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‘Société Internationale de Droit Militaire et de Droit de la Guerre’

THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE III

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

DRAFT PROGRAM

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Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
17-20 September 2019

Tuesday 17 September 2019

10:00 – 12:30	Joint Meeting of the Managing Board & the Board of Directors (Board members only)
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch (Board members only)
15:30 – 17:00	Arrival of the participants
17:00 – 18:15	Registration
18:30 – 20:00	Welcome drink at the hotel lounge

Wednesday 18 September 2019

08:30 – 09:15	Registration
09:15 – 10:00	<u>Opening of the conference</u>

Keynote speech: The Need for Borders in an EU without borders

Speaker: Mr. Pieter De Crem, Minister of Security and the Interior,
Belgium & former Belgian Minister of Defence (2007 - 2014), Belgium

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

Challenge of Evidence Gathering in Conflict Areas and Prosecution of Foreign Fighters

10:00 – 12:15 Chair: Mr. Hans Wanderstein, Advisor to the Minister of Security and the Interior, Belgium & former Senior UN Police Planning Officer, Rule of Law and Security Institutions Group (ROLSIG), UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)

Speaker: Mr. Emmanuel Deisser, Director and Co-Founder, Raidillon Associates SPRL

Speaker: Ms. Ester Natus, Federal Magistrate, Federal Prosecutor's Office, Belgium

Speaker: Dr. Şeyda Emek, Adviser to the EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator

11:15 – 11:40 Group photo & Coffee/Tea

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet

13:45 Departure by bus to Ypres

Visit to Flanders Fields

Mr. Franky Bostyn, Deputy Director-General, War Heritage Institute, Belgium

Mr. Sven Devroe, Senior Chemical Demilitarisation Officer, OPCW

17:30 – 19:30 Standing dinner at the *Kazematten*

19:45 – 20:15 Attendance of *the Last Post* at the Menin Gate, ceremony with wreath laying

20:15 Return to Bruges

Free evening

Thursday 19 September 2019

Recent Developments of Human Rights Jurisprudence in relation to the Armed Forces

09:15 – 12:30 Chair: Mr. Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL

Keynote speech

Speaker: Colonel (GS) Chris De Cock, Legal Advisor to the Director of the MPCC

Pannel discussion:

Speaker: Ms. Birgitta Nyström, Former Member of the European Committee of Social Rights & Professor of Labour Law, University of Lund, Sweden

Speaker: Ms. Jonna Naumanen, Human Rights Officer, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), OSCE

Speaker: Mr. Johan Van De Walle, Lieutenant Colonel, Belgian Defence, Integrity Coordinator for the Armed Forces

Speaker: Dr. Lauren Kierans, Barrister-at-Law, Ireland & Lecturer 'Whistleblowing Law and Practice', University College Dublin

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet

The Use of Propaganda and Other Methods of Influencing Other Nations

13:30 – 15:15 Chair: Dr. William H. Boothby, Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Speaker: Mr. Jean-François Mayence, LL.M., Legal Unit 'International Relations', Federal Science Policy, Belgium

Speaker: Senior Captain Marc Vanhalle, Information Operations Group, Armed Forces, Belgium

Speaker: Colonel mr. drs. G.L.C. (Bart) van den Bosch, Faculty of Military Sciences, Netherlands Defence Academy

15:15 – 16:00 Presentation of the Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area System (LAWFAS) by Mr. (CTR) José Maria Da Silva Miguel, Office of the Legal Advisor, Allied Command Operations (ACO) / Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea

16:30 – 17:00 Presentation on the new U.S. Army Handbook on the Law of Land Warfare by Mr. Michael Meier, Special Assistant for Law of War Matters, National Security Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, United States

Friday 20 September 2019

Follow-up on "The Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations"

09:30 – 12:00 Chair: Dr. William H. Boothby, Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

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, Armed Forces, Belgium

Professor Dr. Kjetil Mujezinovic Larsen, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo (TBC)

Presentation of the Military Law and the Law of War Review

Presentation of the MLLWR by the Director of Publications

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

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee/Tea