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The Geneva Conventions of 1949 constitute one of the main sources of international humanitarian law. Turkey has signed the four Geneva Conventions on 12 August 1949, the date when they were opened for signature, and has been party to these Conventions since 1954.

Turkey is not party to:

- The Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I), 8 June 1977;
- The Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the protection of victims of non-international armed conflicts (Protocol II), 8 June 1977.

Turkey is signatory, but not party to:

- The Protocol additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Adoption of an Additional Distinctive Emblem (Protocol III), 8 December 2005.

Turkey notes that there has not been a considerable change in the ratification status of the Protocols of 1977 in the past several years, while the Conventions themselves enjoy universal acceptance. Furthermore, there are varying views among States as to whether and to what extent certain provisions of these Protocols may be considered to have reached the level of customary international law.

States of NATO and PfP. The last of these courses was held on 24 February-6 March 2020 with the participation of 79 attendees from 30 different countries. The Turkish PfP Training Center also organized the “Gender Awareness in Peace Support Operations Course”