

### **Declaration of succession by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols**

On 1 September 1993, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia deposited with the Swiss Government a declaration of succession to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and the two Additional Protocols of 8 June 1977. These instruments were already applicable to the territory of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia by virtue of their ratification by the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on 21 April 1950 and 11 June 1979 respectively.

In accordance with international practice, the four Conventions and the two Protocols came into force for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia retroactively on 8 September 1991, the date of the Republic's independence.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is the **182nd** State to become party to the Geneva Conventions. It is the **127th** State party to Protocol I and the **118th** to Protocol II.

The instrument of succession was accompanied by a declaration regarding the acceptance by the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia of the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission, under Article 90 of Protocol I. The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia is the **36th** State to make the declaration concerning the Commission.

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### **Accession to Protocol I by the Republic of Colombia**

The Republic of Colombia acceded on 1 September 1993 to Protocol I additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts, adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.