

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA6/I/9

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: Bulgaria, United States, France, Russian Federation, Italy, Sweden, Belgium, Ireland

The Sixth Committee

- 1 *Affirming* the importance of Protocols I and II,
- 2 *Encouraging* nonparty states to reconsider their positions regarding Protocols I and II;
- 3 *Further encouraging* non-party states to recognize and to act in accordance with Protocols I and
- 4 II,
- 5 *Believing* that the nature of warfare in the world has changed in modern times,
- 6 *Recalling* that the Geneva Conventions have only been updated once since 1949,
- 7 1. *Recommends* that the Geneva Convention be reopened for the purposes of discussing
- 8 additional Protocols beyond I and II;
- 9 2. *Further recommends* that the new Protocols be regarding;
- 10 (a) Definitions and standardized usage for terms such as "modern warfare" and "unlawful
- 11 combatants", the meanings of which are currently debated;
- 12 (b) Clarification as to the extent of which persons are protected by the current Conventions
- 13 under these new definitions;
- 14 (c) Circumstances under which a state may enter into armed conflict with a non-governmental
- 15 organization within the boundaries of one or more other states,
- 16 3. *Further recommends* that the additional Protocols not alter or interfere with the original
- 17 Conventions and Protocols.

Final Vote: 44 - 25 - 20