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*L' Ambassadeur*

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London, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Dear Mr Macak,

Further to your letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011, please find enclosed the responses to your questions regarding armed conflicts, received today from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Monaco.

Yours sincerely,



Evelyne Genta  
Ambassador of the Principality of Monaco in the United Kingdom

**1. Does your State distinguish between international and non international armed conflicts in relation to the application of the law of armed conflict ?**

The Principality of Monaco doesn't distinguish between international and non-international armed conflicts.

**1.1 If your answer to question 1 is negative, please provide the reasons.**

The Principality of Monaco is a neutral State and doesn't possess any army. In addition, Monaco is party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which were ratified on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1950 :

- Convention (I) for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field;
- Convention (II) for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea;
- Convention (III) relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War;
- Convention (IV) relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War.

Moreover, the Principality is party to the 1977 Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions, ratified on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2000 :

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

Monaco is greatly attached to the protection of civilians in armed conflicts. In that regard, the Principality of Monaco co-sponsored the first United Nations General Assembly resolution on the "Responsibility to protect", on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009, which implies the responsibility of States to protect their own population.