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Notification
to the Governments of the States party
to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949
for the protection of the war victims

Ratification of the Additional Protocols I and II
by the Byelorussian SSR

On 23 October 1989, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic has deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of ratification of the Additional Protocols I and II.

The instrument of ratification contained the following declaration about Article 90, paragraph 2, of the Additional Protocol I:

"Conformément à l'alinéa 2 de l'article 90 du Protocole, la République Socialiste Soviétique de Biélorussie reconnaît ipso facto et sans un accord spécial à l'égard de toute autre Haute Partie Contractante prenant le même engagement la compétence de la Commission internationale de l'enquête." (non-official translation).

According to the final clauses of the Protocols, the ratification of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic shall take effect six months after the deposit of the instrument of ratification, i.e. on 23 April 1990.

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

Berne, 20 November 1989