

## **Accession of the Central African Republic to the Protocols**

The Central African Republic deposited with the Swiss Government, on 17 July 1984, an instrument of accession to the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, 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 enter into force for the Central African Republic on 17 January 1985.

This is the 44th State to become party to Protocol I and the 38th to Protocol II.

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## **Communication from France**

On 24 February 1984, the French Republic deposited with the Swiss Government an instrument of accession to Protocol II only (see *International Review*, March-April 1984 edition). The instrument was accompanied by the following communication; the original French text, which was transmitted to us by the depository government, is given in translation below.

*“On the occasion of the deposit of the instrument of accession of France to Protocol II of 8 June 1977 to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of France does not intend to accede to Protocol I of the same date to the said Conventions. The explanation for this decision can be found in the reasons indicated by the representative of France at the fourth session of the Geneva Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed Conflicts, and particularly in the lack of consensus among the States signatories to Protocol I on the exact nature of the obligations undertaken by them concerning dissuasion.”* (Translation by ICRC).

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