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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF
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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 65/29 of 10 January 2011 entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the Status of Refugees" and to inform you that the Democratic Republic of the Congo has acceded to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the Status of Refugees on 10 January 2011.

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to the protection of victims of armed conflicts". In paragraph 11 of that resolution, the General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to submit to it at its sixty-seventh session a report on the status of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, as well as on measures taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at the national level, based on information received from Member States and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

In accordance with the above-cited paragraph 11, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has the honour to transmit to the Secretary-General the information below for inclusion in his forthcoming report:

1. Relevant current national legislation (Protocols I and II):

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- Military Criminal Code (articles 11, 63, 86, 161, 164, 166, 169, 172, 173, 174, 175, 187);
 - Ordinary Criminal Code (articles 3, 24, 29);
 - Code of Criminal Procedure;
 - Code of Military Justice;
 - Military Code of Criminal Procedure.

2. Main statutory measures required with regard to Protocols I and II:

- Adoption of criminal law provisions to punish serious breaches of these instruments in accordance with the conditions established in them, and to provide for universal jurisdiction;

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- Provision of basic judicial guarantees for persons deprived of liberty (prisoners of war, interned civilians, people detained in relation to the conflict);
 - Protection of the Red Cross and Red Crescent emblems and other distinctive signs and signals and institution of penalties for their misuse. In this regard, a legislative proposal on protection of the Red Cross emblem was filed with the office of the National Assembly on 8 October 2010;
 - Provision of special protection measures for women and children. In this regard, there is a law dated 10 January 2009 establishing a child protection code;

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- Decree-Law No. 066 on the demobilization and reintegration of vulnerable groups participating in fighting forces.

3. Protocol additional relating to the Adoption of an Additional

Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III): the red crystal.

This Protocol was adopted by the States parties to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 at the Diplomatic Conference held in Geneva in 2005. It entered into force in January 2007. The Democratic Republic of the Congo, which has not ratified it, is now considering the issue with a view to future accession.

Additional relevant information will be transmitted to the Secretary-General as the legislative and regulatory situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo develops.

The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to
the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretariat of
the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 13 September 2011