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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

I. Declaration by the Republic of Estonia

On 20 February 2009, the Republic of Estonia deposited with the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration (original English version):

«The Republic of Estonia declares 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 International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorised by Article 90 of Protocol I Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949».

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL III

II. Ratification by Finland

On 14 January 2009, Finland 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 Finland six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 14 July 2009.

III. Ratification by the Italian Republic

On 29 January 2009, the Italian 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 Italian Republic six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 29 July 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.

Berne, 25 February 2009

