

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

GA6/I/4

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 General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: The Sixth Committee

The General Assembly

1 *Acknowledging* the benefits of the Geneva Conventions and the Protocols Additional, and
2 supporting the intentions of the Conventions and Protocols,

3 *Reminding* all the member states that the Geneva Conventions and Protocols Additional are a
4 most valuable part of the United Nations and their existence is a keystone within the organization,

5 *Mindful of* the difficulties in implementing the Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva
6 Convention of 1949 and Relating to the Protection of the Victims of Armed Conflict,

7 *Reiterating* the importance of those member states party to the Conventions and Protocols to
8 uphold the Rules of the Geneva Conventions and Protocols Additional and the protection of the rights
9 of victims of armed conflict,

10 *Recognizing* the urgency of addressing acts of international conflict and modern warfare existing
11 within today s world,

12 *Emphasizing* the inviolable right to national sovereignty as enshrined in the United Nations
13 Charter,

14 *Commending* the role and the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross and Red
15 Crescent in the context of the Geneva Conventions and Protocols Additional,

16 *Identifying* that the principles and acts of international terrorism are the enemy of all nations,

17 *Fully noting* that formal declarations of war are not common place in today s world,

18 1. *Affirms* the utmost significance of the work of the ad-hoc committee established by the
19 General Assembly Res. 51/210 of 1996;

20 2. *Deeply deplores* the loss of innocent human life which results from such acts of international

21 conflict;

22 3. *Recommends* the formation of a conference of the Geneva Convention of 1949, discussing the
23 Protocols Additional I and II, this dialogue would be centered around:

24 (a) Nations stating the reasons for their agreement and support to the current Protocols
25 Additional to the Geneva Convention

26 (b) Nations stating the reasons for their inability to support the current provisions of the
27 Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention

28 (c) Suggestions on how to address current concerns such as but not limited to,

29 i. Neo-pirates

30 ii. Self-funded international terrorist groups

31 iii. International terrorist groups benefiting from nations active or passive sponsorship

32 iv. People not fighting under a nation's flag

33 v. Undeclared war

34 vi. Detainees of international conflict;

35 4. *Affirms* that the above mentioned conference will ensure the respect of the utmost importance
36 of national sovereignty.

Plenary Vote: 67 - 6 - 24