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✓ Reservation:
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"1. With regard to article 2, paragraph 4, of Protocol II: It is the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that a specific area of land may also be a military objective if, because of its location or other reasons specified in paragraph 4, its total or partial destruction, capture, or neutralization in the circumstances ruling at the time, offers a definitive military advantage;

"2. With regard to article 3, paragraph 3, under c, of Protocol II: It is the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that military advantage refers to the advantage anticipated from the attack considered as a whole and not only from isolated or particular parts of the attack;

"3. With regard to article 8, paragraph 1, of Protocol II: It is the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that the words 'as far as it is able' mean 'as far as it is technically able'.

"4. With regard to article 1, paragraph 3, of Protocol III: It is the understanding of the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands that a specific area of land may also be a military objective if, because of its location or other reasons specified in

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1 In accordance with Article 3, the Convention was “…. open for signature by all States at the United Nations Headquarters in New York for a period of twelve months from 10 April 1981.”
2 Made upon ratification.
paragraph 3, its total or partial destruction, capture, or neutralization in the circumstances ruling at the time, offers a definitive military advantage."

- **Declaration:**

  "With regard to Article 1:

  The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands takes the view that the provisions of Protocol IV which, given their content or nature, can also be applied in peacetime must be observed in all circumstances."

- **Declarations:**

  "With regard to Article 1, paragraph 2:

  "The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands takes the view that the provisions of the Protocol which, given their content or nature, can also be applied in peacetime, must be observed in all circumstances.

With regard to Article 2, paragraph 3:

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands takes the view that the word ‘primarily’ means only that mines that are designed to be exploded by the presence, proximity or contact of a vehicle and that are equipped with an anti-handling device are not regarded as anti-personnel mines because of that device.

With regard to Article 2, paragraph 6:

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands takes the view that a specific area of land may also be a military objective if, because of its location or other reasons specified in paragraph six, its total or partial destruction, capture, or neutralization in the circumstances ruling at the time, offers a definitive military advantage.

With regard to Article 3, paragraph 8, under c:

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands takes the view that military advantage refers to the advantage anticipated from the attack considered as a whole and not only from isolated or particular parts of the attack.

With regard to Article 12, paragraph 2, under b:

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands takes the view that the words ‘as far as it is able’ mean ‘as far as it is technically able’.”

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3 Made upon consent to be bound by Protocol IV.
4 Made upon consent to be bound by Amended Protocol II.