"Ratification of the Protocols is an expression of Canada's firm commitment to conducting any armed conflict within the limits set by humanitarian law, with as much protection as possible for those made vulnerable during periods of armed conflict," said Mr. McKnight.

Through the ratification of the Geneva Protocols, Canada has reiterated its support for humanitarian principles and continued its commitment to the development and protection of international humanitarian law.

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