

The Yemen Arab Republic ratifies the Protocols

On 17 April 1990, the Yemen Arab Republic ratified the Protocols additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of international (Protocol I) and non-international (Protocol II) armed conflicts, adopted in Geneva on 8 June 1977.

In accordance with their provisions, the Protocols will enter into force for the Yemen Arab Republic on 17 October 1990.

The Yemen Arab Republic is the **96th** State to become party to Protocol I and the **86th** to Protocol II.

Death of Professor Paul Reuter

The ICRC learned with great sadness of the death on 29 April 1990 of Professor Paul Reuter, who was 79 years old.

Professor Reuter was born in Metz (France) in 1911. After obtaining a doctorate at the Faculty of Law in Nancy, he took up an outstanding academic career, successively teaching at the Law Faculties of the Universities of Nancy, Poitiers, Aix en Provence and Paris and at the Graduate Institute for International Studies in Geneva, where he was appointed Associate Professor in 1985. He held a number of senior positions in the French Ministries of Information, Justice, National Defence and Foreign Affairs and represented the French government at meetings of international bodies such as the International Court of Justice. He also played a decisive role as an arbitrator on various commissions of regional and international organizations and in courts of arbitration and mediation committees. Paul Reuter became a member of the Institute of International Law in 1963 and of the United Nations International Law Commission in 1964.

Several generations of lawyers look to him as one of the twentieth century's greatest specialists on international law. The many books and articles he published on topics such as public international law, the law of treaties, international or European (e.g. coal and steel) organizations bear witness to his unquestionable expertise and are regarded as authoritative by academic and government circles alike.

Paul Reuter largely contributed to the dissemination of international humanitarian law and actively championed the cause of the ICRC, as shown by his generous donation to the institution in 1981. This has enabled it to set up the *Fund* and *Prize* bearing his name and, in accordance with his wishes, to encourage research in and the promotion of international humanitarian law.

The Paul Reuter Prize was awarded in 1985 and 1988 to two authors of major works devoted to international humanitarian law. The next award will take place in 1991.

The ICRC will honour the memory of one of the greatest humanists of our time by ensuring that the noble objectives of the *Paul Reuter Fund* continue to be upheld.
