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STATEMENT OF THE ARAB LIGAS
"STATUS OF THE PROTOCOLS ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS
OF 1949 AND RELATING TO THE PROTECTION
OF VICTIMS OF ARMED CONFLICT"
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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honor to speak on behalf of the Arab League of the "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and Relating to the Protection of Victims of Armed Conflicts".

Allow me, at the outset, to express the Arab League's gratitude to the Secretary General for his report A/67/180.

Mr. Chairman,

All African Member States of the Arab League have ratified the 1977 Additional Protocols. Only one African member had been ratified by 1 African member.

However, this meagre status of ratification of the Protocols by African parties does not give a complete picture of the armed conflicts on the African continent.

In Africa, conflicts are the driving cause behind displacement. The world is characterized by conflict, and as ongoing displacement is a result of armed clashes between states. Africa hosts almost half of those who are displaced by violence in the world, according to the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The 1977 Additional Protocols, known as the Kampala Convention, is a comprehensive document that will contribute an important contribution to international humanitarian law. The Arab League Group looks forward to the early conclusion of the ratification process of the Convention to ensure its effective implementation and effectively address issues of displacement in Africa.

