

Accession to the Protocols by the Republic of Albania

The Republic of Albania acceded on 16 July 1993 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 Republic of Albania on 16 January 1994.

This accession brings to **126** the number of States party to Protocol I and to **117** those party to Protocol II.

Declaration by the Republic of Madagascar

On 27 July 1993 the Republic of Madagascar 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 additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, the Republic of Madagascar 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 Republic of Madagascar is the **thirty-fifth** State to make the declaration regarding the Fact-Finding Commission.