

Antigua and Barbuda: Declaration of succession to the Geneva Conventions and of accession to the Additional Protocols

Antigua and Barbuda deposited with the Swiss Government, on 6 October 1986, an instrument of succession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and of accession to the two Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977.

According to international practice, the four Conventions came into effect for Antigua and Barbuda retroactively on 1 November 1981 *i.e.* the date of its independence. The two Additional Protocols will enter into force on 6 April 1987, *i.e.* six months after registration of the instrument of accession.

Antigua and Barbuda is the 165th State party to the Geneva Conventions, the 62nd State party to Protocol I and the 55th to Protocol II.

Accession to the Protocols by the Republic of Sierra Leone

On 21 October 1986 the Republic of Sierra Leone deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and 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.

In accordance with their provisions, the Protocols will come into force for the Republic of Sierra Leone on 21 April 1987.

The Republic of Sierra Leone is the 63rd State to become party to Protocol I and the 56th to Protocol II.