

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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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

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions
of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection
of Victims of International Armed Conflicts
(Protocol I)

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions
of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection
of Victims of Non-international Armed Conflicts
(Protocol II)

I

SIGNATURES OF THE PROTOCOLS

The States named hereafter have signed Protocols I and
II:

Spain	on 7 November 1978
New Zealand	on 27 November 1978
Czechoslovak Socialist Republic	on 6 December 1978
Australia	on 7 December 1978
Republic of Korea	on 7 December 1978
People's Republic of Bulgaria	on 11 December 1978

At the time of signature Spain and Australia have deposited the following declarations:

Spain: "L'Espagne se réserve pour le moment de la ratification des deux Actes, le droit d'émettre, selon la pratique internationalement acceptée, les éventuelles déclarations et réserves qu'elle pourrait estimer opportunes."

Australia: "The Australian Embassy wishes to advise the Federal Political Department that the Australian Government is undertaking careful study of the interpretation of the provisions of Protocol I and their implications for the legitimate conduct of national defence and reserves the right to make declarations and reservations upon ratification."

A list of the States which have signed the Protocols, open for signature up to 12 December 1978, is transmitted herewith.

II

RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOLS BY THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

On 23 November 1978 the Republic of El Salvador has deposited with the Federal Political Department the instrument of ratification by this State of the two aforementioned Protocols.

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of Protocol I, and to Article 23, Paragraph 2, of Protocol II, the said Protocols shall enter into force for the Republic of El Salvador six months after the deposit of its instrument of ratification, i.e. on 23 May 1979.

The present notification is made in application of Article 100 of Protocol I, and of Article 26 of Protocol II.

Berne, 20 December 1978

1 Enclosure
