e. on 21 May 1986.

The present notification is made by the Swiss Government in its capacity of Depositary of the two Protocols Additional.

Berne, 11 February 1986

Enclosure

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