



PERMANENT MISSION OF SLOVENIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations has the honour, with reference to the General Assembly Resolution A/61/30, to provide the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the following information concerning the Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts in the Republic of Slovenia:

- With a view to educating members of the Slovenian Armed Forces in the area of armed conflicts, including the content of the Additional Protocols, the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia allocated the targeted research project to the Institute for Comparative Law Studies, Faculty of Law in Ljubljana and to the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana entitled *Analysis of requirements for understanding the international law of armed conflicts and international humanitarian law and elaboration of a manual for Slovenian armed forces*, which will end in November 2008
(as one of the activities relating to operative paragraph 11 of Resolution A/61/30);
- With a view to spreading knowledge about international humanitarian law, the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is in the process of organising a round table aimed at presenting the Study on customary international humanitarian law at the beginning of October 2008, which will also be attended by the co-author of the study, Jean-Marie Henckaerts. On this occasion, Slovenian translation of the article on the Study will be presented to the Slovenian broader public; the translation is available at:
[http://www.icrc.org/Web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/htmlall/customary-law-translations_res/\\$File/SLO-irrc_857_Henckaerts.pdf](http://www.icrc.org/Web/eng/siteeng0.nsf/htmlall/customary-law-translations_res/$File/SLO-irrc_857_Henckaerts.pdf)
(The study is mentioned in paragraph 11, and dissemination in paragraph 12 of the Preamble of the Resolution A/61/30);
- Members of the National Commission on International Humanitarian Law (NCIHL) participated in the Fourth Regional Meeting of National Committees from Central and South-Eastern Europe in Vilnius on 7 and 8 May 2008, with the report on the work of the NCIHL, as well as with the presentation entitled *Drafting a national military manual as a teaching tool: Sources, content and relevance*.
(Preamble paragraphs 8 and 9 and operative paragraph 9 of Resolution A/61/30);

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- Republic of Slovenia has ratified or accessed to all important international documents connected to IHL, including the Third Protocol to the Geneva Conventions– the complete list is enclosed;
- In 2008 the new Criminal Code was adopted. In the field of the IHL this law harmonizes the definitions of war crimes, crimes against humanity and international law with the provisions of the Rome Statute. A new chapter titled “Crimes against humanity”, where all crimes from the Rome Statute (genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes ...) have been qualified and incriminated, has been added to the Special part of the Criminal Code. The succession of chapters in the Special part of the Criminal code represent the scale of social values in the Republic of Slovenia therefore the chapter “Crimes against humanity” is the first in the Special part.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration. *JK*

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**THE LIST OF MOST IMPORTANT TREATIES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW THAT
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA HAS RATIFIED/ACCESSED TO**

No	Document title	Year of notification accession or ratification	Entry into force	Official publication in the OJ RS no.	Comment
1.	Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, 1899	Notification (N), 1996	24 Aug 1996	46/96	
2.	Convention for the Pacific Settlement of International Disputes, 1907	Ratification (R) 2003	19 Dec 2003	126/03	
3.	Pact renouncing war as an instrument of national policy, 1928	N, 1992	22 May 1992	24/92	
4.	Geneva Protocol on Gases and Bacteriological Warfare, 1925	R, 2008	23 Jan 2008	1/08	
5.	United Nations Charter, 1945	N, 1992	22 May 1992	24/92	
6.	Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, 1948	N, 1992	17 July 1992	35/92	
7.	Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, 1949	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
8.	Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of Wounded, Sick and Shipwrecked Members of Armed Forces at Sea, 1949	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
9.	Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of the Prisoners of War, 1949	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
10.	Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, 1949	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
11.	Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, and the Protocol to the Convention, The Hague, 1954	N, 1992	14 Nov 1992	54/92	
12.	Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water, 1963	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
13.	Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 1968	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
14.	Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity, 1968	N, 1992	17 July 1992	35/92	
15.	Treaty on the Prohibition of the Emplacement of Nuclear Weapons and Other Weapons of Mass Destruction on the Sea-Bed and the Ocean Floor and in the Subsoil Thereof, 1971	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	

16.	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction, 1972	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
17.	Protocol I Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflict, 1977	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	Statement on jurisdiction of the Commission (Art. 90)
18.	Protocol II Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and Relating to the Protection of Victims of Non-International Armed Conflict, 1977	N, 1992	27 March 1992	14/92	
19.	Convention on the Prohibition of Military or any Hostile Use of Environmental Modification Techniques, 1976	R, 2004	22 June 2004	62/04	
20.	Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, 1980 (with three protocols)	N, 1992	17 July 1992	35/92	
21.	Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, 1984	R, 1993	29 May 1993	24/93	Statement on jurisdiction of the Committee Art. 21/1 and 22/1
22.	Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989	N, 1992	17 July 1992	35/92; 5/99	Withdrawal of reservation to Art. 9/1
23.	Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction, 1993	R, 1997	8 June 1997	34/97	
24.	Convention on the Safety of UN and Associated Personnel, 1994	R, 2003	24 Oct 2003	102/03	
25.	Amended Protocol II to the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW); relating to antipersonnel mines, 1996	R, 2002	9 Nov 2002	94/02	
26.	Protocol IV to the CCW; relating to blinding laser weapons, 1995	R, 2002	9 Nov 2002	94/02	
27.	Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, 1996	R, 1999	14 Aug 1999	66/99	
28.	Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines, and on Their Destruction, 1997	R, 1998	10 Oct 1998	69/98	
29.	Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, 1998	R, 2001	14 Dec 2001	101/01	
30.	Second Protocol to the HCCPP, 1999	Accession (A), 2003	24 Oct 2003	102/03	
31.	Optional Protocol to the Convention on Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, 2000	R, 2004	17 Aug 2004	85/04	Binding declaration (Art. 3/2)
32.	Amended Art. 1 of CCW, 2001	R, 2008	23 Jan 2008	1/08	

33.	Protocol V on Explosive Remnants of War, 2003	R, 2006	27 Dec 2006	22/06	
34.	Protocol III Additional to the Geneva Conventions, 2005	R, 2008	12 Feb 2007	3/08	