



Department of External Affairs Federated States of Micronesia

THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION TO THE FOUR GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF AUGUST 12, 1949 AND THE 1977 PROTOCOLS TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949

WHEREAS, the Diplomatic Conference for the Establishment of International Conventions for the Protection of Victims of War was convened by the Swiss Federal Council, as trustee of the Geneva Conventions, in Geneva from April 21 to August 12, 1949;

WHEREAS, the following four conventions for the protection of victims of war were adopted on August 12, 1949, at the Diplomatic Conference for the Establishment of International Conventions for the Protection of Victims of War:

1. The "Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field of August 12, 1949;
2. The "Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea of August 12, 1949;"
3. The "Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of August 12, 1949;"
4. The "Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of August 12, 1949;"

WHEREAS, the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts, convened by the Swiss Federal Council, held four sessions in Geneva (February 20, 1974 to March 29, 1974; February 3, 1975 to April 18, 1975; April 21, 1976 to June 11, 1976; and March 17, 1977 to June 10, 1977) to study two draft Additional Protocols prepared by the International Committee of the Red Cross which were intended to supplement the four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949;

WHEREAS, the following two Additional Protocols were adopted on June 8, 1977 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts:

- a. "Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) and Annexes I and II;" and
- b. "Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II);"

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1994, the Eighth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 1994 approved the accession by the Federated States of Micronesia to the four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949 and the two additional Protocols of June 8, 1977, without reservation;

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to accede to the four Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949 and the two additional Protocols of June 8, 1977, without reservation;

NOW THEREFORE, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia hereby declares its accession to:

The "Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field of August 12, 1949;"

The "Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea of August 12, 1949;"

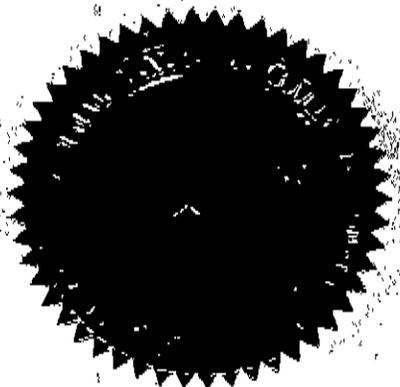
The "Geneva Convention Relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War of August 12, 1949;"

The "Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of August 12, 1949;"

"Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) and Annexes I and II;" and

"Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II)."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Asterio R. Takesy, Secretary of External Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia, have signed this Instrument of Accession at Palikir, Pohnpei this First day of September, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.



Asterio R. Takesy
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