

Accession of the Argentine Republic to the Protocols

The Argentine Republic deposited with the Swiss Government, on 26 November 1986, 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.

This accession was accompanied by interpretative statements, the text of which is reproduced hereafter.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Protocols will come into force for the Argentine Republic on 26 May 1987.

This accession brings to 66 the number of States party to Protocol I and to 59 those party to Protocol II.

Interpretative Statements

With reference to Article 43, paragraph 1, and Article 44, paragraph 1, of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), the Argentine Republic interprets these provisions as not implying any derogation of:

- a) *the concept of the permanent regular armed forces of a Sovereign State;*
- b) *the conceptual distinction between regular armed forces, understood as being permanent army units under the authority of Governments of Sovereign States, and the resistance movements which are referred to in Article 4 of the Third Geneva Convention of 1949.*