

**STATES PARTY TO THE GENEVA
CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949
AND TO THEIR ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS
OF 8 JUNE 1977**

as at 31 December 1993

Below the *Review* gives the lists, drawn up in chronological order as at 31 December 1993, of the States which have become party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 during the past ten years (1984-1993) and of all the States party to Protocols I and II additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, adopted on 8 June 1977.

- **Table I, *States party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949***, is divided into five columns. The first column gives a serial number for easy reference, the second gives the State's name, the third shows the official date of registration and the fourth indicates the form of official act (R = ratification; A = accession; S = declaration of succession) received by the depositary, the Swiss Federal Council, and the date on which it came into effect. The last column, headed "Remarks", indicates whether the official act was accompanied by any reservations or declarations, using the State's own designation thereof. The list of States party to the Conventions begins with No. 152, thus taking into account the 151 States which had become party to the Conventions in previous years (listed in the *ICRC Annual Report* for 1992, pp. 166-170).
- **Table II listing the *States party to the Protocols of 8 June 1977*** is presented in much the same way, except that the numbering of States party to the Protocols is divided into two columns; the first gives the number of States party to Protocol I and the second that of States party to Protocol II.

Under "Remarks" in the sixth column the abbreviation "Int. Comm." indicates whether the State concerned has accepted the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission by making the declaration provided for in Art. 90, para. 2, of Protocol I.

- **Table III gives a *chronological list of States which have made the declaration provided for under Article 90 and thereby accepted the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission*** (with date of declaration).
- **Table IV gives a *summary*** of the data contained in the first three tables.

TABLE I
States party to the Geneva Conventions
of 12 August 1949

(as from 1984)

	OFFICIAL DATE OF REGISTRATION	TYPE OF ACT RECEIVED	REMARKS
1984			
152 Cape Verde	11 May	A	
153 Belize	29 June	A	
154 Guinea	11 July	A	
155 Western Samoa	23 August	S—as from 1.1.62	
156 Angola	20 September	A	Reservation
157 Seychelles	8 November	A	
1985			
158 Comoros	21 November	A	
1986			
159 Saint Kitts and Nevis	14 February	S—as from 19.9.83	
160 Equatorial Guinea	24 July	A	
161 Antigua and Barbuda	6 October	S—as from 1.11.81	
1989			
162 Kiribati	5 January	S—as from 12.7.79	
1991			
163 Bhutan	10 January	A	
164 Maldives	18 June	A	

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	OFFICIAL DATE OF REGISTRATION	TYPE OF ACT RECEIVED	REMARKS
165 Namibia*	22 August	S—as from 21.3.90	
166 Brunei	14 October	A	
167 Latvia	24 December	A	
1992			
168 Slovenia	26 March	S—as from 25.6.91	
169 Turkmenistan	10 April	S—as from 26.12.91	
170 Kazakhstan	5 May	S—as from 21.12.91	
171 Croatia	25 August	S—as from 8.10.91	
172 Myanmar	25 August	A	
173 Kyrgyzstan	18 September	S—as from 21.12.91	
174 Bosnia- Herzegovina	31 December	S—as from 6.3.92	
1993			
175 Tajikistan	12 January	S—as from 21.12.91	
176 Estonia	18 January	A	
177 Czech Republic	5 February	S—as from 1.1.93	
178 Slovak Republic	2 April	S—as from 1.1.93	
179 Moldova	24 May	A	
180 Azerbaijan	1 June	A	
181 Armenia	7 June	A	
182 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	1 September	S—as from 8.9.91	
183 Georgia	14 September	A	
184 Andorra	17 September	A	
185 Uzbekistan	8 October	A	

On 31 December 1993, 185 States were party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949.

* Namibia: Instruments of accession to the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols were deposited by the United Nations Council for Namibia on 18 October 1983. The depositary State advised the ICRC that the said accession to the Conventions has now become void. In an instrument deposited on 22 August 1991, Namibia declared its succession to the Geneva Conventions, which were previously applicable pursuant to South Africa's accession on 31 March 1952.

