

Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations New York





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The Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations presents her compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note no. LA/COD/2 DATED 02 April 2012 regarding the request to submit a concise report containing information 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 Representative has further the honour to enclose herewith a concise report about the measures taken by the Government of Oman to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at national level.

The Permanent Representative of the Sultanate of Oman to the United Nations avails herself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of her highest consideration.



The Secretary-General to the United Nations New York

1- إن قوات السلطان المسلحة ماضية قدما في تعزيز المتن الحالي للقانون الدولي الإنساني وحماية ضحايا النزاعات المسلحة، ويتضح ذلك من خلال قانون القضاء العسكري الصادر حديثا بموجب المرسوم السلطاني رقم ١١٠/١، حيث خصص الفصل الرابع لجرائم الإبادة الجماعية، والفصل المسادس لجرائم ضد الإنسانية، والفصل السادس لجرائم الحرب، والفصل السابع لجرائم الأسر وإساءة معاملة الجرحي، وعاقب على بعض هذه الجرائم بعقوبات مشددة تصل الى الإعدام، ويعد ذلك إحتراما وتوافقا مع ما جاء في القانون الإنساني الدولي والإتفاقيات الدولية التي وقعت عليها السلطنة.

٢- فيما يتعلق بإشراك الأطفال في النزاعات المسلحة فإن سياسة التجنيد في قوات السلطان المسلحة لا تجيز لأي شخص دخول الخدمة فيها قبل إتمامه لسن الثامنة عشر.

"- من التدابير المتخذة لنشر القانون وتطبيقه على نطاق واسع عقد الدورات وتدريس المنتسبين في الكليات والمدارس ومراكز التدريب العسكرية، وإرسال المعنيين والمختصين الي خارج السلطنة لحضور الدورات والندوات والمؤتمرات التي تعقد في مجال القانون الدولي الإنساني، وهذا كله يزيد من فعالية تطبيق القانون الدولي الإنساني، وهذا كله يزيد من فعالية تطبيق القانون الدولي الإنساني ويعززه.

- 1. The Sultan's Armed Forces is moving forward in strengthening the existing body of international humanitarian law and protecting the victims of armed conflicts, and this is clear through the Military Justice Act, recently issued according to the Royal Decree No. 2011/110, where the fourth chapter is allocated for crimes of genocide, the fifth chapter for crimes against humanity, the sixth chapter for war crimes and the seventh chapter for detention and maltreatment of the injured and the punishment of some of these crimes is severe penalty that could reach death penalty which is considered as a respect of and in accordance to the international humanitarian law and to the International Conventions signed by the Sultanate of Oman.
- 2. With respect to the involvement of children in armed conflicts, the recruitment policy in the Sultanate's Armed Forces does not permit any person to serve in the military before the age of eighteen years.
- 3. Among the measures taken to disseminate the law and its application in a large scale, the organization of sessions and teaching the students of colleges and schools and the student in military training centers as well as sending the concerned persons and specialists abroad to attend forums, conferences and courses held in the field of international humanitarian law. All these measures help in the effectiveness and enhancement of the application of the international humanitarian law.