

Accession to the Geneva Conventions and the Additional Protocols by the Republic of Palau

The Republic of Palau acceded on 25 June 1996, without making any declaration or reservations, to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and their Additional Protocols 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 Conventions and Protocols will come into force for the Republic of Palau on 25 December 1996.

This accession brings to **187** the number of States party to the Geneva Conventions, to **145** those party to Protocol I and to **137** those party to Protocol II.

Accession to the Additional Protocols by the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

The Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe acceded on 5 July 1996, without making any declaration or reservations, 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 Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe on 5 January 1997.

This accession brings to **146** the number of States party to Protocol I and to **138** those party to Protocol II.
