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The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations

presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations

and, with reference to his note verbale LA/COD/2 of 7 February 2011, has

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the honour to transmit to him herewith information on measures taken by the Malagasy Government pursuant to paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 65/29 entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts" for inclusion in the relevant report of the Secretary-General.

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration.

New York, 6 September 2011

Secretary-General

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Actions by the Malagasy Government to implement paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 65/29 entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts"

With regard to the status of ratification of international instruments on international humanitarian law, Madagascar is party to the following protocols:

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- The 1977 additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions

relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts and to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocols I and II) (ratified in 1992).

- Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (ratified in 2004).

With regard to article 90 of the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I), which provides for Parties to recognize the competence of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission to inquire into allegations in the event of armed conflict, the opportunity for such a declaration has not arisen, owing to the fact that

Madagascar has not experienced an armed conflict since becoming Party to the Protocol.

In addition, preparations to ratify the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict have been included in the activities of the National Commission for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law. As soon as the relevant institutions are operational, those preparations will be a priority.

In addition to these legislative measures planned by the Commission, various activities are under way in both the capital and the provinces to provide for the dissemination and full application of international humanitarian law at the national level, including:

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- Awareness-raising workshops in Toamasina on 6 and 7 July 2011

and in Mahajanga on 24 and 25 May 2011;

- Presentations to raise awareness of international humanitarian law

stakeholders, both individuals and institutions, to be held at the

police camp in Antanimora (in Antananarivo) on 14 April 2011 and

at the Technical and Economic Information Centre in

Ambatonakanga (in Antananarivo) on 27 April 2011.

Finally, continuing education on international humanitarian law is

being provided to members of the armed forces by the Ministerial

International Humanitarian Law Committee, which is part of the relevant

department.