## MONGOLIA RATIFIES THE PROTOCOLS

Mongolia ratified on 6 December 1995 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.

The instrument of ratification contained the declaration provided for in Article 90 of Protocol I, together with the following reservation:

"In regard of Article 88, paragraph 2 of "The Additional Protocol to the Protection of Victims in the International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I) which states "The High Contracting Parties shall co-operate in the matter of extradition", the Mongolian law which prohibits deprivation and extradition of its citizens from Mongolia shall be respected". (Original language)

By a *note verbale* addressed on 26 February 1996 to the depositary, the government of Mongolia added the following clarification: The expression "deprivation" means "deprivation of one's rights as a citizen of Mongolia".

Pursuant to their provisions, the Protocols will come into force for Mongolia on 6 June 1996.

This ratification brings to 143 the number of States party to Protocol I and to 134 those party to Protocol II. Mongolia is the 47th State to make the declaration regarding the International Fact-Finding Commission.