

Accession to the Protocols by the Commonwealth of Dominica

The Commonwealth of Dominica acceded on 25 April 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 Commonwealth of Dominica on 25 October 1996.

This accession brings to **144** the number of States party to Protocol I and to **136** those party to Protocol II.

Colombia: Declaration in accordance with Article 90 of Protocol I

On 17 April 1996 the Republic of Colombia made a declaration accepting the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission, in accordance with Article 90, paragraph 2 (*a*), of Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol I). It thereby recognizes *ipso facto* and without special agreement, in relation to any other High Contracting Party accepting the same obligation, the competence of the International Fact-Finding Commission to enquire into allegations by such other Party.

The Republic of Colombia is the **forty-eighth** State to recognize the competence of the Fact-Finding Commission.
