

of their level of intensity or the degree to which states, as opposed to movements, was actually involved. This would mean that all of the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 would ostensibly apply to such conflicts regardless of the character of the parties to the conflict or their capacity to carry out their obligations under those Conventions. Although approved in Committee, this article, which if adopted in Plenary would have seriously undermined the need for the second draft Additional Protocol and in Canada's view would have had a detrimental effect on the existing non-discriminating foundation for the law applicable in armed conflicts, was not put to a vote in plenary, largely as a result of a Canadian initiative to have the implications of the article studied intersessionally. However, the problem posed by the wording of this particular draft article will have to be faced immediately when the Conference reconvenes next February, although it is hoped that some satisfactory solution can be found in the meantime through informal consultations among the geo-political groups.