IXth Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces

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“Contemporary Challenges for Legal Advisers in International Military Operations”

TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2013

Arrival of the Participants
14.00h-16.30h Registration at the Factory hotel
17.30h-19.00h Official Opening + Reception, Von Steinsahl, HQ 1 (GE/NL) Corps hosted by Major General M. van der Laan, Deputy Commander 1 (GE/NL) Corps

WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2013

Session 1 & 2:

09.30h-10.00h Keynote Speech by Lieutenant-General A.J.H. van Loon, Commander 1 (GE/NL) Corps. “Military Cooperation with National and International Actors: Conditions for Success”.

10.00h-10.30h The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War and its Research Project International Law in Peace Operations – Presentation and Update on the Progress. Presenter: Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, General Counsel, Office of the Minister of Defence, Belgium & Assistant Secretary General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War.

10.30h-11.00h Coffee break
11.00h-11.10h  **Introduction 1st Working Session**  
Chair: LRDir Michael Scholze, 1 (GE/NL) Corps.  
**Theme**: Detention in Peace Operations and in Non-International Armed Conflict.

11.10h-11.30h  Captured Persons (CPERS) - a UK perspective.  
Lieutenant Colonel Alasdair Morrison, Operational Law Branch, Land Warfare Centre, United Kingdom.

11.30h-11.40h  Questions and Answers.

11.40h-12.00h  Mr. Tristan Ferraro, Detention Operations, the ICRC perspective.

12.00h-12.20h  Questions and Answers, followed by Panel discussion.  
Chair: LRDir Michael Scholze, 1 (GE/NL) Corps.

12.20h-12.30h  Conclusion by Session President.

12.30h-13.50h  Lunch

13.50h-14.00h  **Introduction 2nd Working Session**  
Chair: Colonel (GS) Olaf von Roeder, Head of International Armament Policy Section, Policy Department, Federal German Ministry of Defence.  
**Theme**: New Technologies and Legal Framework.

14.00h-14.20h  Remote piloted aerial vehicles and other new technologies - an operational perspective.  
Air Commodore Frans Osinga (PhD), Professor Military Operational Sciences, National Defense College, The Netherlands.

14.20h-14.30h  Questions and Answers.

14.30h-15.00h  Ius ad bellum and ius in bello questions relative to the use of remote piloted aerial vehicles and other new technologies.  

15.00h-15.10h  Questions and Answers.

15.00h-15.30h  Coffee break

15.30h-16.30h  Group tasks

16.30h-17.00h  Group presentation and discussion

17.00h-17.15h  Conclusions by Session President
THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2013

09.00h-09.10h  **Introduction 3**\textsuperscript{rd} **Working Session**  
Chair: Colonel Carl Marchand, Swiss Army  
**Theme: Practical issues for Legal Advisers in Military Operations.**

09.10h-09.40h  Legal implications of Special Operations  
Speaker LtCol Jean Michel Cambron, Legal Advisor, Canadian Joint Operations Command, Department of National Defence Canada.

09.40h-09.50h  Questions and Answers.

09.50h-10.20h  Role of the Legal Adviser in the targeting process  
LtCol Christian De Cock, Chief Operational Law MOD Belgium.

10.20h-10.30h  Questions and Answers

10.30h-11.00h  Coffee break

11.00h-12.00h  Group Tasks

12.00h-12.30h  Group presentation and Conclusions Session President

12.30h-13.50h  Lunch

13.50h-14.00h  **Introduction 4**\textsuperscript{th} **Working Session**  
Chair: Brigadier-General (Rtd) Seok Ko, Korea.  
**Theme: Developing the Rule of Law during Non-International Armed Conflict.**

14.00h-14.30h  Rule of Law in Afghanistan - Developments.  
Colonel Ben Klappe, Former Chief of Staff, NATO Rule of Law Field Support Mission.

14.30h-14.40h  Questions and Answers

14.40h-15.10h  Settling claims for damages caused by armed forces in international operations. Mr. Pascal Limpens, Legal Adviser, Joint Forces Command, Brunssum, The Netherlands.

15.10h-15.20h  Questions and Answers

15.20h-15.50h  Coffee break

15.50h-16.30h  Group Tasks

16.30h-17.00h  Group presentation and discussion

17.00h-17.15h  Conclusions by Session President
FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2013

09.00h-09.10h **Introduction 5th Working Session**
Chair: Captain (Navy) Dr. Fabrizio Ratto-Vaquer, Deputy Head of Military Personnel Recruitment and Advancement Office, Defence General Staff, Italy & Treasurer of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War.
*Theme: Maritime Operations and Rules of Engagement.*

09.10h-09.40h Current and future challenges at sea and legal framework
Mr. Rolf Einar Fife, MOFA Norway.

09.40h-09.50h Questions and Answers

09.50h-10.20h The legal Battle for the Arctic
Commander Kenneth Buhl, Denmark.

10.20h–10.30h Questions and Answers

10.30h-11.00h Coffee break

11.00h-12.00h Group tasks

12.00h-12.30h Presentation group work

12.30h-12.40h Conclusions by Session President

12.40h-14.00h Lunch

14.00h-14.10h **Introduction 6st Working Session**
Chair: Dr. Heike Spieker, Deputy Director International Services of the German Red Cross.
*Theme: Implementation of UN Security Council Concepts: Status quo?*

14.10h-14.40h Implementation and challenges relative to SC Resolutions on sexual violence and the protection of children and the protection of women.
Senior Colonel & Prof. Wang Haiping, Xi'an Academy of Politics, Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA).

14.30h-15.10h The concept of “Responsibility to Protect” and “Safe areas”.
LtCol Richard Brennan, Irish Defence Forces
15.10h-15.40h   Coffee break

15.40h-16.10h   Responsibility to Protect - Responsibility and Accountability of the Armed Forces. Major (res) Dr Pieter ’t Hart, Military Legal Service Royal Netherlands Army

16.10h-16.45h   Panel discussion and conclusions by Session President

16.45h-17.00h   Seminar wrap-up by Seminar Director

18.30h   Closing Dinner

**SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2013**

Excursion

**SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2013**

Departure of the Participants