

Declaration of succession of the Republic of Kiribati to the 1949 Geneva Conventions

On 5 January 1989 the Swiss Federal Council received from the Republic of Kiribati the instrument containing its declaration of succession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, pursuant to the previous ratification of those Conventions by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

In accordance with international practice, the declaration of succession entered into force retroactively on 12 July 1979, the date on which the Republic of Kiribati became independent.

The Republic of Kiribati is the 166th State to become party to the Geneva Conventions.

Accession to the Protocols of the Republic of the Gambia

The Republic of the Gambia acceded, on 12 January 1989, 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 the Gambia on 12 July 1989.

This accession brings to 79 the number of States party to Protocol I and to 70 those party to Protocol II.