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- 2 Members of other militias and members of other volunteer corps,...
- 3 Members of regular armed forces who profess allegiance to a...
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Geneva, 12th August, 1949

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- 1 Persons taking no active part in the hostilities, including members...
- 2 The wounded and sick shall be collected and cared for....

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- A Prisoners of war, in the sense of the present Convention,...
- 1 Members of the armed forces of a Party to the...
- 2 Members of other militias and members of other volunteer corps,...
- 3 Members of regular armed forces who profess allegiance to a...
- 4 Persons who accompany the armed forces without actually being members...
- 5 Members of crews, including masters, pilots and apprentices of the...
- 6 Inhabitants of a non-occupied territory, who on the approach of...
- B he following shall likewise be treated as prisoners of war...
- 1 Persons belonging, or having belonged, to the armed forces of...
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- 3 fatigue duties not exceeding two hours daily;
- 4 confinement. The punishment referred to under (3) shall not be...
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- 2 place of internment or confinement;
- 3 specification of the charge or charges on which the prisoner...
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- 2 wounded and sick who, according to medical opinion, are not...
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- 1 wounded and sick whose recovery may be expected within one...
- 2 prisoners of war whose mental or physical health, according to...
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Geneva, 12th August, 1949

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- 2 they shall, if their state of health so requires, receive...
- 3 they shall be allowed to practise their religion and to...
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- 1 a fine which shall not exceed 50 per cent. of...
- 2 discontinuance of privileges granted over and above the treatment provided...
- 3 fatigue duties, not exceeding two hours daily, in connexion with...
- 4 confinement. In no case shall disciplinary penalties be inhuman, brutal...

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- 1 The High Contracting Parties undertake to respect and to ensure...
- 2 In cases not covered by this Protocol or by other...
- This Protocol, which supplements the Geneva Conventions of 12 August...
- 4 The situations referred to in the preceding paragraph include armed...

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- 1 It is the duty of the Parties to a conflict...
- 2 From the beginning of a situation referred to in Article...
- 3 If a Protecting Power has not been designated or accepted...
- 4 If, despite the foregoing, there is no Protecting Power, the...
- 5 In accordance with Article 4, the designation and acceptance of...
- 6 The maintenance of diplomatic relations between Parties to the conflict...
- Any subsequent mention in this Protocol of a Protecting Power...

ARTICLE 6—

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- 1 The High Contracting Parties shall, also in peacetime, endeavour, with...
- 2 The recruitment and training of such personnel are within domestic...
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- 2 The relevant provisions of Articles 27 and 32 of the...

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PROTECTION AND CARE

- 1 All the wounded, sick and shipwrecked, to whichever Party they...
- 2 In all circumstances they shall be treated humanely and shall...

ARTICLE 11—

PROTECTION OF PERSONS

- 1 The physical or mental health and integrity of persons who...
- 2 It is, in particular, prohibited to carry out on such...
- 3 Exceptions to the prohibition in paragraph 2(c) may be made...
- 4 Any wilful act or omission which seriously endangers the physical...
- 5 The persons described in paragraph 1 have the right to...
- 6 Each Party to the conflict shall keep a medical record...

ARTICLE 12—

PROTECTION OF MEDICAL UNITS

- 1 Medical units shall be respected and protected at all times...
- 2 Paragraph 1 shall apply to civilian medical units, provided that...
- 3 The Parties to the conflict are invited to notify each...
- 4 Under no circumstances shall medical units be used in an...

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- 1 The protection to which civilian medical units are entitled shall...
- 2 The following shall not be considered as acts harmful to...

ARTICLE 14—

LIMITATIONS ON REQUISITION OF CIVILIAN MEDICAL UNITS

- 1 The Occupying Power has the duty to ensure that the...
- 2 The Occupying Power shall not, therefore, requisition civilian medical units,...
- 3 Provided that the general rule in paragraph 2 continues to...

