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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 3 December 1986, the General Assembly adopted resolution 41/72, entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts". In paragraph 5 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-third session a report on the status of the Protocols Additional (A/32/144, annexes I and II) to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 1/ based on information received from Member States.
2. Pursuant to that request, the Secretary-General, by a letter dated 31 March 1987, invited Member States to transmit to him for inclusion in the report the information requested in paragraph 5 of the resolution.
3. The present report reproduces the replies received as at 15 August 1988. Replies that may be forthcoming will be reproduced as addenda to the present report.
4. The list of all States that have ratified or acceded to the Protocols as at 28 July 1988, as communicated by the competent authorities of the Government of Switzerland, depositary of the Protocols, appears in the annex to the present report.

II. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MEMBER STATES

AUSTRIA

[Original: English]

[12 May 1987]

Austria ratified the two Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 on 13 August 1982. The Protocols Additional entered into force for Austria on 13 February 1983. Upon ratification the Republic of Austria declared under article 90, paragraph 2, of Additional Protocol I that in relation to any other High Contracting Party which undertakes the same obligation, it will de jure and without special agreement recognize the competence of the International Fact-finding Commission.

EL SALVADOR

[Original: Spanish]

[6 June 1987]

El Salvador is party to Protocols I and II Additional to the Geneva Conventions and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts, which were ratified by Decree No. 12 of the Legislative Assembly of 4 July 1978 and published in the Diario Oficial No. 158 dated 28 August 1978.

GREECE

[Original: English]

[21 July 1987]

Greece is in the process of ratifying Additional Protocol I of 1977 to the Geneva Conventions of 1949.

VENEZUELA

[Original: Spanish]

[13 July 1987]

1. Protocol I relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts has been submitted to the National Congress for ratification.
2. There are no plans at present for Venezuela to accede to Protocol II relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts.

Notes

- 1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 75, Nos. 970-973.

ANNEX

List of States that have ratified or acceded to the
Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of
1949 as at 28 July 1988 a/

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of ratification or accession</u>
Angola* (Protocol I only)	20 September 1984
Antigua and Barbuda	6 October 1986
Argentina*	26 November 1986
Austria*	13 August 1982
Bahamas	10 April 1980
Bangladesh	8 September 1980
Bahrain	30 October 1986
Belgium*	20 May 1986
Belize	29 June 1984
Benin	28 May 1986
Bolivia	8 December 1983
Botswana	23 May 1979
Burkina Faso	20 October 1987
Cameroon	16 March 1984
Central African Republic	17 July 1984
China*	14 September 1983
Comoros	21 November 1985
Congo	10 November 1983
Costa Rica	15 December 1983
Cuba (Protocol I only)	25 November 1982
Cyprus (Protocol I only)	1 June 1979
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	9 March 1988
Denmark*	17 June 1982
Ecuador	10 April 1979
El Salvador	23 November 1978
Equatorial Guinea	24 July 1986
Finland*	7 August 1980
France (Protocol II only)	24 February 1984
Gabon	8 April 1980
Ghana	28 February 1978
Guatemala	19 October 1987
Guyana	18 January 1988
Guinea	11 July 1984

* Ratification or accession accompanied by a reservation and/or a declaration.

a/ As communicated by the competent authorities of the Government of Switzerland, depositary of the Protocols.

<u>State</u>	<u>Date of ratification or accession</u>
Guinea-Bissau	21 October 1986
Holy See*	21 November 1985
Iceland*	10 April 1987
Italy*	27 February 1986
Jamaica	29 July 1986
Jordan	1 May 1979
Kuwait	17 January 1985
Lao People's Democratic Republic	18 November 1980
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	7 June 1978
Liberia	30 June 1988
Mauritania	14 March 1980
Mauritius	22 March 1982
Mexico (Protocol I only)	10 March 1983
Mozambique (Protocol I only)	14 March 1983
Netherlands*	26 June 1987
New Zealand*	8 February 1988
Niger	8 June 1979
Norway*	14 December 1981
Oman*	29 March 1984
Philippines (Protocol II only)	11 December 1986
Qatar (Protocol I only)*	5 April 1988
Republic of Korea*	15 January 1982
Rwanda	19 November 1984
Saint Kitts and Nevis	14 February 1986
Saint Lucia	7 October 1982
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8 April 1983
Samoa	23 August 1984
Saudi Arabia (Protocol I only)*	21 August 1987
Senegal	7 May 1985
Seychelles	8 November 1984
Sierra Leone	21 October 1986
Suriname	16 December 1985
Sweden*	31 August 1979
Switzerland*	17 February 1982
Syrian Arab Republic (Protocol I only)*	14 November 1983
Togo	27 June 1984
Tunisia	9 August 1979
United Arab Emirates*	9 March 1983
United Republic of Tanzania	15 February 1983
Uruguay	13 December 1985
Vanuatu	28 February 1985
Viet Nam (Protocol I only)	19 October 1981
Yugoslavia*	11 June 1979
Zaire (Protocol I only)	3 June 1982
Namibia (United Nations Council for)	18 October 1983