

Mission of the ICRC Vice-President to the Far East

Mr. Maurice Aubert, Vice-President of the ICRC, went on mission from 8 to 28 February to the Far East and the Pacific which brought him to Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand and Australia.

In each of the countries visited, Mr. Aubert met government officials, members of parliament and senior staff members of National Red Cross Societies. He discussed various issues of humanitarian interest with them, particularly with regard to the activities of the ICRC in the world and the ratification of the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions.

Saint Christopher and Nevis: Declaration of succession to the Geneva Conventions and of accession to the Protocols

Saint Christopher and Nevis deposited with the Swiss Government, on 14 February 1986, an instrument of succession to the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and of accession to the two Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977.

According to practice and to the final clauses, the four Conventions came into effect for Saint Christopher and Nevis on 19 September 1983, retroactively the date of its independence. The two Additional Protocols will enter into force on 14 August 1986, i.e. six months after registration of the instrument of accession.

Saint Christopher and Nevis is the 163rd State party to the Geneva Conventions, the 56th State party to Protocol I and the 49th to Protocol II.

Ratification of the Protocols by Italy

The Italian Republic ratified, on 27 February 1986, the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I) and non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II), adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.