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PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL

- 1 Civilian medical personnel shall be respected and protected.
- 2 If needed, all available help shall be afforded to civilian...
- The Occupying Power shall afford civilian medical personnel in occupied...
- 4 Civilian medical personnel shall have access to any place where...
- 5 Civilian religious personnel shall be respected and protected. The provisions...

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- Under no circumstances shall any person be punished for carrying...
- 2 Persons engaged in medical activities shall not be compelled to...
- 3 No person engaged in medical activities shall be compelled to...

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- 1 The civilian population shall respect the wounded, sick and shipwrecked,...
- 2 The Parties to the conflict may appeal to the civilian...

ARTICLE 18—

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- 1 Each Party to the conflict shall endeavour to ensure that...
- 2 Each Party to the conflict shall also endeavour to adopt...
- 3 In occupied territory and in areas where fighting is taking...
- 4 With the consent of the competent authority, medical units and...
- 5 In addition to the distinctive emblem, a Party to the...
- 6 The application of the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 5...
- 7 This Article does not authorise any wider use of the...
- 8 The provisions of the Conventions and of this Protocol relating...

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- 2 The protection provided by the Conventions to vessels described in...
- 3 Small craft described in Article 27 of the Second Convention...

ARTICLE 23—

OTHER MEDICAL SHIPS AND CRAFT

- 1 Medical ships and craft other than those referred to in...
- 2 The ships and craft referred to in paragraph 1 shall...
- 3 The protection provided in paragraph 1 shall cease only under...
- 4 A Party to the conflict may notify any adverse Party...
- 5 The provisions of Article 37 of the Second Convention shall...
- 6 The provisions of the Second Convention shall apply to the...

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ARTICLE 26—

MEDICAL AIRCRAFT IN CONTACT OR SIMILAR ZONES

- In and over those parts of the contact zone which...
- 2 "Contact zone" means any area on land where...

ARTICLE 27—

MEDICAL AIRCRAFT IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY AN ADVERSE PARTY

- 1 The medical aircraft of a Party to the conflict shall...
- 2 A medical aircraft which flies over an area physically controlled...

ARTICLE 28—

RESTRICTIONS ON OPERATIONS OF MEDICAL AIRCRAFT

- 1 The Parties to the conflict are prohibited from using their...
- 2 Medical aircraft shall not be used to collect or transmit...
- 3 Medical aircraft shall not carry any armament except small-arms and...
- 4 While carrying out the flights referred to in Articles 26...

ARTICLE 29—

NOTIFICATIONS AND AGREEMENTS CONCERNING MEDICAL AIRCRAFT

- 1 Notifications under Article 25, or requests for prior agreement under...
- 2 A Party which receives a notification given under Article 25...
- 3 A Party which receives a request for prior agreement under...
- 4 The Parties shall take the necessary measures to ensure that...
- 5 The Parties shall also take the necessary measures to disseminate...

ARTICLE 30—

LANDING AND INSPECTION OF MEDICAL AIRCRAFT

- 1 Medical aircraft flying over areas which are physically controlled by...
- 2 If such an aircraft lands or alights on water, whether...
- 3 If the inspection discloses that the aircraft:
- 4 If the inspection discloses that the aircraft:

ARTICLE 31—

NEUTRAL OR OTHER STATES NOT PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT

- 1 Except by prior agreement, medical aircraft shall not fly over...
- 2 Should a medical aircraft, in the absence of an agreement...
- 3 If a medical aircraft, either by agreement or in the...
- 4 The wounded, sick and shipwrecked disembarked, otherwise than temporarily, from...
- Neutral or other States not Parties to the conflict shall...

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- 1 As soon as circumstances permit, and at the latest from...
- 2 In order to facilitate the gathering of information pursuant to...

- 3 Information concerning persons reported missing pursuant to paragraph 1 and...
- 4 The Parties to the conflict shall endeavour to agree on...

