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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.

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.
