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## Third Meetings of Defence Offices at the International Criminal Courts

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### THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2015

**08:45 Reception and Registration – Room 1160**

**09:15 Opening of the 3rd Meetings and Welcome Speeches**

**Chair of the session :** Mr. François Roux, Head of the Defence Office of the STL

Mr. Jean-Marc Carnicé, President of the Geneva Bar

Ms. Christine Chappuis, Dean of the Faculty of law of the University of Geneva

Mr. Nicolas Michel, President of the Board of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

**10:00 Introduction**

**Chair of the session :** Mr. Iain Edwards, lawyer at the Bar of England and Wales and Defence Counsel before the STL

**Round Table: Overview of the issues faced by the defence before the international criminal tribunals during the past year**

**ICC:** Mr. Xavier-Jean Keita, Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence and Ms. Catherine Mabile, lawyer at the Paris Bar, Defence Counsel

**ICTY/MICT:** Ms. Fiana Reinhardt, Head of the Office for Legal Aid and Defence Matters and Mr. Michael Karnavas, lawyer at the Alaska Bar, Defence Counsel

**ECCC:** Mr. Isaac Endeley, Chief of the Defence Support Section and Ms. Anta Guissé, lawyer at the Paris Bar, Defence Counsel

**STL:** Ms. Héleyn Uñac, Deputy Head of the Defence Office and Mr. Emile Aoun, lawyer at the Beirut Bar, Defence Counsel

**11:20 Coffee Break**

**11:30 Challenges faced by the defence (by topic)**

11:30 Presentation of the six topics and the methodology to be followed to identify the challenges faced by the defence arising from those topics, by Mr. Johann Soufi, Head of the Legal Advisory Section of the Defence Office of the STL

11:40 Identification of the challenges by the participants divided into 6 working groups (rooms 1160, 3020, 4020 et 5020)

**12:45 Lunch break**



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### 14:30 Round table on the challenges identified (room 6050)

**Chair of the Session:** Ms. Colleen Rohan, President of ADC-ICTY

*Each presentation will be followed by a discussion among all participants in order to find concrete solutions to the challenges.*

14:30 **Topic 1: The respect of adversarial proceedings and the equality of arms before international and national criminal jurisdictions – Rapporteur :** *Mr. Daniel Kinzer, lawyer at the Geneva Bar*

15:00 **Topic 2: The defence of the Defence before international and national criminal jurisdictions – Rapporteur:** *Ms. Aurélie Roche-Mair, Director of the Hague Office of the International Bar Association*

15:30 **Topic 3: The representation by lawyers of accused against their will or in their absence – Rapporteur :** *Dr. Antonios Abou Kasm, lawyer at the Beirut Bar and Defence Counsel before the STL*

16:00 **Break**

16:15 **Topic 4 : The independence of lawyers before the international criminal tribunals – Rapporteur :** *Mr. Vincent Courcelle-Labrousse, lawyer at the Paris Bar and Defence Counsel before the STL*

16:45 **Topic 5 : The faith of persons acquitted by international criminal tribunals : involvement of lawyers, institutions and States – Rapporteur :** *Ms. Saskia Ditisheim, lawyer at the Geneva Bar and President of Lawyers Without Borders Switzerland*

17:15 **Topic 6 : Training of lawyers to new technologies – Rapporteur :** *Ms. Paula Lynch, Case manager of the Defence office of the STL*

17:45 **End of the discussions**

18:30 **Visit of the Alabama Room (Geneva Town Hall, where the first Geneva Convention was signed) followed by an aperitif**  
*In the presence of Mr. Pierre Maudet, State Councilor, Minister of Justice of the Canton of Geneva*



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### FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 2015 (room 6050)

9:30 **Chair of the session:** Mr. Salim Jreissati, lawyer at the Beirut Bar, former Minister, former member of the Lebanese Constitutional Council

Presentation on « The Role of the United Nations in the creation of the international criminal tribunals » by Mr. Nicolas Michel, President of the Board of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

10:00 Debate

10:45 Summary of the challenges faced by the defence before the international criminal tribunals and of the proposed solutions presented the previous day – by Mr. François Roux, Head of the Defence Office of the STL

11:15 Coffee Break

11:30 **Chair of the session :** Mr. Georges Jreij, President of the Beirut Bar, Lebanon

Adoption of a common declaration

12:30 **Departure for the lunch at L'Ariana (offered by the Geneva Bar)**

14:30 Closure of the Meetings

16:30 Free visit of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, where there is a temporary exhibition on "Gandhi and the Images of Nonviolence"

*N.B. The International Criminal Bar informed the organizers that it wishes to invite the participants to a cocktail, on Friday, October 23 2015, from 19:00 to 21:30 in the reception room of Radio Télévision Suisse (RTS).*



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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Event location:

Address of the Faculty of Law of the University of Geneva : UNI MAIL, 40 Bd. du Pont-d'Arve, 1205 Geneva

### How to get there by public transport:

#### **Transport:**

Tramway 12 (stop Pont d'Arve), tramway 15 (stop Uni Mail) ou Bus 1 (stop Pont d'Arve).

#### **Room 1160 (morning of Thursday 22 October):**

If you arrive by tramway at the Faculty of law, Room 1160 is on the left, on the first floor, opposite to the cafeteria. If you arrive from the park, Room 1160 is at the back of the building, on the right, on the first floor.

Signposts placed in the Faculty of Law will indicate the way to Room 1160.

*Kindly not that the afternoon of 22 October and the morning of 23 October will take place in room 6050.*

### Interpretation:

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in French and English during the event.

### Contact during the event:

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### Certificate of participation

Kindly indicate to us if you wish to receive a certificate of participation for the purpose of professional training by email at the following address : [stl-defence@un.org](mailto:stl-defence@un.org)