

SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE’S ORGANISATION—SWAPO
DECLARATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED
CROSS-ICRC
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It is the conviction of SWAPO that fundamental rules protecting the dignity of all human beings must be upheld at all times. Therefore, and purely for humanitarian reasons, SWAPO declares hereby that in the conduct of the struggle for self determination, it intends to respect and be guided by the rules of the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of the victims of armed conflicts and the 1977 additional Protocol relating to the protection of victims of international armed conflicts (Protocol I).

As soon as possible SWAPO will consider addressing the Swiss Federal Council, as the government of the depository State, a declaration according to article 96 paragraph 3 of the 1977 Protocol I.

Such a declaration would be considered as a preliminary step to becoming a party to these instruments.

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