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TABLE II
States party to the Protocols of 8 June 1977

PROTOCOL			OFFICIAL DATE	TYPE OF ACT	
I	II		OF REGISTRATION	RECEIVED	REMARKS
1978					
1	1	Ghana	28 February	R	
2	2	Libya	7 June	A	
<i>Date of entry into force of the Protocols: 7 December 1978</i>					
3	3	El Salvador	23 November	R	
1979					
4	4	Ecuador	10 April	R	
5	5	Jordan	1 May	R	
6	6	Botswana	23 May	A	
7		Cyprus	1 June	R	Protocol I only
8	7	Niger	8 June	R	
9	8	Yugoslavia	11 June	R	Declaration
10	9	Tunisia	9 August	R	
11	10	Sweden	31 August	R	Reservation; Int. Comm.
1980					
12	11	Mauritania	14 March	A	
13	12	Gabon	8 April	A	
14	13	Bahamas	10 April	A	
15	14	Finland	7 August	R	Declaration; Int. Comm.
16	15	Bangladesh	8 September	A	
17	16	Laos	18 November	R	
1981					
18		Viet Nam	19 October	R	Protocol I only
19	17	Norway	14 December	R	Int. Comm.
1982					
20	18	Rep. of Korea	15 January	R	Declaration
21	19	Switzerland	17 February	R	Reservations; Int. Comm.
22	20	Mauritius	22 March	A	
23		Zaire	3 June	A	Protocol I only
24	21	Denmark	17 June	R	Reservation; Int. Comm.
25	22	Austria	13 August	R	Reservations; Int. Comm.

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26	23	Saint Lucia	7 October	A	
27		Cuba	25 November	A	Protocol I only
1983					
28	24	Tanzania	15 February	A	
29	25	United Arab Emirates	9 March	A	Declaration Int. Comm.
30		Mexico	10 March	A	Protocol I only
31		Mozambique	14 March	A	Protocol I only
32	26	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8 April	A	
33	27	China	14 September	A	Reservation
34	28	Congo	10 November	A	
35		Syria	14 November	A	Protocol I only; Declaration
36	29	Bolivia	8 December	A	Int. Comm.
37	30	Costa Rica	15 December	A	
1984					
	31	France*	24 February	A	Protocol II only
38	32	Cameroon	16 March	A	
39	33	Oman	29 March	A	Declaration
40	34	Togo	21 June	R	Int. Comm.
41	35	Belize	29 June	A	
42	36	Guinea	11 July	A	Int. Comm.
43	37	Central African Rep.	17 July	A	
44	38	Western Samoa	23 August	A	
45		Angola	20 September	A	Protocol I only; Declaration
46	39	Seychelles	8 November	A	Int. Comm.
47	40	Rwanda	19 November	A	
1985					
48	41	Kuwait	17 January	A	
49	42	Vanuatu	28 February	A	
50	43	Senegal	7 May	R	
51	44	Comoros	21 November	A	
52	45	Holy See	21 November	R	Declaration
53	46	Uruguay	13 December	A	Int. Comm.
54	47	Suriname	16 December	A	
1986					
55	48	Saint Kitts and Nevis	14 February	A	

* When acceding to Protocol II, France sent a communication concerning Protocol I.

