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The Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to the latter's note No. LA/COD/2, dated 29 February 2008, has the honour to provide herewith some information on status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions 1949 on Humanitarian Law as follows:

The Lao PDR has paid attention to the dissemination and implementation of the Geneva Conventions and International Humanitarian Law which are reflected in the following actions:

- Laos acceded to and Ratified (Protocol I) Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of victims of international conflicts, of 8 June 1977 (Ratified on 18 November 1980, with the declaration of 30 January 1998 made by the Government of the Lao PDR acknowledging the International Fact-Finding Commission in case of International Armed Conflicts, established by Article 90 of the first Additional Protocols (acknowledged Article 90); Ratified (Protocol II) Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts, of 8 June 1977, on 18 November 1980.
- The Lao PDR is in the process of translating the Geneva Conventions and the above-mentioned Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions 1949, and disseminating the contents of the Geneva Conventions and the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions through extensively organizing workshops and seminars for government officials, military personnels, police officers, teachers and students.
- As regards the Lao PDR's accession to the third Additional Protocols on emblems of International Red Cross, it is still under consideration.

The Permanent Mission of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurances of it highest consideration.

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