

Finally, the Government announced its intention to table shortly in Parliament the legislation that would allow Canada to ratify the 1977 Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, two important humanitarian treaties that afford greater protection to civilians and soldiers during times of armed conflict.

The Canadian humanitarian gesture represents an expression of Canada's continued commitment to the principles and ideals for which the Red Cross has come to be known. It also represents an expression of gratitude by the people of Canada for the outstanding humanitarian work the Red Cross movement performs.

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