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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 III

I. Accession by the Republic of Uganda

On 21 May 2008, the Republic of Uganda deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instruments of accession to the Protocol III.

Pursuant to its Article 11, paragraph 2, the Protocol entered into force for the Republic of Uganda six months after the deposit of the instrument, i.e. on 21 November 2008.

II. Communication by Sweden

On 26 November 2008, the depositary received from Sweden the following communication (original English version):

«The Government of Sweden has closely examined the declaration made by the Government of Israel on 22 November 2007, when ratifying the Protocol Additional III to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, with subsequent clarification in its declaration on 5 November 2008 as well as the following communication made by [Switzerland] on 7 November 2008.

In the light of these communications it is the understanding of Sweden that Israel will adhere to the Protocol in its entirety and solely use the Red Crystal as its distinctive emblem.

It is the expectation of Sweden that all states, in accordance with the object and purpose of Protocol III, join in the effort to disseminate the knowledge of the Protocol and to strengthen the respect of the new additional emblem».

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, 3 December 2008

