

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to
the protection of victims of armed conflicts

Comments by Austria

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A number of measures were taken to strengthen the existing body of international humanitarian law, inter alia, with respect to its dissemination and full implementation at national level:

- 1.) Austria has continued to support the process aiming at strengthening compliance with international humanitarian law, in pursuance of the pledge of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Switzerland made at the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Crescent since the very beginning in 2011 and actively participated in the series of expert meetings and meetings of States. This process Austria has continuously supported the creation of a special mechanism for this purpose (regi(

which Austria is a party, as well as Austrian laws and regulations, to serve as a key reference document, especially for legal advisers and law teachers, for the training of members of the Austrian Armed Forces in international humanitarian law. During the period under review the compilation has been updated twice.