

The Republic of Iceland ratifies the Protocols

On 10 April 1987 the Republic of Iceland ratified the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 relating to the protection of victims of international (Protocol I) and non-international (Protocol II) armed conflicts adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

This ratification was accompanied by the following reservation:

“The President of Iceland proclaims:

“That I have seen and examined Additional Protocols I and II to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 which were opened for signature at Berne on 12 December 1977 and hereby declare that Iceland through this document ratifies the aforementioned Protocols, subject to a reservation with respect to Article 75, paragraph 4 (h), of Protocol I regarding the resumption of cases which have already been tried, the Icelandic law of procedure containing detailed provisions on this matter. Other provisions of the Protocols shall be inviolably observed.

“In faith whereof I have signed this instrument of ratification and caused the Seal of the Republic to be affixed hereunto.” (As the original text is in Icelandic, an official translation into English was submitted by the Icelandic Government.)

The instrument of ratification also contains a declaration in accordance with Article 90 of Protocol I, whereby the Republic of Iceland accepts the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission. It will be recalled that Iceland is the ninth State to make this declaration; the International Fact-Finding Commission will be set up when twenty States shall have made such a declaration.

In conformity with their provisions, the Protocols will enter into effect for the Republic of Iceland on 10 October 1987.

The Republic of Iceland is the 67th State party to Protocol I and the 61st to Protocol II.