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**XXXII<sup>ND</sup> ROUND TABLE ON CURRENT ISSUES  
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**NON-STATE ACTORS  
AND  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW.  
ORGANIZED ARMED GROUPS:  
A CHALLENGE FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

11-13 September 2009  
Sanremo, Italy



**DRAFT PROGRAMME**  
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## Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

11.00-12.30	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> - Opera Theatre of the Casino of the Municipality of Sanremo
<b>Opening addresses</b>	<b>Ambassador Maurizio MORENO</b> , President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo  <b>Hon. Vincenzo SCOTTI</b> , Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Rome  <b>Message of the President of the Republic of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano</b>
<b>Welcome address</b>	<b>Mr. Maurizio ZOCCARATO</b> , Mayor of Sanremo
<b>Keynote address</b>	<i>International Humanitarian Law and Non-State Actors</i> <b>Dr. Jakob KELLENBERGER</b> , President, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva
<b>Addresses</b>	<b>Mr. Peter TAKSØE-JENSEN</b> , Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, United Nations, New York  <b>Admiral Giampaolo DI PAOLA</b> , Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, Brussels  <b>General Pierre-Michel JOANA</b> , Special Advisor to the EU High Representative J.Solana for African Peacekeeping Capabilities, Brussels  <b>Dr. Francesco ROCCA</b> , Extraordinary Commissioner, Italian Red Cross, Rome
12.30-13.30	Informal Luncheon, Casino of the Municipality of Sanremo
13.30-18.00	<b>PLENARY SESSION, GRAND HOTEL LONDRA</b>
<b><u>Theme I</u></b>	<b><u>Understanding Organized Armed Groups</u></b>
<b><u>Moderator</u></b>	<b>Prof. Michel VEUTHEY</b> , Vice-President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Associate Professor, Institut du Droit de la Paix et du Développement, University of Nice – Sophia Antipolis
<b><u>Session 1</u></b> Speaker	<i>Characteristics and Motivations of Organized Armed Groups</i> <b>Ms Elisabeth DECREY WARNER</b> , President, Geneva Call, Geneva
<b><u>Session 2</u></b> Speaker	<i>The Status of Organized Armed Groups in contemporary Armed Conflicts</i> (to be designated)
<b><u>Session 3</u></b> Speaker	<i>Engaging and Negotiating with Organized Armed Groups: a Field Perspective</i> <b>Mr. Jacques DE MAIO</b> , Head of Operations for South Asia, ICRC, Geneva  Discussion
18.30-20.30	Reception, Royal Hotel

## Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

09.00-12.00	<b>PLENARY SESSION, GRAND HOTEL LONDRA</b>
<b><u>Theme II</u></b>	<b><u>Organized Armed Groups: Legal Obligations and Accountability</u></b>
<b><u>Moderator</u></b>	<b>Prof. Gabriella VENTURINI</b> , Professor of International Law, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Milan

Session 1

Speaker

*Humanitarian Law Obligations of Organized Armed Groups*

**Dr. Robin GEISS**, Legal Adviser, Legal Division, ICRC

Session 2

Speaker

*Human Rights Obligations of Organized Armed Groups*

**Prof. Andrew CLAPHAM**, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Session 3

Speaker

*Accountability of Organized Armed Groups*

**Prof. Liesbeth ZEGVELD**, Professor of International Humanitarian Law, Leiden University

Discussion

12.00-13.30

PLENARY SESSION, GRAND HOTEL LONDRA

Theme III

Private Military and Security Companies

Moderator

**Dr. Stefano SILVESTRI**, President, *Istituto Affari Internazionali*, Rome

Speakers

**Ambassador Paul SEGER**, Director, Legal Adviser, Directorate for Public International Law, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Geneva

**Dr. Philip SPOERRI**, Director for International Law and Cooperation within the Movement, International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva – Member, IIHL

13.30-15.00

Informal Luncheon, Grand Hotel Londra

15.00-18.00

PLENARY SESSION, GRAND HOTEL LONDRA

Theme IV

New Forms of Violence: Challenges to the International Legal Framework

Moderator

**Prof. Fausto POCAR**, Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague - Vice-President, IIHL

Session 1

Speaker

*Transnational Violence*

**Prof. Claus KRESS**, Professor for Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, International Criminal Law and Public International Law, University of Cologne

Session 2

Speaker

*The Problem of Terrorism and Criminalization*

**Mr Gabor RONA**, International Legal Director, Human Rights First, Former Legal Adviser to the ICRC, Geneva

Session 3

Speaker

*The Special Issue of Piracy*

**Prof. Wolf HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG**, Dean, Faculty of Law, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt – Council Member, IIHL

19:30

Concert for Peace, Villa Ormond

20:30

Official Dinner, Villa Ormond

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

09.00-12.00

PLENARY SESSION, GRAND HOTEL LONDRA

Theme V

The Specific Role of Non-Governmental Organizations: how to better ensure Compliance with International Humanitarian Law

**Moderator** **Prof. Marie G. JACOBSSON**, Associate Professor, Principal Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm – Council Member, IIHL

**Session 1** **Speaker** *Creating Incentives for Compliance: between Amnesty and Criminalisation*  
**Ms Priscilla HAYNER**, Director of the Geneva Office of the International Center for Transitional Justice

**Session 2** **Speaker** *Disseminating and Implementing International Humanitarian Law within Organized Armed Groups*  
**Dr. Olivier BANGERTER**, Unit for the Relations with Armed and Security Forces, ICRC, Geneva

**Session 3** **Speaker** *Involving Organized Armed Groups in the Development of the Law?*  
**Prof. Marco SASSOLI**, Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva

Discussion

**Concluding remarks** **Prof. Fausto POCAR**, Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague - Vice-President, IIHL

12.00-13.00 *Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions and of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of the idea of the Red Cross, the battle of Solferino.*

**Ambassador Silvio FAGIOLO**, Former Permanent Representative of Italy to the EU, Professor, International Relations, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome

**Prof. Jacques FORSTER**, Former Vice-President, ICRC – Council Member, IIHL (to be confirmed)

#### **Co-ordinators of the Round Table**

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