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Belgium's contribution to the report requested in paragraph 11 of General Assembly resolution 65/29 of 6 December 2010

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/29, the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, Belgium would like first to refer to its 2008 contribution, summarized in the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/118). In that contribution, which consolidated and supplemented its previous reports, Belgium emphasized its active support, in particular:

- x The development of international humanitarian law, especially with regard to limitation or prohibition of the use of conventional weapons which cause unnecessary suffering or which are inherently indiscriminate and respect for that law;
- x The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and its efforts on behalf of the victims of armed conflicts; and
- x National and international enforcement mechanisms for violations of international humanitarian law.

Belgium also refers to its 2010 report, summarized in the report of the Secretary-General for the period 2008 to August 2010 (A/65/138/Add.1), which supplements the comprehensive report of 2008.

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Since that report, the most noteworthy events for Belgium have been the following:

- x Ratification of the Second Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict on 13 October 2010;
- x Intensive work on preliminary draft laws amending Belgian legislation on the implementation of international humanitarian law, including with respect to the protection of emblems; cooperation with the International Criminal Court and the international criminal tribunals; and ratification, on 1 June 2010, of the amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted at the Kampala Conference of 31 May 2010; all of these drafts have been submitted to the Government;
- x Preparations for and active participation in the fifty-first International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, including matters related to the implementation of international humanitarian law;
- x Organization of an international workshop on amendments to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court adopted in Kampala in 2010; and
- x Establishment, within the framework of Belgium's Interministerial Commission for Humanitarian Law, of a preparatory mechanism for measures still to be taken with a view to implementation of the 1954 Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and the two Protocols thereto in light of ratification of the Second Protocol.

