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**Communication  
to the Governments of the States parties  
to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949  
for the Protection of War Victims**

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CONVENTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

Continuity by the Russian Federation

By note dated 13 January 1992 and addressed to the diplomatic representations in Moscow the Ministry of foreign affairs of the Russian Federation made the following declaration (original version):

"The Russian Federation continues to perform the rights and fulfil the obligations following from the international agreements signed by the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics.

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Therefore, the Ministry kindly requests to consider the Russian Federation as a Party to all international agreements in force instead of the USSR."

Owing to this, the Department communicates that it has replaced the "Union of the Soviet Socialist Republics" by the "Russian Federation" in its lists of the States parties to the four Conventions and to their two Additional Protocols of 1977.

The present communication is made by the Swiss Federal Council in its capacity of depositary of the Conventions and the Protocols.

Berne, 7 July 1992