

Translated from Spanish

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts

The Republic of El Salvador is submitting this report in response to General Assembly resolution 65/29, entitled "Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protec

- a. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field (First Convention);
- b. Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the

marked with the distinctive emblem established by that C

In addition, it is important to note the participation of representatives of the Committee in the 30th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, held in Geneva from 26 to 30 November 2007.

As noted in resolution 65/29, one of the aims of that Conference was to reiterate the obligation of States to take national measures to implement international humanitarian law, including training the armed forces and making this law known among the general public, as well as adopting legislation to punish war crimes in accordance with their international obligations.

Our country has not neglected its obligation to undertake initiatives that faithfully comply with that commitment. The draft reforms of the Penal Code that are currently being prepared are intended to incorporate war crimes into that body of law. At the same time, we call attention to the Legislative Assembly's adoption, by Decree No. 808 of 28 January 2009, published in Official Gazette No. 30, volume 382, of 13 February 2009, of the draft reforms of the law to protect the emblem and the name of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in order to include the provisions of the 2005 Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 (Protocol III).

In that respect, based on the foregoing, El Salvador, through its Inter-Agency Committee on International Humanitarian Law, has implemented measures to faithfully comply with its international commitments under international humanitarian law, all of which have been supported by the International Committee of the Red Cross, an international organization that has been an important bastion in the progress made to date.

The foregoing information indicates that El Salvador's efforts conform to the expectations set forth in General Assembly resolution 65/29 on the status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.