

## M I S C E L L A N E O U S

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### **Resolution adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on the 1977 Protocols**

During its thirty-fourth session, under agenda item 110, the 76th plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly, on 23 November 1979, adopted Resolution A/RES/34/51, reading as follows:

#### **State of signatures and ratifications of the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts**

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolution 32/44 of 8 December 1977,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General of the state of signatures and ratifications of the two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts,<sup>1</sup>

*Noting* the fact that so far only a limited number of States have ratified or acceded to the two Protocols,

*Convinced* of the continuing value of established humanitarian rules relating to armed conflicts and the need to secure the full observance of human rights in armed conflicts pending the earliest possible termination of such conflicts,

*Mindful also* of the need for continued improvement and further expansion of the body of humanitarian rules relating to armed conflict, of which the two Protocols form part,

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<sup>1</sup> A/34/445.

*Noting* in this context the importance of the United Nations Conference on Prohibitions or Restrictions of Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, the first meeting of which took place in September 1979 and the second meeting of which is scheduled to be held in 1980,

1. *Reiterates* its call contained in resolution 32/44 that all States consider without delay the matter of ratifying or acceding to the two Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 concerning the respect for human rights in armed conflicts;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to inform the General Assembly annually, preferably at the beginning of each calendar year, of the state of ratifications of and accessions to the two Protocols with a view to enabling the Assembly to take the matter up at a later stage if it deems it appropriate.

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