

FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT

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Notification

concerning

THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF WAR VICTIMS

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DECLARATION BY THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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Referring to the notification of the Federal Political Department, dated 27 June 1977, concerning the accession of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the Protection of War Victims, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel has sent the Swiss Embassy at Tel Aviv, by note of 10 February 1978, the following declaration:

"The Government of Israel takes note that by declarations dated 10 February 1977, and received by the Swiss Government on 25 May 1977, the Popular Democratic Republic of Yemen adhered to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 relating to the protection of war victims.

The said instruments were accompanied by a declaration of a political character in respect to Israel. In the view of the Government of Israel, this is not the proper place for making such political pronouncements, which are, moreover, in flagrant contradiction to the principles, objects and purposes of the said Conventions. The said declaration cannot in any way affect whatever obligations are binding upon the Popular Democratic Republic of Yemen under general international law or under particular treaties."

The present notification is made by the Swiss Government in its capacity as depositary of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

Berne, 15 March 1978

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