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THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE II

By the *Belgian Group* under the Auspices of the
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

PROGRAM

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Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
18-21 September 2018

Tuesday 18 September 2018

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| 12:00 – 14:00 | Arrival of the participants |
| 14:30 – 17:00 | Joint Meeting of the Managing Board & the Board of Directors (Board members only) |
| 14:30 – 17:30 | Registration |
| 18:00 – 19:30 | Welcome drink at the hotel lounge |

Wednesday 19 September 2018

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| 08:30 – 09:15 | Registration |
| 09:15 – 10:00 | <u>Opening of the conference</u> <i>Opening speech</i> by Ambassador Claude-France Arnould Ambassador of France to Belgium & Former Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency Introduced by Mr. Ludwig Van Der Veken, President of the Belgian Group & Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War |

Rights of Military Personnel in the EU Security and Defence Context

- 10:00 – 12:45 Chair: Mr. Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL
- Lieutenant Colonel Martina Hojka, Medical Advisor/Action Officer,
 LOG Directorate – Resources Support, European Union Military Staff
 (EUMS), European External Action Service (EEAS)
- Dr. Marta Hirsch-Ziembinska, Head of Inquiries and ICT Unit 1,
 Coordinator for the European Network of Ombudsmen (ENO) legal
 cooperation
- Brigadier General (ret.) Jan Peter Spijk, Honorary President of the
 International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- 11:15 – 11:40 Group photo & Coffee/Tea
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch buffet
- Use of Chemical Weapons: from Ypres to Idlib*
- 14:00 – 15:30 Chair: Prof. Dr. Andrey L. Kozik, Secretary-General, International Law
 and Arbitration Association of Belarus (BILA) (TBC)
- Mr. Sven Devroe, Senior Chemical Demilitarisation Officer, OPCW
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea
- 16:00 – 16:30: Presentation of the Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area System
 (LAWFAS) by Mr (CTR) José Maria Da Silva Miguel, Office of the
 Legal Advisor of Allied Command Operations (ACO) / Supreme
 Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)
- 18:45 – 20:15 Reception at the Governor’s House & welcome remarks by Mr. Carl
 Decaluwé, Governor of the Province of West Flanders
 Speech by Professor Dr. Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, President,
 International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- Free evening

Thursday 20 September 2018

Use of Weapons: Autonomous Weapons & Artificial Intelligence

- 09:15 – 12:30 Chair: Prof. Dr. Terry Gill, Netherlands Defence Academy & University of Amsterdam
- Dr. William H. Boothby, Associate Fellow Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- Mr. Geert Baudewijns, CEO Secutec
- Colonel (ret.) Michael Meier, Special Assistant for Law of War Matters, Office of the Army Judge Advocate General, United States
- Mr. Nicolas Lange, Legal Advisor, Head of the International Law Section, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet

The International Law Applicable to Peace Operations
Protection of Civilians

- 13:30 – 15:15 Chair: Mr. William Roelants de Stappers, Deputy Director General for Legal Affairs, Federal Public Service for Foreign Affairs, Belgium & former Deputy Permanent Representative of Belgium to NATO
- Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War & Head of the Legal Advisory Division, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence
- Mrs. Hanna Bourgeois, PhD Candidate, Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO), Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies & Institute for International Law, KUL Leuven
- 16:00 - 18:30 Cultural event

Free evening

Friday 21 September 2018

The International Law Applicable to Peace Operations - Continuation
Protection of the Environment

09:30 – 12:00

Chair: Mr. Baldwin De Vidts, Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo

Mrs. Lone Kjelgaard, Senior Assistant Legal Adviser, NATO Headquarters

Colonel Christian De Cock, Legal Advisor to the Director of the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) of the European External Action Service (EEAS)

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee/Tea

Closing remarks

Mr. Ludwig Van Der Veken, President of the Belgian Group & Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War