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**The Lebanese Republic**

**Ministry of Justice**

**Department of Consultation and Legislation**

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**Advisory**

**Subject: The status of the two protocols additional to the 1949 Geneva Convention relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts**

Whereas the first of those studies contains the following proposals:

- A national committee for international humanitarian law should be established with responsibility for closing loopholes in the law, in keeping with the provisions of international humanitarian law
- Efforts to apply that law should be intensified by publicizing its provisions in academic curriculums and among such representatives of Government parties responsible for its application as the armed forces and the police force
- Cooperation between Lebanon and the International Committee of the Red Cross should be strengthened; efforts should be exerted to establish and activate national structures consistent with the legislative development of the bases of international humanitarian law,

Whereas the memorandum from the General Directorate of the Internal Security Forces also referred to the fact that the Security Forces Institute had adopted the aforementioned law in a number of courses it taught,

Whereas the memorandum from the General Directorate of General Security indicated that it intended in future to include the subject of international humanitarian law in the military training programme for all ranks, and was contributing to the efforts exerted to apply its provisions,

Whereas it should also be noted, in conclusion, that law No. 613 of 28 February 1997 authorized the Government of Lebanon to become a signatory to the two above-mentioned additional protocols,

Whereas the foregoing constitutes an outcome in respect of the aforementioned request that may be conveyed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants,

The Department gives the advisory in the form set forth above.

Beirut, 16 June 2008

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Director of the Department of Consultation  
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This advisory is submitted to the General Director of the Ministry of Justice for the appropriate action.

Beirut, 16 June 2008

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Ministry of Justice

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No. 344/2008

Beirut, 30 June 2008

(Signed) Omar **el-Natour**  
General Director of the Ministry of Justice

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