
AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW
[AG/RES. 2507 (XXXIX-O/09)]

Date: January 29, 2010
Washington, D.C.
Simón Bolívar Room

Puruant to General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2507 (XXXIX-O/09), “Promotion of and Respect for International Humanitarian Law,” the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, in coordination with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and with the assistance of the OAS Department of International Law, will organize a special meeting on international humanitarian law (IHL).

Morning session (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

I. Opening Remarks:

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- Jorge Skinner-Klee, Permanent Representative of Guatemala to the OAS
Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs
- Jean Michel Arrighi, Secretary, Secretariat for Legal Affairs
- Dante Negro, Director, Department of International Law

II. 60th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions – Views from the Field

9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

- Patricia Danzi, Head of Operations for Latin America and the Caribbean, ICRC

III. 60th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions – Status of the Implementation of IHL in the Americas

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

- Patrick Zahnd, Legal Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean, ICRC

IV. Model Law on International Humanitarian Law – Update from the Inter-American Juridical Committee

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

- Presentation by the Inter-American Juridical Committee

V. IHL Progress Reports by Member States

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Presentations by the Member States.

Afternoon session [high-level dialogue] (2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

I. Drafting national legislation on missing persons

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

- Dr. Víctor Cubas Villanueva, lawyer and author specialized in criminal law and criminal procedures. Professor of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú and the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos. Superior Prosecutor in the First National Prosecutor's Office of the Public Ministry.

- Mr. Olivier Dubois, Deputy Head of the Protection Department, ICRC

- High-level dialogue, Permanent Representatives

II. The Organization of American States and the United Nations

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- Cristina Pellandini, Advisor for Multilateral Diplomacy, ICRC

- High-level dialogue, Permanent Representatives

III. Closing Ceremony

5:00 p.m.