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The protection of victims
of armed conflict, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 65/29,
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to improve implementation of and compliance with international humanitarian law as well as the protection of persons deprived of their liberty. The ”

” highlights certain areas and
proposes

4. Protection of the Natural environment, the Nordic Governments and the Nordic National Red Cross Societies hereby pledge:

1. On the basis of recent armed conflicts, to undertake and support a concerted study highlighting the relevance of the existing legal framework for the protection of the natural

The terms of reference for the Committee were to identify the rules of international law pertaining to armed conflicts, occupation and neutrality that are legally binding for Sweden in view of developments since the 1980s. The report also describes how Sweden has incorporated existing rules of international law in Swedish legislation.

A specific task for the Committee was to analyse the content of the rules of customary international humanitarian law, including the conclusions as presented by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in its Study of Customary International Humanitarian Law of 2005. The Committee thinks that the ICRC Customary law study is a valuable compilation of the contents of customary international humanitarian law and the Committee proposes that Sweden should promote acceptance of the rules as identified in the study.

The Government Inquiry was also instructed to propose legislative amendments necessary to enable Sweden to ratify the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (the third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions).

A fundamental prerequisite for international law to be respected is knowledge of its contents. The importance of training and information is strongly underlined in the report.

The Government is currently in the process of evaluating the proposals made by the Committee.

7. In 2011 the Committee for International Humanitarian Law, the established by the Swedish Government in 1991 under the Ministry of Defence celebrated its 20th anniversary. The committee includes representatives of government ministries, government agencies and non governmental organisations, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Swedish Armed Forces and the Swedish Red Cross. The purpose of the committee is to examine the development of international humanitarian law (IHL), act as a venue for discussion and to disseminate knowledge of IHL and the application of IHL within the armed forces and other governmental

agencies. The committee furthermore promotes and publishes studies of international law.

8. A National seminar on international humanitarian law was organized by the Swedish

Stockholm, 28 June 2012