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The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and according to the resolution 65/29 *Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts*, has the honour to transmit herewith the information of the Republic of Poland to be enclosed in the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Protocols.

The Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration.

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New York, May 31, 2012



H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
of the United Nations  
New York

via  
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New York

On 3 of June 2011 the Commission for International Humanitarian Law of the Government of the Republic of Poland adopted the II Report on the implementation and dissemination of international humanitarian law in Poland. This Report is a continuation of 2009 Report.

During these more than two years the Government of the Republic of Poland undertook numerous initiatives aimed at adapting the Polish Law to the requirements of International Humanitarian Law, in particular by passing a substantial reform of the Criminal Code and the ratification of Additional Protocol III to the Geneva Conventions of 1949. The Report comprehensively illustrates various activities of the Polish State in the field of implementation, development and dissemination of International Humanitarian Law in Poland. It contains information on international agreements binding upon the Republic of Poland in the field of International Humanitarian Law, as well as on the implementation of different institutions of this law to the Polish legal order. In addition to it, the Report reflects on the principles of special protection of certain categories of persons, such as prisoners of war, internees, repatriates, medical and religious personnel, as well as on the principles of special protection of specific categories of locations and premises that are to be protected against the impact of hostilities, namely cultural property, hospitals, graves and natural environment. The Report also includes information on the numerous initiatives undertaken by the Ministry for National Defense, Ministry of Education and the Polish Red Cross in the field of dissemination and education of humanitarian law.

The text of the II Report in English and Polish language can be found on the official web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland ([www.msz.gov.pl](http://www.msz.gov.pl)).