

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.
