International Conference

The International Law Applicable to Peace Operations

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Wednesday, 14 November 2018

Arrival of Participants

16.45 – 17.45 Registration (at the Mespil Hotel Ballsbridge)

18.30 – 20.30 Welcome Reception (at the Officers Mess of the McKee Barracks, Marlborough)
Hosted by Brigadier General Howard BERNEY, General Officer Commanding 2 Brigade, Defence Forces Ireland

Thursday, 15 November 2018

08.00 – 08.45 Registration (at the Lecture Theatre of the Cathal Brugha Barracks)

09.00 – 09:30 Opening Ceremony (at the Lecture Theatre of the Cathal Brugha Barracks)
Opening speeches by:
- Colonel John SPIERIN, Director of Legal Service, Defence Forces Ireland
- Professor Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL von HEINEGG, President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- Professor Dr. Ray MURPHY, Irish Centre for Human Rights
09:30 – 10:00  **Keynote speech – A Strategic Analysis of the Challenges in the Domain of Peace Operations**
Speaker:
Major General Michael BEARY (retd), Former Force Commander UNIFIL

10:00 – 10:45  Group photo & Coffee/tea

10.45 – 12.15  **General Discussion**
*Human Rights and Peace Operations*
Chair:
Professor Dr. Ray MURPHY, Irish Centre for Human Rights
Presenters:
Mr. Peter KEMPEES, Head of Division, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights
Professor Emeritus Dr. Françoise HAMPSON, University of Essex

12.15 – 13.30  Lunch

13.30 – 15.00  **General Discussion**
*Topic 1: Criminal Accountability for Crimes by Peacekeepers*
*Topic 2: International Humanitarian Law and Peace Operations*
Chair:
Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Assistant Secretary-General, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
Presenters:
Mrs. Mona Ali KHALIL, Affiliate of the Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict
Colonel Ben F. Klappe (retd), Senior Legal Adviser, Headquarters Royal Netherlands Army

15.00 – 15.30  Coffee/tea

15.30 – 16.45  **General Discussion**
*Status of Forces and the Importance of Host State Law and Sending State Law in the Practice of Peace Operations*
Chair:
Major General Michael FINN (retd), Former Head of Mission and Chief of Staff of UNSTO
Presenter:
Captain (French Navy) Jean-Emmanuel PERRIN, Legal Office, Allied Command Operations/Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe

*Free evening*

**Friday, 16 November 2018**

08.30 – 09.30  **General Discussion**
*The Use of Force and Detention in Peace Operations*
Chair:
Colonel William NOTT (retd), Irish Centre for Human Rights
Presenter:
Professor Emeritus Dr. Michael BOTHE, J.W. Goethe University, Frankfurt-am-Main

09.30 – 10.00  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)

10.00 – 10.30  Coffee/tea
10.30 – 12.10  **General Discussion**  
*Protection of Civilians in Peace Operations*  
Introduction:  
Chair:  
Professor Dr. Ray MURPHY, Irish Centre for Human Rights  
Presenters:  
Professor Dr. Siobhán WILLS, Ulster University  
Lieutenant Colonel Richard BRENnan, Legal Service, Defence Forces Ireland  

12.10 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 **General Discussion**  
*Legal Aspects of Peace Operations in their Maritime Dimension*  
Chair:  
Professor Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL von HEINEGG, President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War  
Presenters:  
Commander Patrick BURKE, Legal Advisor, Defence Forces Ireland  
Commander Tom FLAVIN, Legal Officer, Regional Services, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canada  

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee/tea

15.30 – 16.40 **General Discussion**  
*Dealing with Crimes Against Peacekeepers*  
Chair:  
Dr. Shane DARCY, Irish Centre for Human Rights  
Presenter:  
Lieutenant Colonel Jerry LANE, Legal Advisor and Lecturer in IHL, Military Ethics, Ethical Decision Making, and Military Law, Defence Forces Ireland & Representative of the International Association of Prosecutors  

16.40 – 18.10 **General Discussion**  
*Protection of Personal Data in Peace Operations*  
Chair:  
Associate Professor Eoin O’DELL, Trinity College Dublin  
Presenters:  
Mrs. Dominique VANHAELEMEESCH, Legal Advisor and Data Protection Officer, Ministry of Defence, Belgium  
Mr. Gilles MARHIC, Legal Advisor, European External Action Service  

18.10 – 18.15 **Closing Session**

19.45 – 22.30 **Official Dinner (at the Officers’ Club of the Cathal Brugha Barracks)**  
Speeches by:  
- Mr. Michael McDOWELL, Senator, former Minister of Justice, Equality and Law reform, and former Attorney-General of Ireland  
- Professor Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL von HEINEGG, President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
Saturday, 17 November 2018
Social-cultural and Networking Activity (Specific registration required)

- Tour at the National Museum of Ireland (Collins Barracks)
- Lunch at the Collins Barracks
- Guinness Store House experience
- Watching the rugby match between Ireland and New Zealand (optional)

Sunday, 18 November 2018
Departure of the Participants