

## **Reports and Documents**

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### **Accession to the Geneva Conventions by the Republic of Lithuania**

The Republic of Lithuania acceded on 3 October 1996, without making any declaration or reservations, to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Conventions will come into force for the Republic of Lithuania on 3 April 1997.

This accession brings to **188** the number of States party to the Geneva Conventions.

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### **Argentina: Declaration in accordance with Article 90 of Protocol I**

On 11 October 1996 the Argentine Republic made a declaration accepting the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission, in accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2 (*a*), of the Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I). It thereby recognizes *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party.

The Argentine Republic is the **49th** State to recognize the competence of the Fact-Finding Commission.