ARTICLE 34—

REMAINS OF DECEASED

- 1 The remains of persons who have died for reasons related...
- 2 As soon as circumstances and the relations between the adverse...
- 3 In the absence of the agreements provided for in paragraph...
- 4 A High Contracting Party in whose territory the gravesites referred...
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- 2 It is prohibited to employ weapons, projectiles and material and...
- 3 It is prohibited to employ methods or means of warfare...

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PROHIBITION OF PERFIDY

- 1 It is prohibited to kill, injure or capture an adversary...
- 2 Ruses of war are not prohibited. Such ruses are acts...

ARTICLE 38—

RECOGNISED EMBLEMS

- 1 It is prohibited to make improper use of the distinctive...
- 2 It is prohibited to make use of the distinctive emblem...

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EMBLEMS OF NATIONALITY

- 1 It is prohibited to make use in an armed conflict...
- 2 It is prohibited to make use of the flags or...
- 3 Nothing in this Article or in Article 37, paragraph 1(d),...

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SAFEGUARD OF AN ENEMY HORS DE COMBAT

- 1 A person who is recognised or who, in the circumstances,...
- 2 A person is hors de combat if:
- 3 When persons entitled to protection as prisoners of war have...

ARTICLE 42—

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- 1 No person parachuting from an aircraft in distress shall be...
- 2 Upon reaching the ground in territory controlled by an adverse...
- 3 Airborne troops are not protected by this Article.

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ARMED FORCES

- 1 The armed forces of a Party to a conflict consist...
- 2 Members of the armed forces of a Party to a...
- 3 Whenever a Party to a conflict incorporates a paramilitary or...

ARTICLE 44—

COMBATANTS AND PRISONERS OF WAR

- 1 Any combatant, as defined in Article 43, who falls into...
- 2 While all combatants are obliged to comply with the rules...
- 3 In order to promote the protection of the civilian population...
- 4 A combatant who falls into the power of an adverse...
- 5 Any combatant who falls into the power of an adverse...
- 6 This Article is without prejudice to the right of any...
- 7 This Article is not intended to change the generally accepted...
- 8 In addition to the categories of persons mentioned in Article...

ARTICLE 45—

PROTECTION OF PERSONS WHO HAVE TAKEN PART IN HOSTILITIES

- 1 A person who takes part in hostilities and falls into...
- 2 If a person who has fallen into the power of...
- Any person who has taken part in hostilities, who is...

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- 1 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Conventions or of this...
- 2 A member of the armed forces of a Party to...
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ARTICLE 47—

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- 1 A mercenary shall not have the right to be a...
- 2 A mercenary is any person who: (a) is specially recruited... PART IV CIVILIAN POPULATION

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- 2 The provisions of this Protocol with respect to attacks apply...
- 3 The provisions of this Section apply to any land, air...
- 4 The provisions of this Section are additional to the rules...

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DEFINITION OF CIVILIANS AND CIVILIAN POPULATION

- 1 A civilian is any person who does not belong to...
- 2 The civilian population comprises all persons who are civilians.
- 3 The presence within the civilian population of individuals who do...

ARTICLE 51—

PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

- 1 The civilian population and individual civilians shall enjoy general protection...
- 2 The civilian population as such, as well as individual civilians,...
- 3 Civilians shall enjoy the protection afforded by this Section, unless...
- 4 Indiscriminate attacks are prohibited. Indiscriminate attacks are:
- 5 Among others, the following types of attacks are to be...
- 6 Attacks against the civilian population or civilians by way of...
- 7 The presence or movements of the civilian population or individual...
- 8 Any violation of these prohibitions shall not release the Parties...

CHAPTER III—

CIVILIAN OBJECTS

ARTICLE 52—

GENERAL PROTECTION OF CIVILIAN OBJECTS

- Civilian objects shall not be the object of attack or...
- 2 Attacks shall be limited strictly to military objectives. In so...
- 3 In case of doubt whether an object which is normally...

