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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Hungary to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs and, with reference to its note No. LA/COD/2. of 9 April 2010, has the honour to submit pursuant to General Assembly resolution 63/125 its report on the Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

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



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The Republic of Hungary is party to all major treaties in the field of international humanitarian law. During the current reporting period the Republic of Hungary ratified the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (25 May 2000) on 24 February 2010. The Convention on Cluster Munitions (30 May 2008) was signed by the Republic of Hungary on 3 December 2008, the ratification is still ongoing.

The National Advisory Committee for the Dissemination and Implementation of International Humanitarian Law (established in 2000) is a forum for the relevant Hungarian authorities to initiate and coordinate measures aimed at a more effective implementation of international humanitarian law on national level. In the recent years the Committee, in cooperation with the Hungarian Red Cross Society and the International Committee of the Red Cross, has taken steps to promote a better protection of the Red Cross emblem through the initiation of legislation and other legal measures as well as the launching of public awareness raising campaigns.

International humanitarian law training is part of the curricula at military higher education institutions. Hungarian military observers and contingents of international peacekeeping missions also receive a pre-deployment training in international humanitarian law. The Service Regulations of the Hungarian Defence Forces contain the principles and provisions of the international humanitarian law instruments, and due to regular revisions it reflects the latest developments in the field of international humanitarian law. The Ministry of Defence works in close cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross in the field of the implementation of and training in international humanitarian law.

At the Review Conference of the International Criminal Court in Kampala, Uganda (2010) the Republic of Hungary - as a member of the European Union - made a pledge, jointly with all members of the European Union, to pursue the following:

1. To continue to promote the universality and preserve the integrity of the Rome Statute.
2. To include the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes of international concern as one of the shared values of the EU and its partners through the insertion of ICC and international justice related provisions into its agreements with third parties.
3. To continue its financial support to the Court, civil society and to the third States interested in receiving assistance in order to become party to the Rome Statute or to implement it.
4. To review and update its instruments in support of the Court following the Review Conference.”