

## States party to the Protocols of 8 June 1977

*as at 8 June 1987*

Below we give the lists, drawn up in chronological order as at 8 June 1987, of all the States party to Protocols I and II additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, adopted on 8 June 1977.

The names of the States are shown in abbreviated form; the numbering of States party to the Protocols has been divided into two columns, the first for States party to Protocol I, the second for those party to Protocol II.

The third column indicates the form of official act received by the depositary, the Swiss Federal Council: R = ratification; A = accession.

The fourth column indicates whether the signatory State has made any reservations or declarations and by the abbreviation "Int. Commission", whether it has accepted the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission by the declaration provided for in Art. 90, para. 2 of Protocol I.

PROTOCOL			OFFICIAL DATE	TYPE OF ACT	
I	II		OF REGISTRATION	RECEIVED	REMARKS
<b>1978</b>					
1	1	Ghana	28 February	R	
2	2	Libya	7 June	A	
<i>Date of entry into force of the Protocols: 7 December 1978</i>					
3	3	El Salvador	23 November	R	
<b>1979</b>					
4	4	Ecuador	10 April	R	
5	5	Jordan	1 May	R	
6	6	Botswana	23 May	A	
7		Cyprus	1 June	R	Protocol I only
8	7	Niger	8 June	R	
9	8	Yugoslavia	11 June	R	Declaration
10	9	Tunisia	9 August	R	
11	10	Sweden	31 August	R	Reservation; Int. Commission

**1980**

12	11	Mauritania	14 March	A	
13	12	Gabon	8 April	A	
14	13	Bahamas	10 April	A	
15	14	Finland	7 August	R	Declarations; Int. Commission
16	15	Bangladesh	8 September	A	
17	16	Laos	18 November	R	

**1981**

18		Viet Nam	19 October	R	Protocol I only
19	17	Norway	14 December	R	Int. Commission

**1982**

20	18	Rep. of Korea	15 January	R	Declaration
21	19	Switzerland	17 February	R	Reservations; Int. Commission
22	20	Mauritius	22 March	A	
23		Zaire	3 June	A	Protocol I only
24	21	Denmark	17 June	R	Reservation; Int. Commission
25	22	Austria	13 August	R	Reservations; Int. Commission
26	23	Saint Lucia	7 October	A	
27		Cuba	25 November	A	Protocol I only

**1983**

28	24	Tanzania	15 February	A	
29	25	United Arab Emirates	9 March	A	Declaration
30		Mexico	10 March	A	Protocol I only
31		Mozambique	14 March	A	Protocol I only
32	26	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8 April	A	
33	27	China	14 September	A	Reservation
34	28	Namibia *	18 October	A	
35	29	Congo	10 November	A	
36		Syria	14 November	A	Protocol I only; Declaration
37	30	Bolivia	8 December	A	
38	31	Costa Rica	15 December	A	

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\* Instruments of accession deposited by the United Nations Council for Namibia.

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32	France **	24 February	A	Protocol II only
39 33	Cameroon	16 March	A	
40 34	Oman	29 March	A	Declaration
41 35	Togo	21 June	R	
42 36	Belize	29 June	A	
43 37	Guinea	11 July	A	
44 38	Central African Rep.	17 July	A	
45 39	Western Samoa	23 August	A	
46	Angola	20 September	A	Protocol I only; Declaration
47 40	Seychelles	8 November	A	
48 41	Rwanda	19 November	A	

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49 42	Kuwait	17 January	A	
50 43	Vanuatu	28 February	A	
51 44	Senegal	7 May	R	
52 45	Comoros	21 November	A	
53 46	Holy See	21 November	R	Declaration
54 47	Uruguay	13 December	A	
55 48	Suriname	16 December	A	

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56 49	Saint Christo- pher and Nevis	14 February	A	
57 50	Italy	27 February	R	Declarations; Int. Commission
58 51	Belgium	20 May	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.***
59 52	Benin	28 May	A	
60 53	Equatorial Guinea	24 July	A	
61 54	Jamaica	29 July	A	
62 55	Antigua and Barbuda	6 October	A	
63 56	Sierra Leone	21 October	A	
64 57	Guinea-Bissau	21 October	A	
65 58	Bahrain	30 October	A	
66 59	Argentina	26 November	A	Declarations
60	Philippines	11 December	A	Protocol II only

\*\* When acceding to Protocol II, France sent a communication concerning Protocol I.

\*\*\* On 27 March 1987.

## THE PROTOCOLS: FACTS AND FIGURES

The two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of victims of war were adopted on 8 June 1977 by the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts. Protocol I deals with international armed conflicts, and Protocol II with non-international armed conflicts.

By 12 December 1978 (end of the signature period), 62 States had *signed* Protocol I and 58 had *signed* Protocol II.

The Protocols *came into force* on 7 December 1978, that is, six months after two instruments of ratification or accession had been deposited. For each State concerned, the Protocols came into force six months after it had deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

At present (8 June 1987),

**67 States are party to Protocol I**

**61 States are party to Protocol II**

By way of comparison, it should be noted that on 12 August 1959, 76 States were party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

Of all the States party to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions:

- 17 States made reservations or declarations when ratifying or acceding to the Protocols;
- 9 States recognized the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission, by making the declaration provided for in Article 90, para. 2 of Protocol I. This Commission will be set up when 20 States have made such a declaration.