



FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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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**

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL I

Rules of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission

The Department has the honour to enclose the English version of the Rules of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission established in June 1991 under article 90 of the Protocol. As the Commission has since then become operational, States Parties to the Protocol having accepted the Commission's competence to enquire into any facts alleged to be a grave breach as defined in the Conventions and the Protocol or other serious violation of the Conventions or of the Protocol may, at any time, request the Commission to conduct an enquiry against any other State Party to the Protocol having also accepted the Commission's competence under article 90. In addition, the Commission is competent to facilitate, through its good offices, the restoration of an attitude of respect for the Conventions and the Protocol.

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

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