## INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

## Declaration of succession to the Geneva Conventions by Tuvalu

The Government of Tuvalu, in a letter dated 9 February 1981 to the Swiss Federal Council, received on the 19th of the same month, stated that it considered itself bound to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of war victims, pursuant to their previous ratification by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

As a consequence of this declaration, Tuvalu became a party to the Geneva Conventions on 1 October 1978, the date of its independence.

Tuvalu is the 146th State to become a party to the Geneva Conventions.

## Accession of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the Geneva Conventions

The Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, in a letter dated 20 March 1981 sent to the Swiss Federal Council and received on 1 April 1981, announced its accession to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of war victims.

- St. Vincent and the Grenadines will become party to the Conventions, in conformity with their provisions, six months after the date on which the declaration of accession reached the depository, namely on 1 October 1981.
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines is the 147th State to become party to the Geneva Conventions.