

Declaration by the United Arab Emirates

On 6 March 1992 the United Arab Emirates made the following declaration regarding its recognition of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission:

“In accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2(a), of Protocol I additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, the United Arab Emirates declare that they recognize *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 to enquire into allegations by such other Party”.

The United Arab Emirates are the **twenty-sixth State** to make the declaration regarding the Fact-Finding Commission.

International Fact-Finding Commission holds its first meeting

(Bern, 12-13 March 1992)

On 12 and 13 March 1992, the International Fact-Finding Commission provided for in Article 90 of Protocol I held its first meeting in the Swiss capital Bern, where it has established its headquarters. It was convened by the Swiss government, acting in its capacity as depositary for the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols.

Now that the Commission is operational, its main task will be to enquire into allegations of serious violations of the Geneva Conventions or Protocol I. Any Party that has accepted the Commission's competence may request it to institute an enquiry concerning any other