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56	49	Italy	27 February	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.
57	50	Belgium	20 May	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.
58	51	Benin	28 May	A	
59	52	Equatorial Guinea	24 July	A	
60	53	Jamaica	29 July	A	
61	54	Antigua and Barbuda	6 October	A	
62	55	Sierra Leone	21 October	A	
63	56	Guinea-Bissau	21 October	A	
64	57	Bahrain	30 October	A	
65	58	Argentina	26 November	A	Declarations
	59	Philippines	11 December	A	Protocol II only
1987					
66	60	Iceland	10 April	R	Reservation; Int. Comm.
67	61	Netherlands	26 June	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.
68		Saudi Arabia	21 August	A	Reservation
69	62	Guatemala	19 October	R	
70	63	Burkina Faso	20 October	R	
1988					
71	64	Guyana	18 January	A	
72	65	New Zealand	8 February	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.
73		Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	9 March	A	Protocol I only
74		Qatar	5 April	A	Protocol I only; Declaration; Int. Comm.
75	66	Liberia	30 June	A	
76	67	Solomon Islands	19 September	A	
77	68	Nigeria	10 October	A	
1989					
78	69	Gambia	12 January	A	
79	70	Mali	8 February	A	
80		Greece	31 March	R	Protocol I only
81	71	Hungary	12 April	R	Int. Comm.
82	72	Malta	17 April	A	Reservations; Int. Comm.
83	73	Spain	21 April	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.
84	74	Peru	14 July	R	
85	75	Liechtenstein	10 August	R	Reservations; Int. Comm.

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86	76	Algeria	16 August	A	Declarations; Int. Comm.
87	77	Luxembourg	29 August	R	Int. Comm.
88	78	Côte d'Ivoire	20 September	R	
89	79	Bulgaria	26 September	R	
90	80	Russia	29 September	R	Declaration; Int. Comm.
91	81	Belarus	23 October	R	Int. Comm.
1990					
92	82	Ukraine	25 January	R	Declaration; Int. Comm.
93	83	Czech and Slovak (F.R.)	14 February	R	
94	84	Barbados	19 February	A	
95	85	Yemen	17 April	R	
96	86	Romania	21 June	R	
97	87	Canada	27 September	R	Reservations; Declarations; Int. Comm.
98	88	Paraguay	30 November	A	
1991					
99	89	Germany	14 February	R	Declarations; Int. Comm.
100	90	Uganda	13 March	A	
101	91	Djibouti	8 April	A	
102	92	Chile	24 April	R	Int. Comm.
103	93	Australia	21 June	R	Declarations Int. Comm.
104	94	Maldives	3 September	A	
105	95	Malawi	7 October	A	
106	96	Brunei	14 October	A	
107	97	Poland	23 October	R	Int. Comm.
108	98	Latvia	24 December	A	
1992					
109	99	Slovenia	26 March	S—as from 26.6.91	Int. Comm.
110	100	Turkmenistan	10 April	S—as from 26.12.91	
111	101	Brazil	5 May	A	Int. Comm.
112	102	Kazakhstan	5 May	S—as from 21.12.91	
113	103	Madagascar	8 May	R	Int. Comm.
114	104	Croatia	11 May	S—as from 8.10.91	Int. Comm.
115	105	Portugal	27 May	R	
116	106	Kyrgyzstan	18 September	S—as from 21.12.91	
117	107	Egypt	9 October	R	Declaration

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118	108	Zimbabwe	19 October	A	
119	109	Bosnia- Herzegovina	31 December	S—as from 6.3.92	Int. Comm.

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119*	109*	Tajikistan	12 January	S—as from 21.12.91	
120	110	Estonia	18 January	A	
121	111	Czech Republic	5 February	S—as from 1.1.93	
	112	Greece	15 February	A	
122	113	Slovak Republic	2 April	S—as from 1.1.93	
123	114	Moldova	24 May	A	
124	115	Armenia	7 June	A	
125	116	Burundi	10 June	A	
126	117	Albania	16 July	A	
127	118	The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	1 September	S—as from 8.9.91	Int. Comm.
128		Colombia	1 September	A	
129	119	Georgia	14 September	A	
130	120	Uzbekistan	8 October	A	

On 31 December 1993, 130 States were party to Protocol I and 120 to Protocol II.

Thirty-eight States had accepted the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission.

* Following the dissolution of the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic and the creation on 1 January 1993 of the Czech Republic and of the Slovak Republic, the numbering of States party to the Conventions and Protocols has been modified accordingly.

Note. *Palestine*: On 21 June 1989, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs received a letter from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations Office at Geneva informing the Swiss Federal Council "that the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, entrusted with the functions of the Government of the State of Palestine by decision of the Palestine National Council, decided, on 4 May 1989, to adhere to the Four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Protocols additional thereto".

