

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

ANOTHER COUNTRY ACCEDES TO THE GENEVA PROTOCOL

On 16 September the Government of Qatar deposited with the French Government its instrument of accession to the Geneva Protocol of 17 June 1925 for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or other Gases and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare.

SEVENTH CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF PENAL MILITARY LAW AND LAW OF WAR

From 23 to 28 September the International Society of Penal Military Law and Law of War, in co-operation with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, held its seventh Congress in San Remo (Italy). The meeting was attended by almost a hundred people from military and legal circles. The ICRC was represented by Mr. C. Pilloud, Director, and Mr. F. de Mulinen.

The congress theme was "Human Rights in the Armed Forces", in relation to which papers were submitted on: the European Convention on Human Rights, the United Nations Covenants and the Armed Forces (A. H. Robertson)—Freedom of opinion and expression (O. Triffterer)—Freedom of assembly and association (M. Danse)—Safeguards in case of arrest, detention and prosecution (F. Kalshoven)—the development of the concept of neutrality in modern armed conflicts (E. Kussbach).

The ensuing discussions were of great interest and showed that the application and full observance of human rights in the armed forces were highly desirable provided the demands and restrictions of the military system were taken into account as one of the conditions for respect of human rights by the armed forces.
