

*information, a copy of this communication attached hereto, in the original Arabic and in an English translation.*

*The unilateral declaration of application of the four Geneva Conventions and of Additional Protocol I made on 7 June 1982 by the Palestine Liberation Organization remains valid.*

*Berne, 13 September 1989*

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## **The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic ratifies the Protocols**

On 23 October 1989, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic ratified the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international (Protocol I) and non-international (Protocol II) armed conflicts, adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

The instrument of ratification contained the following declaration:

*“In accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2 (a) of Protocol I the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic 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”.*

The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic is the **seventeenth** State to make this declaration concerning the International Fact-Finding Commission. The Commission will be set up when twenty States have made such a declaration.

In accordance with their provisions, the Protocols will enter into force for the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic on 23 April 1990.

The Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic is the **92nd** State to become party to Protocol I and the **82nd** to Protocol II.

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