

(2) "In view of the fact that the General Assembly of the United Nations, having approved the principles established by the Charter and judgment of the Nuremberg Tribunal, has directed the International Law Commission to include these principles in a General codification of offences against the peace and security of mankind, New Zealand reserves the right to take such action as may be necessary to ensure that such offences are punished, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 70, paragraph 1."

NETHERLANDS

Mr. BOSCH, Chevalier VAN ROSENTHAL, Minister of the Netherlands in Switzerland, made the following declaration :

"My Government has instructed me to sign the four Conventions established at the Diplomatic Conference held at Geneva from April 21 to August 12, 1949, but my Government wishes to make the following reservation regarding the Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, which reservation reads as follows :

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands reserves the right to impose the death penalty in accordance with the provisions of Article 68, paragraph 2, without regard to whether the offences referred to therein are punishable by death under the law of the occupied territory at the time the occupation begins."

POLAND

Mr. PRZYBOS, Polish Minister in Switzerland, made the following reservations concerning the four Geneva Conventions :

(1) "On signing the Geneva Convention for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, I declare that the Government of the Polish Republic adheres to the said Convention, with a reservation in respect of Article 10.

"The Government of the Polish Republic will not consider as legal a request by the Detaining Power that a neutral State or an international organization or a humanitarian organization should undertake the functions performed under the present Convention by the Protecting Powers, on behalf of the wounded and sick, or medical personnel and chaplains, unless the Government whose nationals they are has given its consent."