

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Austria ratifies the Protocols

The Republic of Austria deposited with the Swiss Government, on 13 August 1982, a document ratifying Protocols I and II to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, relating to the protection of victims of international and non-international armed conflicts and adopted on 8 June 1977.

In accordance with their provisions, the Protocols will take effect for the Republic of Austria on 13 February 1983, i.e. six months after deposit of the instrument of ratification.

The ratification is subject to five reservations (on the subject of articles 57, 58, 75, 85 and 86 of Protocol I and article 6 of Protocol II) and contains a statement that "consistent with article 90 (2) of Protocol I the Republic of Austria 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".

This ratification brings to 25 the number of States parties to Protocol I and to 22 the number of those parties to Protocol II.