

Symposium on the 1925 Geneva Protocol

In Geneva on 17 June the ICRC was invited to take part in a symposium organized by the United Nations Disarmament Research Institute to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of the 1925 Geneva Protocol for the prohibition of the use in war of chemical and bacteriological weapons. The purpose of the symposium was to study prospects of strengthening and filling the gaps in the prohibition of the use of chemical weapons in armed conflicts.

The symposium was attended by diplomats, international civil servants and academic experts. The ICRC was represented by its vice-president, Mr. Maurice Aubert, and Mr. Yves Sandoz, head of the ICRC Principles and Law Department. Both of them presented papers: Mr. Aubert on "The 1925 Protocol and the ICRC" and Mr. Sandoz on "The 1925 Protocol and International Humanitarian Law".

The exact title of the Protocol is: "Geneva Protocol of June 17, 1925 for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare". The depositary of the Protocol is the Government of the French Republic; one-hundred-and-three States are presently party to the Protocol.
