

**PERMANENT MISSION OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
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The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to note No. LA/COD/2 dated 7 February 2011 regarding General Assembly resolution 65/29 of 6 December 2010 entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts", has the honor to submit the following information:

At the 31<sup>st</sup> International Red Cross and Red Crescent Conference in November 2011, the Austrian government made the following pledges, partly in cooperation with the Austrian Red Cross:

- Exploring and identifying concrete ways and means to strengthen the application of International Humanitarian Law, including the question of implementation mechanisms;
- Support of Switzerland to conduct discussions with the High Contracting Parties on the means and measures that would render the IHFFC more operational;
- Promotion of the universalization of the Ottawa Convention on the Prohibition on the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Antipersonnel Mines and its implementation;
- Promotion of the universalization of Oslo Convention on Cluster Munitions;
- Organisation of seminars on IHL for university students, journalists and other opinion leaders;
- Commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the adoption of the original Geneva Convention in the year 2014;

- Organisation of a follow-up conference to the “European Leadership Conference on Exploring Humanitarian Law, Vienna 2006” in Austria or another European country;
- Integration of "Exploring Humanitarian Law" into the field of active citizenship and human rights education;
- Support of the “Project Xchange” on migration;
- Dissemination and implementation of the rules and principles of International Disaster Response Laws.

Moreover, Austria endorsed the common pledges of the European Union member states.

In June 2009, Austria declared her accession to the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III).

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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