

CURRICULUM
FOURTH COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS (CAJP)
[AG/RES. 2507 (XXXIX-O/09)]

Padilla Vidal Room
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General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2507 (XXXIX-O/09), "Promotion of International Humanitarian Law," requires that the OAS Office of International Law, in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), organize a fourth course on international humanitarian law (IHL) for staff of the permanent missions, the General Secretariat, and students of IHL.

This fourth course will last one day and cover two topics of principal importance for diplomats and other practitioners, as well as those interested in this body of law:

[Registration: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.]

I. Opening Remarks and Structure of the Course:

9:30 - 9:45 a.m.

Ambassador Jorge Skinner-Klee
Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs and
Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the Organization of American States

Mary Werntz
Head of Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada, International Committee of
the Red Cross

Dante Negro
Director, Department of International Law
Organization of American States

II. PART ONE: Introduction to International Humanitarian Law:

Ximena Medellin, Notre Dame University Law School

9:45 - 10:00 a.m.

- Video (13 min.): *International Humanitarian Law: A Universal Code*, ICRC 2009

10:00 - 11:00 a.m

- Basic introduction to the set of norms applicable in times of armed conflict, and designed to protect people who are not, or no longer, participating in hostilities, as well as to limit the means and methods of warfare.
- Questions and answers (10:45 - 11:00 a.m.)

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- Group Exercise: Classifying conflicts.

Lunch Break: 12:00 - 1:30p.m.

III. PART TWO: IHL and other norms in armed conflict and other situations of violence:

Ramon Cadena, San Carlos University of Guatemala, and Director of the International Commission of Jurists Office for Central America

Pascal Progin, Delegate to the Armed and Security Forces in Latin America, International Committee of the Red Cross

1:30 - 2:30 p.m

- Convergence and divergence of international humanitarian law and human rights law regulating the use of force and the protection of persons in armed conflict and other situations of violence.
- Challenges in the implementation of IHL in light of new types of armed violence and new types of armed actors, including challenges to public security.
- Consequences and risks in applying international norms regulating the use of force and the protection of persons in situations of armed violence.
- Questions and answers (2:15 – 2:30p.m.)

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

- Group Exercise: Identifying norms regulating the use of force and the protection of persons in contemporary situations of violence

3:30 - 4:00 p.m.

- Role of the International Committee of the Red Cross in armed conflicts and other situations of violence around the world.

*Patrick Zahnd, Regional Legal Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean,
International Committee of the Red Cross*

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

- Overall questions and answers

IV. Closing session

4:30 - 4:45 p.m.

- Jean Michel Arrighi, Secretary, Secretariat for Legal Affairs