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**THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS  
TO THE UNITED NATIONS**

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations and with regard to the Note LA/COD/2 by the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 9 April 2010, concerning General Assembly resolution 63/125 entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts", has the honour to transmit herewith the information from the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, as requested with the aforementioned Note.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office for Disarmament Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Office for Disarmament Affairs  
of the United Nations  
United Nations Headquarters  
New York



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**UNGA Resolution 63/125, 11.12.2008, "Status of the Protocols  
Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the  
protection of victims of armed conflicts"**

Pursuant to operative paragraph 11 of the UNGA Resolution 63/125, the Republic of Cyprus provides the following information concerning 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 and the ratification of the Additional Protocols relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts:

- Military personnel is educated in aspects regarding the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, the Hague Conventions, International Law of Armed Conflict, Peaceful Settlement of International Conflicts, Sanctions against war crimes or crimes against humanity and protection of property, within the framework of its continuous training. In particular, International Humanitarian Law and the Law of War are taught by the Military Academies as well as by other Military Institutions of foreign countries, within which Cypriot personnel is enrolled. This information is provided through appropriate training programmes, seminars and lectures that are conducted within the National Guard for all military personnel.
- As regards the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, signed by Cyprus in July 2008, the Government of the Republic initiated the legal procedure for its ratification, which will be completed in the coming months.
- As regards other Protocols, it is noted that Cyprus, ratified the following legal instruments:

Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions, 1949

- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), with Annexes, Final Act and Resolutions Geneva, 8 June 1977 (Ratified by Cyprus 1 June 1979).

*Cyprus made on 14 October 2002 the following Declaration foreseen by Article 90 of Protocol I concerning the acceptance of the International Fact-Finding Commission:*

*"The Government of the Republic of Cyprus declares that it recognizes ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorized by Article 90 of Protocol I Addition to the Geneva Conventions of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 1949, adopted in Geneva on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1977, relating to the Protections of Victims of International Armed Conflicts".*

- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II), with Annexes, Final Act and Resolutions Geneva, 8 June 1977 (Accession by Cyprus 18 March 1996).
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949, and relating to the adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III) Geneva, 8 December 2005 (Ratified by Cyprus 27 November 2007)

Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution on the Convention, The Hague, 14 May 1954 (Accession by Cyprus 9 September 1964)

- First Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, The Hague, 14 May 1954 (Accession by Cyprus 9 September 1964).

- **Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict**  
**The Hague, 26 May 1999 (Ratified by Cyprus 16 May 2001).**

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