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Dear Madam,

Dear Sir,

Following the success of our three previous editions, the *Belgian Group* of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* is pleased to invite you to attend the fourth *‘Silent leges inter arma?’ conference*. This international conference will once again be hosted at the Grand Hotel Casselbergh in the centre of the historical city of Bruges (Belgium) and will take place from 15 through 18 September 2020 (including a visit to Raversyde and Ypres).

The conference will bring together practitioners and academics active in the field of security and defence from a wide variety of countries and organisations, to discuss legal and policy aspects of the following topics (subject to confirmation):

- The Freedom of Speech in the Military
- Human Rights in Situations of Military Occupation by Another State or in Situations of Loss of Control of Territory Due to Rebel Activities
- Cyber Espionage
- Peace Operations
- War in an Urbanised World
- Lawfare and Legal Operations
- Hybrid Threats to the Law of the Sea
- Foreign Intervention in A Pre-existing Non-International Armed Conflict

The language of the Conference will be English. A detailed program will be published on the website of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* ([www.ismllw.org](http://www.ismllw.org)). The conference is also designed to offer ample professional networking opportunities.

The number of participants in this Conference is **limited to 120**. Travel arrangements should therefore only be made *after* written confirmation of participation has been received. For practical reasons we strongly recommend that participants book their accommodation at the Grand Hotel Casselbergh, using our special hotel reservation form. Special daily room prices apply for participants in the conference: 143 euro for a standard room (even if it is occupied by two persons)

(breakfast for the guest(s), VAT, free WiFi and free access to the wellness area included, but city tax of 2,12 euro per person and additional room and hotel services not included). Guests who wish to check out on 19 September 2020 rather than on 18 September 2020 can book the extra night in a standard room for the price of 163 euro (same terms and conditions).

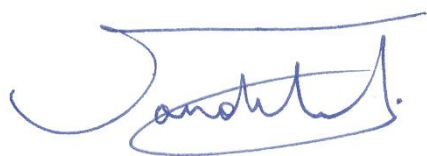
Foreign visitors to Belgium may have to apply for a visa at the appropriate Embassy or Consulate of the Kingdom of Belgium. Participants are responsible for timely application for their visa. Travel to Bruges is an individual responsibility. There are excellent train connections between Brussels Airport and the City of Bruges, and the *Society's* General Secretariat will be happy to advise participants on the best way to reach their destination.

The conference fee for the '*Silent Leges inter Arma?*' conference covers a conference package, a welcome drink on Tuesday, a visit to Atlantikwall Raversyde, as well as lunches and coffee breaks as stipulated in the program. Participation in the trip to Ypres on Friday afternoon is optional and will require a separate registration and payment of an additional fee of 95 euro.

Application forms have to be received by the General Secretariat of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* **as soon as possible and in any event no later than 15 June 2020**. Together with confirmation of participation payment details will be provided. Full payment has to be received no later than 30 June 2020. A reduced 'early bird' conference fee is offered for registrations no later than 30 April 2020. In such case payment has to be received no later than 15 May 2020.

The *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* and its *Belgian Group* very much look forward to your participation and contribution to this unique event in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bruges.

Yours respectfully,



Ludwig Van Der Veken

*Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War  
& President of the Belgian Group*