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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 PROTOCOLS II AND III

***Accession of the State of Palestine***

On 4 January 2015, the State of Palestine deposited with the Swiss Federal Council its instrument of accession to the Additional Protocol of 8 June 1977 relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II) and to the Additional Protocol of 8 December 2005 relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III).

Pursuant to Article 23, paragraph 2, of the Protocol II, it shall enter into force for the State of Palestine six months after the deposit of this instrument, i.e. on 4 July 2015.

Pursuant to Articles 62, respectively 61, 141 and 157 of the four Conventions, the accession of the State of Palestine to the Protocol III took effect on 4 January 2015.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as depositary ([www.eda.admin.ch/depositary](http://www.eda.admin.ch/depositary)) of the Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols.

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