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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and according to the resolution 67 j93 Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of anned conflicts, has the honour to transmit herewith the information of the Republic of Poland to be enclosed in the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Protocols.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances ofits highest consideration . .(lt>

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Secretary-General
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New York

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New York, May 30, 2014

The main purposes of education include:
• to provide the staff and employees of the army with necessary knowledge of IHL required
in the execution of military tasks;
• to raise awareness of criminal liability for the infringement ofiHL;
• to provide soldiers and employees of the Ministry of National Defence with skills necessary
for the proper application of IHL and relevant response;
o to prepare commanders to solve problems concerning proper observance of IHL and the constraints
resulting from it, as well as precautions while planning, preparing and conducting operations.

IHL dissemination, in turn, is executed in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland within civic education, in accordance with the methodology of soldier training as part of 'civic training' and 'prevention and military discipline', introduced by virtue of decision no. 397/MON of the Minister of National Defence of 18 December 2013 (Official Journal of the Ministry ofNational Defence item 348).

General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces controls and supervises the units of the Armed Forces
of the Republic of Poland and evaluates familiarity with IHL issues by testing knowledge.

In connection with a change in 2014 in the system of command and management of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland, decision no. 72/MON of the Minister of National Defence of 6 March 2014 has been introduced on compliance with the principles of protection of cultural property in the national defence department (Official Journal of the Ministry of National Defence of 2014 item 83). In order to ensure proper protection of cultural property in the operations of the Armed Forces, a document prepared by the Infrastructure Department of the Ministry of National Defence is implemented containing 'Guidelines regarding the protection of military real estate of historical value,' which includes detailed measures for the protection of cultural property and competencies of persons holding managerial positions in the Ministry of National Defence and administrators being permanently in charge of military real estate ofhistorical value.

The organisational structure of the Ministry of National Defence includes a representative responsible for the dissemination of IHL in the Armed Forces of the Republic of Poland, who is also involved in the protection of cultural property and the Red Cross emblem. The Ministry of National Defence also has its representative in the 'Armed Conflict Law Dissemination Team' and the 'Protection of the Red Cross Emblem Team', operating under the Main

supplementary course in the field of the law of armed conflict for non-commissioned officers carried out in the Military Centre for Civic Education in Warsaw,
supplementary course in the field of international humanitarian law - protection of cultural property
in anned conflicts in the event of crisis and missions of the Polish Armed Forces outside the borders
of the state.

A series of training sessions in the field of !HL are held as part of 'Civic education' with the staff
of units and central institutions of the Ministry of National Defence and with the sets of 'Orlik' Polish Military Contingent and NATO Response Force. Additionally, since 2012 the Military Centre for Civic Education has nm an e-learning course in the field of IHL. In cooperation with the National Defence University, the Military Centre for Civic Education opened postgraduate studies in the area of!HL.
At the same time, the Department for Education and Promotion of Defence Policy of the Ministry
of National Defence prepared training materials for the participants of military missions outside the borders
of Poland:
'The law of armed conflict- principles of using force- KOSOVO',
'Guide to mines, traps and explosives',
'Fight according to the rules' CD,
'Guide to the rights and (and)Tjtion and 38 0 0 11 216.61 515.5484.9Tj -0.'P-0.0076 Tc 11 11 0 0 11 444.19 590..009