ARTICLE 53—

PROTECTION OF CULTURAL OBJECTS AND OF PLACES OF WORSHIP

ARTICLE 54—

PROTECTION OF OBJECTS INDISPENSABLE TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

- 1 Starvation of civilians as a method of warfare is prohibited....
- 2 It is prohibited to attack, destroy, remove or render useless...
- 3 The prohibitions in paragraph 2 shall not apply to such...
- 4 These objects shall not be made the object of reprisals....
- 5 In recognition of the vital requirements of any Party to...

ARTICLE 55—

PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 1 Care shall be taken in warfare to protect the natural...
- 2 Attacks against the natural environment by way of reprisals are...

ARTICLE 56—

PROTECTION OF WORKS AND INSTALLATIONS CONTAINING DANGEROUS FORCES

1 Works or installations containing dangerous forces, namely dams, dykes and...

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- 2 The special protection against attack provided by paragraph 1 shall...
- In all cases, the civilian population and individual civilians shall...
- 4 It is prohibited to make any of the works, installations...
- 5 The Parties to the conflict shall endeavour to avoid locating...
- 6 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...
- 7 In order to facilitate the identification of the objects protected...

CHAPTER IV—

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

ARTICLE 57—

PRECAUTIONS IN ATTACK

- 1 In the conduct of military operations, constant care shall be...
- 2 With respect to attacks, the following precautions shall be taken:...
- 3 When a choice is possible between several military objectives for...
- 4 In the conduct of military operations at sea or in...
- 5 No provision of this Article may be construed as authorising...

ARTICLE 58—

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF ATTACKS

CHAPTER V—

LOCALITIES AND ZONES UNDER SPECIAL PROTECTION

ARTICLE 59—

NON-DEFENDED LOCALITIES

- 1 It is prohibited for the Parties to the conflict to...
- 2 The appropriate authorities of a Party to the conflict may...
- The presence, in this locality, of persons specially protected under...
- 4 The declaration made under paragraph 2 shall be addressed to...
- 5 The Parties to the conflict may agree on the establishment...
- 6 The Party which is in control of a locality governed...
- 7 A locality loses its status as a non-defended locality when...

ARTICLE 60—

DEMILITARISED ZONES

- 1 It is prohibited for the Parties to the conflict to...
- 2 The agreement shall be an express agreement, may be concluded...
- 3 The subject of such an agreement shall normally be any...
- 4 The presence, in this zone, of persons specially protected under...
- 5 The Party which is in control of such a zone...
- 6 If the fighting draws near to a demilitarised zone, and...
- 7 If one of the Parties to the conflict commits a...

CHAPTER VI—

CIVIL DEFENCE

ARTICLE 61—

DEFINITIONS AND SCOPE

ARTICLE 62—

GENERAL PROTECTION

- 1 Civilian civil defence organisations and their personnel shall be respected...
- 2 The provisions of paragraph 1 shall also apply to civilians...
- 3 Buildings and mategriel used for civil defence purposes and shelters...

ARTICLE 63—

CIVIL DEFENCE IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

- 1 In occupied territories, civilian civil defence organisations shall receive from...
- 2 The Occupying Power shall not compel, coerce or induce civilian...
- 3 The Occupying Power may disarm civil defence personnel for reasons...
- 4 The Occupying Power shall neither divert from their proper use...
- 5 Provided that the general rule in paragraph 4 continues to...
- 6 The Occupying Power shall neither divert nor requisition shelters provided...

ARTICLE 64—

CIVILIAN CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS OF NEUTRAL OR OTHER STATES NOT PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT AND INTERNATIONAL CO-ORDINATING ORGANISATIONS

- 1 Articles 62, 63, 65 and 66 shall also apply to...
- 2 The Parties to the conflict receiving the assistance referred to...
- 3 In occupied territories, the Occupying Power may only exclude or...

ARTICLE 65—

CESSATION OF PROTECTION

- 1 The protection to which civilian civil defence organisations, their personnel,...
- 2 The following shall not be considered as acts harmful to...
- 3 It shall also not be considered as an act harmful...
- 4 The formation of civilian civil defence organisations along military lines,...

