

## **Accession of Cuba to Protocol I**

On 25 November 1982, the Republic of Cuba deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to the Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I), which was adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

In accordance with its provisions, Protocol I will become effective for the Republic of Cuba on 25 May 1983, six months after the deposit of its instrument of accession.

This accession brings the number of States parties to Protocol I up to 27. There are 23 States parties to Protocol II.

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## **Netherlands withdraws a reservation to the Fourth Geneva Convention**

The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in a note dated 5 February 1983, received by the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs on 7 February 1983, withdraws, by declaration dated 25 January 1983, for the Kingdom in Europe and for the Netherlands Antilles, its reservation concerning Article 68, paragraph 2, of the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949 relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Convention).

The reservation was worded as follows:

“The Kingdom of the Netherlands reserves the right to impose the death penalty in accordance with the provisions of Article 68, paragraph 2, without regard to whether the offences referred to therein are punishable by death under the law of the occupied territory at the time the occupation begins”.

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