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*45th ROUND TABLE ON CURRENT ISSUES
OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW*

***“After the conflict before the peace:
legal, military and humanitarian issues during
the transition”***

*Sanremo (Italy), with live broadcasting online
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Wednesday, 7th September

OPENING SESSION

2:00-3:00 pm CEST

WELCOME ADDRESSES

Alberto Biancheri, Mayor of Sanremo

Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy (TBC)

Pierpaolo Ribuffo, Vice Admiral, Comandante Marittimo Nord, Italian Navy

Edoardo Greppi, President, IIHL

Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President, ICRC (*remote*)

Eva Svoboda, Deputy Director of International Law, Humanitarian Diplomacy, & Policy, ICRC (*remote*)

PANEL DISCUSSION

3:30-5:00 pm CEST

***SCENE SETTER: MILITARY, HUMANITARIAN AND LEGAL CHALLENGES
DURING TRANSITION FROM CONFLICT TO NON-CONFLICT***

Chair: Edoardo Greppi, President, IIHL

- Stefano Pontecorvo, Ambassador, last NATO Senior Civilian Representative in Afghanistan
- Christian Cardon de Lichtbuer, Chief Protection Officer, ICRC (*remote*)
- David Mendelson, Brigadier General, Assistant Judge Advocate General for Military Law and Operations (MLO), United States Army

Thursday, 8th September

SESSION 2

9:00-10:30 am CEST

***HISTORICAL ANALYSIS OF CONFLICT-PEACE TRANSITION:
FROM SOLFERINO TO AFGHANISTAN***

Chair: Giorgio Battisti, Lt. General (retd), former Commanding General of the Italian Army Training and Doctrine Command; Vice-President, IIHL

- Keith Lowe, Freelance Military Historian
- Daniel Palmieri, Historical Research Officer, ICRC
- Oreste Foppiani, Visiting Fellow, European University Institute (*remote*)
- Iva Vukusic, Assistant Professor in International History at Utrecht University, and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Department of War Studies, King's College London (*remote*)

SESSION 3

11:00 am-12:30 pm CEST

***HUMANITARIAN ISSUES IN TRANSITION:
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE AND WHAT FOR?***

Chair: Heike Spieker, Director, Liaison Office, German Red Cross/German Federal Office For Civil Protection And Disaster Relief, German Red Cross; Council Member, IHL

- Hichem Khadraoui, Director of Operations, Geneva Call
- Barbara Scolart, Captain, Italian Army
- Kelisiana Thynne, Senior Legal Adviser, ICRC

SESSION 4

2:00-3:30 pm CEST

***LEGAL AND MILITARY CHALLENGES IN
NON-COMBATANT EVACUATION OPERATIONS (NEOS)***

Chair: Marja Lehto, Ambassador, Senior Expert of International Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland; Council Member, IHL

- Nadav Minkovsky, Lieutenant Colonel, Head of the Strategic Affairs Branch, International Law Department, IDF
- Chris Adair, Lieutenant Colonel, UK Army Legal Services (*remote*)
- Itay Epshtain, Special Advisor, Norwegian Refugee Council
- Ettore Martano, Captain, 1° Reggimento Carabinieri Paracadutisti “Tuscania”

SESSION 5

4:00-5:30 pm CEST

***LEGAL STATUS OF EVACUEES FROM NEOS AND
LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM***

Chair: Ludovica Glorioso, Major, NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence

- Gabriella Venturini, Professor Emerita, University of Milan; Council Member, IIHL
(*remote*)
- Aurvasi Patel, Deputy Director (Protection), Regional Bureau for Asia-Pacific, UNHCR
- Representative of the Italian Government (TBC)

Friday, 9th September

SESSION 6

9:00-10:30 am CEST

RESPONSIBILITY FOR REFUGEES AND IDPS IN THE TRANSITION

Chair: Claudio Delfabro, Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL

- Mathilde De Riedmatten, Global IDPs Advisor, ICRC
- Aurvasi Patel, Deputy Director (Protection), Regional Bureau Asia-Pacific, UNHCR
- Representative of EU Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations

SESSION 7

11:00-12:30 pm CEST

***PLANNING FOR POST-CONFLICT FROM THE MILITARY
AND HUMANITARIAN PERSPECTIVES:
NECESSARY INTERACTIONS BETWEEN ACTORS***

Chair: Nicole Hogg, Deputy Head of Law ICRC

- Godard Busingye, Brigadier general, Chief of Legal Services, Uganda People's Defence Force, Ministry of Defence and Veteran Affairs
- Francesca Dell'Acqua, Strategia Worldwide
- Sossi Tatikyan, Consultant on foreign and security policy, Armenia

SESSION 8

2:00-3:30 pm CEST

INFRASTRUCTURE AND REMNANTS OF WAR

Chair: Alex Taylor, Major General, CB, Director, UK Army Legal Services

- Mara Tignino, Reader, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva; Lead Legal Specialist of the Platform for International Water Law, Geneva Water Hub
- Nibras Fakhir Matrood Al Tameemi, Director, RMAC-S (Regional Mine Action Center – South)
- Eirini Giorgou, Legal Adviser, Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, ICRC
- Mariam Ismail, Representative on Armed Non-State Actors (ANSAs) and their activity, Geneva Call

CLOSING REMARKS

3:30-4:00 pm CEST

Edoardo Greppi, President, IIHL

Nils Melzer, Director of International Law, Policy & Humanitarian Diplomacy, ICRC; Vice-President, IIHL