

## Accession to the Protocols by the Republic of Zimbabwe

The Republic of Zimbabwe acceded on 19 October 1992 to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) and Non-International Armed Conflicts (Protocol II), adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Protocols will come into force for the Republic of Zimbabwe on 19 April 1992.

This accession brings to **117** the number of States party to Protocol I and to **107** those party to Protocol II.

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## Declaration by Australia

On 23 September 1992 Australia 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, Australia declares that it 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 to enquire into allegations by such other Party”.

Australia is the **31st** State to make the declaration regarding the Fact-Finding Commission.