

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Appointment to the Executive Board

At its meeting of 13 September 1979, the ICRC Assembly appointed to the Executive Board Mr. Rudolf Jäckli, who had been elected a member of the Assembly on 1 March 1979.

The ICRC is pleased that its Executive Board will henceforth have the benefit of Mr. Jäckli's wide experience.

With the appointment of Mr. Jäckli, the Executive Board comprises six members.

Ratifications of the Protocols

The following States deposited with the Swiss Government their instruments of ratification of the two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949:

the Republic of the Niger	on 8 June 1979
the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia	on 11 June 1979
Tunisia	on 9 August 1979
Sweden	on 29 August 1979

Under the provisions of the Protocols, they will enter into force on 8 December 1979 for the Republic of the Niger, on 11 December 1979 for the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, on 9 February 1980 for the Republic of Tunisia, and on 29 February 1980 for the Kingdom of Sweden, that is six months after deposit of the instruments of ratification.

The instrument of ratification by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia contains the following statement:

“The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia states hereby that the provisions 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) relating to occupation, shall be applied in keeping with Article 238 of the Constitution of the Socialist Federal

Republic of Yugoslavia according to which no one shall have the right to acknowledge or sign an act of capitulation, nor to accept or recognize the occupation of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia or of any of its individual parts.”¹

The instrument of ratification of Protocol I by Sweden contains the following reservation and statement:

“I hereby declare on behalf of the Government that Sweden ratifies the said Protocol and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out all the stipulations therein contained, subject to the reservation that Article 75, paragraph 4, sub-paragraph (h) shall be applied only to the extent that it is not in conflict with legal provisions which allow, in exceptional circumstances, the reopening of proceedings which have resulted in a final conviction or acquittal.

I furthermore declare, pursuant to Article 90, paragraph 2 of the Protocol, that Sweden recognizes ipso facto and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission.”¹

Accession to the Protocols

On 23 May 1979, the Republic of Botswana deposited with the Swiss Government its instruments of accession to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The Protocols will therefore enter into force for this State on 23 November 1979, six months after the deposit of its instruments of accession.

Ratification of Protocol I

On 1 June 1979, the Republic of Cyprus deposited with the Swiss Government its instrument of ratification of Protocol I.

Under the provisions of Protocol I, this treaty will enter into force for the Republic of Cyprus on 1 December 1979, i.e. six months after deposit of the instrument of ratification.

¹ Original text in English.