



Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949
and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts
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Mr. Chairman,

The 1977 Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions remain crucial cornerstones in the codification of the protection of victims of international and non-international armed conflicts.

My country has ratified the two Additional Protocols of 1977, as well as the Additional Protocol of 2005. Having accepted the competence of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission established under Article 90 of Additional Protocol I, we have been strong supporters of this Commission, which presently counts with a Portuguese member, serving in his personal capacity.

Accordingly, with a view to strengthening a regime that is meant to benefit Humanity as a whole, Portugal urges all States parties to the Geneva Conventions that have not yet done so to becoming parties to the Additional Protocols, and to make the declaration provided for under article 90 of Additional Protocol I.

Mr. Chairman,

Portugal thanks the Secretary-General for his report on the status of the 1977 Additional Protocols and conveys its appreciation for the information submitted by Member States and the International Committee of the Red Cross for



It is also the time to reject silence in the face of so many and repeated violations of International Humanitarian Law. Effective implementation of the Geneva Conventions and of its

