

States party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949

States party to the Protocols of 8 June 1977

as at 31 December 1991

Below we give the lists, drawn up in chronological order as at 31 December 1991, of the States which became party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 during the past ten years (1982-1991) 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.

The names of the States are shown in abbreviated form; the number in the left-hand margin has no special significance and has been placed there merely to facilitate reference. The list of States party to the Conventions starts at number 150; for the 149 States which had previously become party to the Conventions, see

The numbering of States party to the Protocols has been divided into two columns, the first for States party to Protocol I, the second for those party to Protocol II.

The third column indicates the form of official act received by the depositary, the Swiss Federal Council: R = ratification; A = accession; S = declaration of succession.

The fourth column indicates whether the ratification or accession was accompanied by any reservations or declarations (using the State's own designation thereof). It also indicates by the abbreviation "Int. Commission" 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.

States party to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949

(as from 1982)

	OFFICIAL DATE OF REGISTRATION	TYPE OF ACT RECEIVED	REMARKS
1982			
150 Vanuatu	27 October	A	
1983			
151 Zimbabwe	7 March	A	
152 Mozambique	14 March	A	
1984			
153 Cape Verde	11 May	A	
154 Belize	29 June	A	
155 Guinea	11 July	A	
156 Western Samoa	23 August	S—as from 1.1.62	
157 Angola	20 September	A	Reservation
158 Seychelles	8 November	A	
1985			
159 Comoros	21 November	A	
1986			
160 Saint Christopher and Nevis	14 February	S—as from 19.9.83	
161 Equatorial Guinea	24 July	A	
162 Antigua and Barbuda	6 October	S—as from 1.11.81	
1989			
163 Kiribati	5 January	S—as from 12.7.79	

	OFFICIAL DATE OF REGISTRATION	TYPE OF ACT RECEIVED	REMARKS
1991			
164 Bhutan	10 January	A	
165 Maldives	18 June	A	
166 Namibia*	22 August	S—as from 21.3.90	
167 Brunei	14 October	A	
168 Latvia	24 December	A	

On 31 December 1991, 168 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.

Note — The declarations of continuity deposited by *Lithuania* on 10 October 1991 and *Estonia* on 19 November 1991 concerning the two Geneva Conventions of 1929 were registered by the depositary State on 20 December 1991 (Lithuania) and on 26 November 1991 (Estonia).

The above declarations took effect retroactively from 6 September 1991, the date on which the Soviet Union recognized the independence of the Baltic States.

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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. Commission
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. Commission
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. Commission
1982					
20	18	Rep. of Korea	15 January	R	Declaration
21	19	Switzerland	17 February	R	Reservations; Int. Commission
22	20	Mauritius	22 March	A	
23		Zaire	3 June	A	Protocol I only
24	21	Denmark	17 June	R	Reservation; Int. Commission
25	22	Austria	13 August	R	Reservations; Int. Commission
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
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	
37	30	Costa Rica	15 December	A	

1984

	31	France ¹	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. Commission ²
41	35	Belize	29 June	A	
42	36	Guinea	11 July	A	
43	37	Central African Rep.	17 July	A	
45	38	Western Samoa	23 August	A	
45		Angola	20 September	A	Protocol I only; Declaration
46	39	Seychelles	8 November	A	
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. Commission ³
54	47	Suriname	16 December	A	

1986

55	48	Saint Christopher and Nevis	14 February	A	
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¹ When acceding to Protocol II, France sent a communication concerning Protocol I.

² By a declaration of 21 November 1991.

³ By a declaration of 17 July 1990.

56	49	Italy	27 February	R	Declarations; Int. Commission
57	50	Belgium	20 May	R	Declarations; Int. Commission ⁴
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. Commission
67	61	Netherlands	26 June	R	Declarations; Int. Commission
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. Commission
73		Dem. People's Rep. of Korea	9 March	A	Protocol I only
74		Qatar	5 April	A	Protocol I only; Declaration; Int. Commission ⁵
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. Commission ⁶
82	72	Malta	17 April	A	Reservations; Int. Commission

⁴ On 27 March 1987.

⁵ By a declaration of 24 September 1991.

⁶ By a declaration of 23 September 1991.

83	73	Spain	21 April	R	Declarations; Int. Commission
84	74	Peru	14 July	R	
85	75	Liechtenstein	10 August	R	Reservations; Int. Commission
86	76	Algeria	16 August	A	Declarations; Int. Commission
87	77	Luxembourg	29 August	R	
88	78	Côte d'Ivoire	20 September	R	
89	79	Bulgaria	26 September	R	
90	80	USSR ⁷	29 September	R	Declaration; Int. Commission
91	81	Belarus	23 October	R	Int. Commission
1990					
92	82	Ukraine	25 January	R	Declaration; Int. Commission
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. Commission
98	88	Paraguay	30 November	A	
1991					
99	89	Canada	14 February	R	Declarations; Int. Commission
100	90	Uganda	13 March	A	
101	91	Djibouti	8 April	A	
102	92	Chile	24 April	R	
103	93	Australia	21 June	R	Declarations
104	94	Maldives	3 September	A	
105	95	Malawi	7 October	A	
106	96	Brunei	14 October	A	
107	97	Poland	23 October	R	
108	98	Latvia	24 December	A	

On 31 December 1991, 108 States were party to Protocol I and 98 to Protocol II.

Twenty-five States had accepted the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission.

⁷ USSR: When this document went to press, the ICRC did not yet have specific information as to whether the States that made up the former USSR still consider themselves bound by the Conventions and Protocols. This does not apply to Belarus and Ukraine, which remain party to the 1949 Conventions and their Protocols.

TOTALS

I. NUMBER OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS	166
II. 1949 GENEVA CONVENTIONS — States Party	168
of which:	
a) Ratifications	61
b) Accessions	65
c) Declarations of succession	42
III. 1977 ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS:	
A. PROTOCOL I — States Party	108
of which:	
a) Ratifications	46
b) Accessions	62
<i>Declarations under Article 90</i>	25
B. PROTOCOL II — States Party	98
of which:	
a) Ratifications	43
b) Accessions	55

Notes:

— States Members of the UN or party to the statutes of the International Court of Justice, which are not party to the 1949 Geneva Conventions:

<i>ESTONIA</i> <i>LITHUANIA</i> <i>MARSHALL IS.</i>	<i>MICRONESIA</i> <i>MYANMAR (BURMA)</i> <i>NAURU</i> -
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— *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 the 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".