

**Declaration of succession  
by the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina  
to the Geneva Conventions  
and their Additional Protocols**

On 31 December 1992, the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina deposited with the Swiss Government a declaration of succession, without reservations, to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977. These instruments were already applicable to the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina by virtue of their ratification by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 21 April 1950 and 11 June 1979 respectively.

In accordance with international practice, the four Conventions and the two Protocols came into force for Bosnia-Herzegovina retroactively on 6 March 1992, the date of the Republic's independence.

The Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina is the **175th** State to become party to the Geneva Conventions. It is the **119th** State party to Protocol I and the **109th** to Protocol II.

The instrument of succession was accompanied by a declaration regarding the acceptance by Bosnia-Herzegovina of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission, under Article 90 of Protocol I. The Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina is the 33rd State to make the declaration concerning the Commission.

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**Declaration of succession  
by the Republic of Tajikistan  
to the Geneva Conventions  
and their Additional Protocols**

On 12 January 1993, the Republic of Tajikistan deposited with the Swiss Government a declaration of succession to the four Geneva

Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977. These instruments were already applicable for the territory of Tajikistan by virtue of their ratification by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on 10 May 1954 and 29 September 1989 respectively. The declaration contained no reference to the reservations and declaration previously made by the Soviet Union, nor was it accompanied by any further reservations or declarations.

This declaration of succession took effect as from 21 December 1991, the date on which the Alma Ata Declaration creating the Commonwealth of Independent States was signed.

Tajikistan is the **175th** State to become party to the Geneva Conventions. It is the **119th** State party to Protocol I and the **109th** to Protocol II.\*

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## **Accession of the Republic of Estonia to the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols**

On 18 January 1993, the Republic of Estonia acceded to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and to their Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977.

These instruments will come into force for the Republic of Estonia on 18 July 1993.

The Republic of Estonia is the **176th** State party to the Geneva Conventions. It is the **120th** State party to Protocol I and the **110th** to Protocol II.

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\* Following the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic and the creation on 1 January 1993 of the Czech Republic and of Slovakia, the numbering of States party to the Conventions and Protocols has been modified accordingly.