

Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols

Accession to the Additional Protocols by the Lebanese Republic

The Lebanese Republic acceded on 23 July 1997, without making any declaration or reservations, 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 Lebanese Republic on 23 January 1998.

This accession brings to 148 the number of States party to Protocol I and to 140 those party to Protocol II.

Tajikistan: Declaration in accordance with Article 90 of Protocol I

On 10 September 1997 the Republic of Tajikistan 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 Republic of Tajikistan is the 50th State to recognize the competence of the Fact-Finding Commission.