

DIZIONARIO DI DIRITTO INTERNAZIONALE DEI CONFLITTI ARMATI ¹

General Pietro Verri, who is already known to Italian-speaking readers for his translation into Italian of the 1977 Protocols and of numerous important books on international humanitarian law, has just brought out a dictionary on the international law of armed conflicts.

General Verri's dictionary is not a large volume, but it will certainly be a very useful one. It contains brief but clear and precise definitions of numerous words frequently occurring in international humanitarian law and in many documents (treaties, declarations, conventions, pacts, protocols, review articles and more in-depth studies). It runs the entire alphabet from A to Z, from attack to zone, covering everything from neutrality to reprisals to voluntary service; an entire compendium of words that strike specific chords to the legal scholar and become understandable to all.

Although the dictionary is modest in appearance, General Verri consulted an impressive number of original documents to compile it (they are listed on seven pages in the bibliography); the book bears witness to the learning the author passes on to his readers. We have no doubts that this book, the first of its kind to be printed in Italian for 45 years, will be extremely useful.

¹ Pietro Verri: *Dizionario di diritto internazionale dei conflitti armati*. Edizioni speciali della «Rassegna dell'Arma dei Carabinieri», Rome, 1984. 108 pages, in Italian.