

16 December, while in the neighbourhood of Lobito, he was killed in an armed attack. An inquiry is in progress to determine the exact circumstances of this tragic incident.

Although he had only recently joined the institution, Marc Blaser was highly thought of by all his colleagues for his good nature and his competence. The ICRC is grieved by the loss of this young delegate and has expressed to his parents and friends its profound sympathy.

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### **Accession of the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros to the Geneva Conventions and to the Protocols**

The Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros deposited with the Swiss Government, on 21 November 1985, its instrument of accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and to the Additional Protocols I and II adopted on 8 June 1977.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Geneva Conventions and the Protocols will enter into force for the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros on 21 May 1986.

The Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros thus becomes the 162nd State party to the Geneva Conventions, the 52nd party to Protocol I and the 45th to Protocol II.

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### **Ratification of the Protocols by the Holy See**

On 21 November 1985, the Holy See deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of ratification of Protocols I and II additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 relating to the protection of the victims of international and non-international armed conflicts, adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977. This instrument of ratification was accompanied by a declaration reproduced hereafter.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Protocols will enter into force for the Holy See on 21 May 1986.

The Holy See thus becomes the 53rd State party to Protocol I and the 46th to Protocol II.