

Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols

The Republic of Chad accedes to the Additional Protocols

On 17 January 1997 the Republic of Chad deposited an instrument of "ratification" of 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 document was not accompanied by any declaration or reservation. Since the Republic of Chad did not sign the Protocols, the depositary State considers this document to be an instrument of accession.

Pursuant to their provisions, the Protocols will come into force for the Republic of Chad on 17 July 1997.

This accession brings to 147 the number of States party to Protocol I and to 139 those party to Protocol II.

Recognition of the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan

The International Committee of the Red Cross has officially recognized the Red Crescent Society of Kyrgyzstan. This recognition, which took effect on 19 March 1997, brings to 171 the number of National Societies that are members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.