



IXth Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces

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“Contemporary Challenges for Legal Advisors 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 <i>International Society for Military Law and the Law of War</i> and its Research Project <i>International Law in Peace Operations</i> – Presentation and Update on the Progress. Presenter: Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, General Counsel, Office of the Minister of Defence, Belgium & Assistant Secretary General of the <i>International Society for Military Law and the Law of War</i> .
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.
Professor Terry D. Gill, National Defense College, The Netherlands.
- 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 3rd 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 4th 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