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Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts

Report by Germany

1. Germany has been a party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 since 1954 and to Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) as well as to Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II) since 1991. Furthermore, Germany

5. Furthermore, a special penal Code of Crimes against International Law
(Völkerstrafgesetzbuch) was adopted that penalizes crimes in domestic law that would fall within

law in the English and German languages.