

**DECLARATION BY THE REPUBLIC  
OF BULGARIA**

On 9 May 1994 the Republic of Bulgaria withdrew its declaration and reservations concerning the 1949 Geneva Conventions, i.e. the declaration relative to Article 10 of the First, Second and Third Conventions and Article 11 of the Fourth Convention, and the reservations concerning Articles 12 and 85 of the Third and Article 45 of the Fourth Convention.

Moreover, on the same date the Republic of Bulgaria declared 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 to enquire into allegations by such other Party, as authorized by Article 90 of Protocol I additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

The Republic of Bulgaria is the **39th** State to make the declaration regarding the Fact-Finding Commission.

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**ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOLS BY  
THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

The Kingdom of Lesotho acceded on 20 May 1994 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 Kingdom of Lesotho on 20 November 1994.

This accession brings to **133** the number of States party to Protocol I and to **123** those party to Protocol II.

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## **ACCESSION TO THE PROTOCOLS BY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

The Dominican Republic acceded on 26 May 1994 to the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protocols 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 Dominican Republic on 26 November 1994.

This accession brings to **134** the number of States party to Protocol I and to **124** those party to Protocol II.

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## **DECLARATION BY THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC**

On 1 July 1994 the Portuguese Republic made the following declaration regarding its recognition of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission.

In accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2 (*a*), of Protocol I of 1977 additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949, the Portuguese 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 to enquire into allegations by such other Party.

The Portuguese Republic is the **fortieth** State to make the declaration regarding the Fact-Finding Commission.

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