

As Head of the ICRC Legal Division and later Director of the Department of Principles and Law, he was entrusted with the task of organizing the International Red Cross Conferences which have been held regularly since 1948. He played an important part in the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law, from 1974 to 1977, and in the work of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo. On several occasions, he contributed articles to the *International Review of the Red Cross*. After retiring from the ICRC, he accepted the mandate entrusted to him by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to chair the Commission on the Tracing of Missing Persons in Cyprus.

All who had the privilege of working with him will remember him as a man of exceptional intelligence, high-minded, always friendly and smiling, endowed with the ability of always finding the right word to put even the most reserved people at ease and with the skill of finding the turns of phrase which eventually won everyone's approval. The ICRC is fully aware of its debt to this faithful servant of the Red Cross and has conveyed its deepest sympathy to his family.

Accession of the Republic of Seychelles to the Geneva Conventions and to the Protocols

The Republic of Seychelles deposited with the Swiss Government, on 8 November 1984, its instruments of accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and to the Additional Protocols I and II adopted on 8 June 1977. These treaties will enter into force for the Republic of Seychelles on 8 May 1985.

The Republic of Seychelles thus becomes the 161st State party to the Geneva Conventions, the 47th State party to Protocol I and the 40th to Protocol II.