

MISCELLANEOUS

States party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and to the Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977

Recapitulation as at 30 June 1986

In its January-February 1986 issue, the *International Review of the Red Cross* gave a list of the States party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and to the Protocols of 8 June 1977, as at 31 December 1985. Without reprinting the entire list, we would simply like to note briefly which States became party to these treaties during the first half of 1985.

States party to the Geneva Conventions

As at 31 December 1985, 162 States were party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949. During the first half of 1986, St. Christopher and Nevis became party to the Geneva Conventions by a declaration of succession delivered to the Swiss government. In conformity with practice and the final clauses, the four Conventions came into effect retroactively for St. Christopher and Nevis on the date of its independence, 19 September 1983. Thus, as at 30 June 1986, 163 States are party to these Conventions.

States party to the Protocols

As at 31 December 1985, 55 States were party to Protocol I and 48 States to Protocol II.

During the first half of 1986, the following States submitted their instruments of accession or ratification:

- 14 February: St. Christopher and Nevis, accession to Protocol I (56th State party) and to Protocol II (49th State party); entry into force: 14 August 1986.
- 27 February: Italy, ratification of Protocol I (57th State party) and of Protocol II (50th State party; Italy is the seventh State to make the optional declaration of acceptance of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission, as provided for in Article 90 of Protocol I).
- 20 May: Belgium, ratification of Protocol I (58th State party) and of Protocol II (51st State party).
- 28 May: Benin, ratification of Protocol I (59th State party) and Protocol II (52nd State party).

As at 30 June 1986, 59 States were thus party to Protocol I and 52 States to Protocol II.