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ARTICLE 66—

IDENTIFICATION

- 1 Each Party to the conflict shall endeavour to ensure that...
- 2 Each Party to the conflict shall also endeavour to adopt...
- 3 In occupied territories and in areas where fighting is taking...
- 4 The international distinctive sign of civil defence is an equilateral...
- 5 In addition to the distinctive sign, Parties to the conflict...
- 6 The application of the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 4...
- 7 In time of peace, the sign described in paragraph 4...
- 8 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...
- 9 The identification of civil defence medical and religious personnel, medical...

ARTICLE 67—

MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND MILITARY UNITS ASSIGNED TO CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATIONS

- 1 Members of the armed forces and military units assigned to...
- 2 Military personnel serving within civil defence organisations shall, if they...
- 3 The buildings and major items of equipment and transports of...
- 4 The mategriel and buildings of military units permanently assigned to...

SECTION II—

RELIEF IN FAVOUR OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

ARTICLE 68—

FIELD OF APPLICATION

ARTICLE 69—

BASIC NEEDS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

- 1 In addition to the duties specified in Article 55 of...
- 2 Relief actions for the benefit of the civilian population of...

ARTICLE 70—

RELIEF ACTIONS

- 1 If the civilian population of any territory under the control...
- 2 The Parties to the conflict and each High Contracting Party...
- 3 The Parties to the conflict and each High Contracting Party...
- 4 The Parties to the conflict shall protect relief consignments and...
- 5 The Parties to the conflict and each High Contracting Party...

ARTICLE 71—

PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN RELIEF ACTIONS

- 1 Where necessary, relief personnel may form part of the assistance...
- 2 Such personnel shall be respected and protected.
- 3 Each Party in receipt of relief consignments shall, to the...
- 4 Under no circumstances may relief personnel exceed the terms of...

SECTION III—

TREATMENT OF PERSONS IN THE POWER OF A PARTY TO THE CONFLICT

CHAPTER I—

FIELD OF APPLICATION AND PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND OBJECTS

ARTICLE 72—

FIELD OF APPLICATION

ARTICLE 73—

REFUGEES AND STATELESS PERSONS

ARTICLE 74—

REUNION OF DISPERSED FAMILIES

ARTICLE 75—

FUNDAMENTAL GUARANTEES

- 1 In so far as they are affected by a situation...
- 2 The following acts are and shall remain prohibited at any...
- 3 Any person arrested, detained or interned for actions related to...
- 4 No sentence may be passed and no penalty may be...
- Women whose liberty has been restricted for reasons related to...
- 6 Persons who are arrested, detained or interned for reasons related...
- 7 In order to avoid any doubt concerning the prosecution and...
- 8 No provision of this Article may be construed as limiting...

CHAPTER II—

MEASURES IN FAVOUR OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN

ARTICLE 76—

PROTECTION OF WOMEN

- 1 Women shall be the object of special respect and shall...
- 2 Pregnant women and mothers having dependant infants who are arrested,...

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To the maximum extent feasible, the Parties to the conflict...

ARTICLE 77—

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

- Children shall be the object of special respect and shall...
- 2 The Parties to the conflict shall take all feasible measures...
- 3 If, in exceptional cases, despite the provisions of paragraph 2,...
- 4 If arrested, detained or interned for reasons related to the...
- 5 The death penalty for an offence related to the armed...

ARTICLE 78—

EVACUATION OF CHILDREN

- 1 No Party to the conflict shall arrange for the evacuation...
- 2 Whenever an evacuation occurs pursuant to paragraph 1, each child's...
- 3 With a view to facilitating the return to their families...

CHAPTER III—

JOURNALISTS

ARTICLE 79—

MEASURES OF PROTECTION FOR JOURNALISTS

- Journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed...
- 2 They shall be protected as such under the Conventions and...
- 3 They may obtain an identity card similar to the model...

PART V — EXECUTION OF THE CONVENTIONS AND OF THIS PROTOCOL

SECTION I—

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 80—

MEASURES FOR EXECUTION

- 1 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...
- 2 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...

