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Transitional Law and Beyond

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The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Hosted at the Military Club

 Provisional Program

Wednesday, 19 November 2014

08:00 – 17:00  Registration of participants

17:00 – 22:00 Welcome Cocktail

On behalf of:

General Jaime Alfonso Lasprilla Villamizar and Spouse
Major General Ernesto Maldonado Guarnizo and Spouse
Major General Gustavo Rincon Rivera and Spouse
Dr. Alejandro Ordoñez and Spouse
Brigadier General Jan Peter Spijk LL.M. MA (ret.)
Dr. Julio Andres Sanpedro Arrubla and Spouse

Words of Welcome by
General Jaime Alfonso Lasprilla Villamizar
Commander of the National Army of the Republic of Colombia

Dr. Julio Andres Sanpedro Arrubla
Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Musical Show
Thursday, 20 November 2014

08:00 – 09:00 Opening Program

National Anthem of Colombia
Presented by the Music Band of the Presidential Guard Batallion

Hommage to the Fallen

Opening Words by:
General Jaime Alfonso Lasprilla Villamizar
Commander of the National Army of the Republic of Colombia and
President of the Conference of American Armies

Greetings from the Soldiers, Victims of the Armed Conflict

FIRST MODULE The Soldier as Victim of Armed Conflict

09:00 – 10:00 Speaker:
Dr. Alejandro Ordoñez
General Prosecutor of the Republic of Colombia

Juan Fernando Cristo tbc
Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Colombia

Humberto de La Calle tbc
Chief Negotiator of the Peace Process

10:00 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 Victims and Historical Memory

Speaker:
Dr. Julio Andres Sanpedro Arrubla
Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Moderator:
Brigadier General Waldo Martinez Caceres
General Prosecutor of the Army of the Republic of Chile

11.30 – 12.30 Speaker:
Almirante Alvaro Luiz Pinto
Vice Presidente of the Tribunal Superior Militar of the Republic of
Brazil

Moderator:
Mr. Alfons Vanheusden LL.M.
Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military
Law and the Law of War

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
SECOND MODULE  International Jurisdiction

14:00 – 15:00  *International Trends in Military Law and Military Jurisdiction*

Speakers:
Professor Eugene Fidell
Yale University, USA
Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Strickey
Military Legal Service, Canada

Moderator:
Major General Michael Conway LL.M.
Director General, Army Legal Services, United Kingdom

15:00 – 15:45  *Transitional Justice – a Contribution from the Brazilian General Military Prosecutor Office*

Speaker:
Dr. Marcelo Wietzel
General Prosecutor, Military Justice, of the Republic of Brazil

Moderator:
Professor Dr. Carlos Andrés Uribe Piedrahita (PhD)
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

15:45 – 16:15  Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00  Structure and Particularities of the Brazilian Military Justice System

Speaker:
General Luis Carlos Mattos
Judge, Superior Tribunal Militar de Brasil

Moderator:
Dr. Juan Carlos Novoa Buendía
Deputy Prosecutor of the Disciplinary Board

17:00 – 17:45  Specialized Principles of Military Justice

Speaker:
Cr. Camilo Andrés Suarez Aldana
Magistrado Tribunal Superior Militar de Colombia

Moderator:
Dr. Jesús María Carrillo Ballasteros
Former President, Council of State, Republic of Colombia

Closing
Free evening

Friday 21 November 2014

08:00 – 09:00  Armed Forces in Modern Times

Legal Framework in the Mexican Army and Air Force, in support of Domestic Security

Speaker:  
Brigadier General Professor Eleandro Ramos Flórez
Military Legal Services, México

Moderator:  
Guillermo Rivera Florez  
High Presidential Counselor for Human Rights, Republic of Colombia

09:00 – 10:00 State Constitutional Law, Citizenship and the Armed Forces

Speaker:  
Professor Dr. Javier Rincon Salcedo
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Moderator:  
Mr Ludwig Van Der Veken LL.M.  
Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

10:00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:30 The Voice of the Victims

Speaker:  
Cr. Adalberto Ernesto García Rivera  
National Army of the Republic of El Salvador

Moderator:  
General Juan Pablo Ramos Espinosa  
President, Military Police Jurisdiction of the Republic of Peru

11:30 – 12:30 Harmonization of Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law

Speaker:  
Dr. Ricardo Forero Muñoz  
Legal Advisor, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Colombia

Moderator:  
Dr. Misael Fernando Rodríguez Castellanos  
Director, National Prosecutor's Office, specialized in Human Rights and IHL
12:30 – 14:00  Lunch
14:00 – 15:00  *Social Security of the Armed Forces: an Economic and Legal Analysis*

Speaker:
Professor Dr. Fernando Castillo
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

Moderator:
Dr. Gerardo Arenas Monsalve
Judge, Council of State, Section II

15:00 – 16:00  Geneva Conventions for the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded and the Sick in Armed Forces in the Field

Speaker: Dr. Julián Sánchez Esteban
Profesor, Universidad de Salamanca, España

Moderator:
Professor Dr. Vanessa Suelt Cock
Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

16:00 – 16:30  Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30  Closing Words

Major General Gustavo Rincón Rivera
Secretary-General of the Conference of American Armies

Brigadier General Jan Peter Spijk LL.M. MA
President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Judge Dr. Elisabeth Guimãres Teixeira Rocha
The Honorable President of the Tribunal Superior Militar de Brasil

17.30 – 18.00  Presentation of Certificates
20:00 – 23:00  Farewell Dinner

**Saturday, 22 November 2014**

09:00 – 16:00  Social-Cultural Excursion with Networking Opportunities
18:00 - …  Departure of Participants