

Declaration by the Kingdom of Belgium

On 27 March 1987, the Kingdom of Belgium issued the following declaration:

"The Kingdom of Belgium declares that it recognizes the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegations by a High Contracting Party relating to grave breaches or other serious violations of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 or of the Protocol additional to those Conventions which relates to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I) as stipulated in Article 90 of that Protocol." (Original French – translation by the ICRC).

This declaration came into effect the same day. It should be recalled that on 20 May 1986 the Kingdom of Belgium ratified the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949. The Protocols relate to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I) and non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II).

The Kingdom of Belgium is the eighth State to make this declaration. The International Fact-Finding Commission will be formed when 20 States have made such declarations.