ARTICLE 81—

ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ORGANISATIONS

- 1 The Parties to the conflict shall grant to the International...
- 2 The Parties to the conflict shall grant to their respective...
- 3 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...
- 4 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...

ARTICLE 82—

LEGAL ADVISERS IN ARMED FORCES

ARTICLE 83—

DISSEMINATION

- 1 The High Contracting Parties undertake, in time of peace as...
- 2 Any military or civilian authorities who, in time of armed...

ARTICLE 84—

RULES OF APPLICATION

SECTION II—

REPRESSION OF BREACHES OF THE CONVENTIONS AND OF THIS PROTOCOL

ARTICLE 85—

REPRESSION OF BREACHES OF THIS PROTOCOL

- 1 The provisions of the Conventions relating to the repression of...
- 2 Acts described as grave breaches in the Conventions are grave...
- 3 In addition to the grave breaches defined in Article 11,...
- 4 In addition to the grave breaches defined in the preceding...
- 5 Without prejudice to the application of the Conventions and of...

ARTICLE 86—

FAILURE TO ACT

- 1 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...
- 2 The fact that a breach of the Conventions or of...

ARTICLE 87—

DUTY OF COMMANDERS

- 1 The High Contracting Parties and the Parties to the conflict...
- 2 In order to prevent and suppress breaches, High Contracting Parties...
- 3 The High Contracting Parties and Parties to the conflict shall...

ARTICLE 88—

MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

- The High Contracting Parties shall afford one another the greatest...
- 2 Subject to the rights and obligations established in the Conventions...
- 3 The law of the High Contracting Party requested shall apply...

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ARTICLE 89—

CO-OPERATION

ARTICLE 90—

INTERNATIONAL FACT-FINDING COMMISSION

- 1 (a) An International Fact-Finding Commission (hereinafter referred to as "...
- 2 (a) The High Contracting Parties may at the time of...
- 3 (a) Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties concerned, all enquiries...
- 4 (a) The Chamber set up under paragraph 3 to undertake...
- 5 (a) The Commission shall submit to the Parties a report...
- 6 The Commission shall establish its own rules, including rules for...
- 7 The administrative expenses of the Commission shall be met by...

ARTICLE 91—

RESPONSIBILITY

PART VI — FINAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 92—

SIGNATURE

ARTICLE 93—

RATIFICATION

ARTICLE 94—

ACCESSION

ARTICLE 95—

ENTRY INTO FORCE

- 1 This Protocol shall enter into force six months after two...
- 2 For each Party to the Conventions thereafter ratifying or acceding...

ARTICLE 96—

TREATY RELATIONS UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS PROTOCOL

- 1 When the Parties to the Conventions are also Parties to...
- 2 When one of the Parties to the conflict is not...
- The authority representing a people engaged against a High Contracting...

ARTICLE 97—

AMENDMENT

- 1 Any High Contracting Party may propose amendments to this Protocol....
- 2 The depositary shall invite to that conference all the High...

ARTICLE 98—

REVISION OF ANNEX I

- 1 Not later than four years after the entry into force...
- 2 The depositary shall convene a conference of the High Contracting...
- 3 Amendments to Annex I may be adopted at such a...
- 4 The depositary shall communicate any amendment so adopted to the...
- 5 An amendment considered to have been accepted in accordance with...
- 6 The depositary shall notify the High Contracting Parties and the...

ARTICLE 99—

DENUNCIATION

- 1 In case a High Contracting Party should denounce this Protocol,...
- 2 The denunciation shall be notified in writing to the depositary....
- 3 The denunciation shall have effect only in respect of the...
- 4 Any denunciation under paragraph 1 shall not affect the obligations...

ARTICLE 100—

NOTIFICATIONS

ARTICLE 101—

REGISTRATION

- 1 After its entry into force, this Protocol shall be transmitted...
- 2 The depositary shall also inform the Secretariat of the United...

