

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Ratification of Protocol I by Viet Nam

The Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam deposited with the Swiss Government, on 19 October 1981, an instrument signifying the ratification by Viet Nam of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), signed on 12 December 1977.

The Protocol, in accordance with its Article 95, paragraph 2, will enter into force for the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam on 19 April 1982.

This ratification brings to 18 the number of States parties to Protocol I whereas 16 are parties to Protocol II.

Ratification of the Protocols by Norway

On 14 December 1981, the Swiss Government received an instrument dated 27 November 1981 signifying the ratification by the Kingdom of Norway of the Protocols I and II Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International and Non-International Armed Conflicts, signed on 12 December 1977.

The instrument registered on 14 December 1981 and the Protocols, in accordance with their provisions, will enter into force for the Kingdom of Norway on 14 June 1982.

The instrument of ratification contains a declaration recognizing *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission referred to in article 90 of Protocol I.

This ratification brings to nineteen the number of States parties to Protocol I, and seventeen to Protocol II.

ICRC recognition of two new Societies

In October 1981 the International Committee of the Red Cross officially recognized the Tonga Red Cross Society and the Qatar Red Crescent Society. The National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies were informed of this decision in two circulars, dated 20 and 30 October 1981 respectively.

Because of lack of space here, *International Review* will print the circulars in one of its forthcoming issues.