On 13 September 1989, the Swiss Federal Council informed States that it was not in a position to decide whether the letter constituted an instrument of accession, "due to the uncertainty within the international community as to the existence or non-existence of a State of Palestine".

TABLE III
List of States having made the declaration
provided for under Article 90 of Protocol I

(INTERNATIONAL FACT-FINDING COMMISSION)

1. SWEDEN	(on 31 Aug. 1979, at the time of ratification)
2. FINLAND	(on 7 Aug. 1980, at the time of ratification)
3. NORWAY	(on 14 Dec. 1981, at the time of ratification)
4. SWITZERLAND	(on 17 Feb. 1982, at the time of ratification)
5. DENMARK	(on 17 June 1982, at the time of ratification)
6. AUSTRIA	(on 13 Aug. 1982, at the time of ratification)
7. ITALY	(on 27 Feb. 1986, at the time of ratification)
8. BELGIUM	(on 27 Mar. 1987)
9. ICELAND	(on 10 Apr. 1987, at the time of ratification)
10. NETHERLANDS	(on 26 June 1987, at the time of ratification)
11. NEW ZEALAND	(on 8 Feb. 1988, at the time of ratification)
12. MALTA	(on 17 Apr. 1989, at the time of accession)
13. SPAIN	(on 21 Apr. 1989, at the time of ratification)
14. LIECHTENSTEIN	(on 10 Aug. 1989, at the time of ratification)
15. ALGERIA	(on 16 Aug. 1989, at the time of accession)
16. RUSSIAN FEDERATION	(on 29 Sept. 1989, at the time of ratification)
17. BELARUS	(on 23 Oct. 1989, at the time of ratification)
18. UKRAINE	(on 25 Jan. 1990, at the time of ratification)
19. URUGUAY	(on 17 July 1990)
20. CANADA	(on 20 Nov. 1990, at the time of ratification)
21. GERMANY	(on 14 Feb. 1991, at the time of ratification)
22. CHILE	(on 24 Apr. 1991, at the time of ratification)
23. HUNGARY	(on 23 Oct. 1991)
24. QATAR	(on 24 Sept. 1991)
25. TOGO	(on 21 Nov. 1991)
26. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	(on 6 Mar. 1992)
27. SLOVENIA	(on 26 Mar. 1992, with declaration of succession)
28. CROATIA	(on 11 May 1992, with declaration of succession)
29. SEYCHELLES	(on 22 May 1992)
30. BOLIVIA	(on 10 Aug. 1992)
31. AUSTRALIA	(on 23 Sept. 1992)
32. POLAND	(on 2 Oct. 1992)
33. BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA	(on 31 Dec. 1992, with declaration of succession)
34. LUXEMBOURG	(on 12 May 1993)
35. MADAGASCAR	(on 27 July 1993)
36. THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REP. OF MACEDONIA	(on 1 Sept. 1993, with declaration of succession)
37. BRAZIL	(on 23 Nov. 1993)
38. GUINEA	(on 20 Dec. 1993)

TABLE IV
Totals

I. NUMBER OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ¹	184
II. 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS	
States party ²	185
— Ratifications	60
— Accessions	73
— Declarations of succession	52
III. 1977 ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS	
A. PROTOCOL I:	
1. States party ²	130
— Ratifications	49
— Accessions	71
— Declarations of succession	10
2. Declarations under Article 90 (see Table III)	38
B. PROTOCOL II:	
States party ²	120
— Ratifications	45
— Accessions	65
— Declarations of succession	10

STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN OR PARTIES TO THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, NOT BEING PARTY TO THE 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS

Eritrea, Lithuania³, Marshall, Micronesia, Nauru

¹ New admissions in 1993:
19.01.93 Slovak Republic and Czech Republic; 08.04.93 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; 28.05.93 Monaco and Eritrea; 28.07.93 Andorra.

² R = ratification; A = accession; S = declaration of succession.

³ Party to the 1929 Geneva Conventions (sick and wounded; prisoners of war).