ARTICLE 102—

AUTHENTIC TEXTS

ANNEX I

REGULATIONS CONCERNING IDENTIFICATION

ARTICLE 1—

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 The regulations concerning identification in this Annex implement the relevant...

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- These rules do not in and of themselves establish the...
- The competent authorities may, subject to the relevant provisions of...
- The High Contracting Parties and in particular the Parties to...

CHAPTER I—

IDENTITY CARDS

ARTICLE 2—

IDENTITY CARD FOR PERMANENT CIVILIAN MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL

- The identity card for permanent civilian medical and religious personnel...
- The identity card shall be uniform throughout the territory of...
- In no circumstances may permanent civilian medical and religious personnel...

ARTICLE 3—

IDENTITY CARD FOR TEMPORARY CIVILIAN MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL

- The identity card for temporary civilian medical and religious personnel...
- When circumstances preclude the provision to temporary civilian medical and...

CHAPTER II—

THE DISTINCTIVE EMBLEM

ARTICLE 4—

SHAPE

ARTICLE 5—

USE

- The distinctive emblem shall, whenever possible, be displayed on a...
- At night or when visibility is reduced, the distinctive emblem...
- The distinctive emblem may be made of materials which make...
- Medical and religious personnel carrying out their duties in the...

CHAPTER III—

DISTINCTIVE SIGNALS

ARTICLE 6—

USE

1 All distinctive signals specified in this Chapter may be used...

- 2 These signals, at the exclusive disposal of medical units and...
- 3 In the absence of a special agreement between the Parties...
- 4 Temporary medical aircraft which cannot, either for lack of time...

ARTICLE 7—

LIGHT SIGNAL

- 1 The light signal, consisting of a flashing blue light as...
- 2 In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XIV, para. 4...
- 3 Medical vehicles should exhibit one or more flashing blue lights...
- 4 The recommended blue colour is obtained when its chromaticity is...

ARTICLE 8—

RADIO SIGNAL

- 1 The radio signal shall consist of the urgency signal and...
- 2 The radio message preceded by the urgency and distinctive signals...
- 3 In order to facilitate the communications referred to in paragraphs...

ARTICLE 9—

ELECTRONIC IDENTIFICATION

- 1 The Secondary Surveillance Radar (SSR) system, as specified in Annex...
- 2 Protected medical transports may, for their identification and location, use
- 3 It should be possible for medical transports to be identified...
- 4 Parties to a conflict may, by special agreement between them,...

CHAPTER IV—

COMMUNICATIONS

ARTICLE 10—

RADIOCOMMUNICATIONS

- 1 The urgency signal and the distinctive signal provided for in...
- 2 The medical transports referred to in Articles 40 (Section II,...

ARTICLE 11—

USE OF INTERNATIONAL CODES

ARTICLE 12—

OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION

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ARTICLE 13—

FLIGHT PLANS

ARTICLE 14—

SIGNALS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE INTERCEPTION OF MEDICAL AIRCRAFT.

CHAPTER V—

CIVIL DEFENCE

ARTICLE 15—

IDENTITY CARD

- The identity card of the civil defence personnel provided for...
- The identity card for civil defence personnel may follow the...
- If civil defence personnel are permitted to carry light individual...
- If civil defence personnel are permitted to carry light individual...

ARTICLE 16—

INTERNATIONAL DISTINCTIVE SIGN

- The international distinctive sign of civil defence provided for in...
- It is recommended that: (a) if the blue triangle is...
- The international distinctive sign shall be as large as appropriate...

CHAPTER VI—

WORKS AND INSTALLATIONS CONTAINING DANGEROUS FORCES

ARTICLE 17—

INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL SIGN

- The international special sign for works and installations containing dangerous...
- The sign shall be as large as appropriate under the...
- On a flag, the distance between the outer limits of...
- At night or when visibility is reduced, the sign may...

