

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA6/I/5

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and Relating to the Protection of Victims of Armed Conflict

SUBMITTED TO: The Sixth Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Haiti, Guinea, Mozambique, Cote d Ivoire, Benin, Cameroon, Angola

The Sixth Committee

1 *Noting with deep concern* the continued struggle to protect victims of armed conflict throughout
2 the world,

3 *Emphasizing* the importance of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 and
4 relating to the protection of victims of armed conflict,

5 *Bearing in mind* Article 1 of the Charter of the United Nations; respect for the principle of equal
6 rights and self-determination of peoples of all member states,

7 *Reaffirming* Article 3 of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention of 1949 that assures
8 the sovereignty of states,

9 *Noting with alarm* the shift in conflict from declared war to armed conflict,

10 1. *Welcomes* able member states to provide domestic aid and/or other non-military forms of
11 assistance to member states in conflict in order to ensure the protection of non-combatants provided by
12 the Geneva Accords, subject to the request of the member state in conflict;

13 2. *Recomends* the formation of a commission to reevaluate the Geneva Convention and
14 Protocols Additional in relation to armed conflict;

15 3. *Reminds* member states of the importance of states' sovereignty in determining how to
16 appropriately protect civilians during both declared war and armed conflict within individual member
17 states;

18 4. *Strongly condemns* the actions of rebellious groups in violation of the Geneva Convention
19 with the understanding of states' right to self-determination;

20 5. *Encourages* the commission to consider the effects that groups hostile to international peace
21 and security have on member states;

22 6. *Calls upon* the commission to submit their findings to the Secretary-General by January 1,
23 2005;

24 7. *Encourages* nations states to accept the assistance of the International Committee of the Red
25 Cross and other relevant non-governmental organizations (NGOs), during and especially after an armed
26 conflict.

Final Vote: 54 - 34 - 14