

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Notification
to the Governments of the States Parties
to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949
for the Protection of War Victims

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions
of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection
of Victims of International Armed Conflicts
(Protocol I)

Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions
of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection
of Victims of Non-international Armed Conflicts
(Protocol II)

adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977

I

Ratification by Finland

On 7 August 1980, Finland has deposited with the Swiss Government the instruments of ratification of the Protocols I and II mentioned above.

The instrument of ratification of the Protocol I includes the following reservation:

"With regard to Article 75, paragraph 4 (i), Finland enters a reservation to the effect that under Finnish law a judgment can be declared secret if its publication could be an affront to morals or endanger national security."

Furthermore, by note dated 6 August 1980, the Embassy of Finland at Berne has addressed to the Swiss Federal Council the following declaration of the Finnish Government:

"With reference to Articles 75 and 85 of the Protocol, the Finnish Government declare their understanding that, under Article 72, the field of application of Article 75 shall be interpreted to include also the nationals of the Contracting Party applying the provisions of that Article, as well as the nationals of neutral or other States not Parties to the conflict, and that the provisions of Article 85 shall be interpreted to apply to nationals of neutral or other States not Parties to the conflict as they apply to those mentioned in paragraph 2 of that Article.

With reference to Article 75, paragraph 4 (h), of the Protocol, the Finnish Government wish to clarify that under Finnish law a judgment shall not be considered final until the time-limit for exercising any extraordinary legal remedies has expired.

With reference to Article 90, paragraph 2, of the Protocol the Finnish Government declare that Finland 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."

According to Article 95, Paragraph 2, of Protocol I, and to Article 23, Paragraph 2, of Protocol II, the said Protocols shall enter into force for Finland on 7 February 1981, i.e. six months after the deposit of the instruments of ratification.

II

Accession of Bangladesh

On 8 September 1980, the People's Republic of Bangladesh has deposited with the Swiss Government the instrument of accession to the Protocols I and II mentioned above.

According to Article 95, paragraph 2, of Protocol I, and to Article 23, Paragraph 2, of Protocol II, the said Protocols shall enter into force for the People's Republic of Bangladesh on 8 March 1981, i.e. six months after the deposit of the instrument of accession.

The present notification is made in application of Article 100 of Protocol I and of Article 26 of Protocol II.

Berne, 10 October 1980