ANNEX II

IDENTITY CARD FOR JOURNALISTS ON DANGEROUS PROFESSIONAL MISSIONS

SIXTH SCHEDULE — PROTOCOL II

Protocol Additional

to the Geneva

Conventions of

12 August 1949,

and relating to the

Protection of Victims
of Non-International
Armed Conflicts
(Protocol II)
PART I — SCOPE OF THIS PROTOCOL

ARTICLE 1—

MATERIAL FIELD OF APPLICATION

- 1 This Protocol, which develops and supplements Article 3 common to...
- 2 This Protocol shall not apply to situations of internal disturbances...

ARTICLE 2—

PERSONAL FIELD OF APPLICATION

- 1 This Protocol shall be applied without any adverse distinction founded...
- 2 At the end of the armed conflict, all the persons...

ARTICLE 3—

NON-INTERVENTION

- 1 Nothing in this Protocol shall be invoked for the purpose...
- 2 Nothing in this Protocol shall be invoked as a justification...

PART II — HUMANE TREATMENT

ARTICLE 4—

FUNDAMENTAL GUARANTEES

- 1 All persons who do not take a direct part or...
- Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the following...
- 3 Children shall be provided with the care and aid they...

ARTICLE 5—

PERSONS WHOSE LIBERTY HAS BEEN RESTRICTED

- 1 In addition to the provisions of Article 4, the following...
- 2 Those who are responsible for the internment or detention of...
- 3 Persons who are not covered by paragraph 1 but whose...
- 4 If it is decided to release persons deprived of their...

ARTICLE 6—

PENAL PROSECUTIONS

- 1 This Article applies to the prosecution and punishment of criminal...
- 2 No sentence shall be passed and no penalty shall be...
- 3 A convicted person shall be advised on conviction of his...
- 4 The death penalty shall not be pronounced on persons who...

At the end of hostilities, the authorities in power shall...
PART III — WOUNDED, SICK AND SHIPWRECKED

ARTICLE 7—

PROTECTION AND CARE

- 1 All the wounded, sick and shipwrecked, whether or not they...
- 2 In all circumstances they shall be treated humanely and shall...

ARTICLE 8—

SEARCH

ARTICLE 9—

PROTECTION OF MEDICAL AND RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL

- Medical and religious personnel shall be respected and protected and...
- 2 In the performance of their duties medical personnel may not...

ARTICLE 10—

GENERAL PROTECTION OF MEDICAL DUTIES

- Under no circumstances shall any person be punished for having...
- 2 Persons engaged in medical activities shall neither be compelled to...
- 3 The professional obligations of persons engaged in medical activities regarding...
- 4 Subject to national law, no person engaged in medical activities...

ARTICLE 11—

PROTECTION OF MEDICAL UNITS AND TRANSPORTS

- 1 Medical units and transports shall be respected and protected at...
- 2 The protection to which medical units and transports are entitled...

ARTICLE 12—

THE DISTINCTIVE EMBLEM

PART IV — CIVILIAN POPULATION

ARTICLE 13—

PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

- 1 The civilian population and individual civilians shall enjoy general protection...
- 2 The civilian population as such, as well as individual civilians,...
- 3 Civilians shall enjoy the protection afforded by this Part, unless...

ARTICLE 14—

PROTECTION OF OBJECTS INDISPENSABLE TO THE SURVIVAL OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION

ARTICLE 15—

PROTECTION OF WORKS AND INSTALLATIONS CONTAINING DANGEROUS FORCES

ARTICLE 16—

PROTECTION OF CULTURAL OBJECTS AND OF PLACES OF WORSHIP

ARTICLE 17—

PROHIBITION OF FORCED MOVEMENT OF CIVILIANS

- 1 The displacement of the civilian population shall not be ordered...
- 2 Civilians shall not be compelled to leave their own territory...

ARTICLE 18—

RELIEF SOCIETIES AND RELIEF ACTIONS

- Relief societies located in the territory of the High Contracting...
- 2 If the civilian population is suffering undue hardship owing to... PART V FINAL PROVISIONS

DISSEMINATION

ARTICLE 19—

ARTICLE 20—

SIGNATURE

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