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(2) On signing the Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, the Government of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic makes the following reservation :

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(3) On signing the Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War, the Government of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic makes the following reservations :

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*Article 12:* "The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic does not consider as valid the freeing of a Detaining Power, which has transferred prisoners of war to another Power, from responsibility for the application of the Convention to such prisoners of war while the latter are in the custody of the Power accepting them."

*Article 85:* "The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic does not consider itself bound by the obligation, which follows from Article 85, to extend the application of the Convention to prisoners of war who have been convicted under the law of the Detaining Power, in accordance with the principles of the Nuremberg trial, for war crimes and crimes against humanity, it being understood that persons convicted of such crimes must be subject to the conditions obtaining in the country in question for those who undergo their punishment."

(4) On signing the Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, the Government of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic feels called upon to make the following declaration :

"Although the present Convention does not cover the civilian population in territory not occupied by the enemy and does not, therefore, completely meet