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Although Protocol I of 1977 has not been acceded to by the majority of the leading military powers, since General Colin Powell, Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, in his report to Congress on coalition operations in the Gulf in 1991, made it clear that the provisions of the Protocol were, for the main part, applied as if they constituted customary law, this book has been written on the same premise. Generally speaking, the line has been taken that Protocol I expresses the law of international armed conflict as it exists today.

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