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
7-9 SEPTEMBER 2022

PROGRAMME
Wednesday, 7th September

**OPENING SESSION**
2:00-3:00 pm CEST

**WELCOME ADDRESSES**
Alberto Biancheri, Mayor of Sanremo
Pasquale Ferrara, Ambassador, General Director for Political Affairs and International Security at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy *(remote)*
Pierpaolo Ribuffo, Rear Admiral, Maritime Commander – North, Italian Navy
Edoardo Greppi, President, IIHL
Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President, 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)*
- James Hill, Colonel, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa

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
SESSION 3
11:00 am-12:30 pm CEST

HUMANITARIAN AND LEGAL 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, IIHL

- Sara Gamha, Head of Region - Sahel, Geneva Call (remote)
- Barbara Scolart, Major, Italian Army; IIHL Member
- Kelisiana Thynne, Senior Legal Adviser, ICRC
- Nadav Minkovsky, Lieutenant Colonel, Head of the Strategic Affairs Branch, International Law Department, IDF

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, IIHL

- Chris Adair, Lieutenant Colonel, UK Army Legal Services (remote)
- Itay Epshtain, Special Advisor, Norwegian Refugee Council
- Ettore Martano, Captain, Commander, First Section of the Training Wing, First Regiment Carabinieri Paratrooper “Tuscania”, Italy

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
Cocktail offered to participants by the President of the Sanremo Institute
6:00 pm CEST at Villa Ormond

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
- Joanna Darmanin, Head of the Humanitarian Aid Thematic Policies Unit, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO) (remote)

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
- Mark Dakers, Colonel, UK Army; Director of the Military Department, International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- 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, Regional Operation Coordinator, Geneva Call

CLOSING REMARKS
3:30-4:00 pm CEST

Edoardo Greppi, President, IIHL
Eva Svoboda, Deputy Director of International Law, Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy, ICRC (remote)