

PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

OEA/Ser.G
CP/CAJP-3557/21 rev. 4
27 April 2021
Original: Spanish

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING ON TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST
IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

(April 29, 2021)

(Approved by the CAJP on February 18, 2021)

SPECIAL MEETING ON TOPICS OF CURRENT INTEREST
IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Place: Virtual

General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20), “Promotion of and respect for international humanitarian law,” instructed the General Secretariat to continue strengthening cooperation between the OAS and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in promoting respect for international humanitarian law and the principles that govern that law; and instructed the Permanent Council to hold a special meeting in the first half of 2021 on topics of current interest in international humanitarian law, such as the applicability of this regulation to the issue of lethal autonomous weapons.

AGENDA

1. Opening remarks
 - [Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs](#), Ambassador Josué Fiallo, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic
 - Remarks by the Director of the Department of International Law, OAS General Secretariat, Dante Negro: [Presentation](#)
2. Follow-up on the pledges and resolutions from the XXXIII International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent and in particular the resolution on national implementation of international humanitarian law, including the meeting and digital platform of national commissions.
 - Report by [Romina Morello](#) ICRC Regional Legal Advisor for the Americas, on recent developments in IHL: [Presentation](#)
 - Comments by delegations of the member states
3. Topic of current interest in international humanitarian law
 - Presentation by [Helen Obregón Gieseken](#), ICRC Legal Advisor, on “[Guidelines on the Protection of the Natural Environment in Armed Conflict](#)”: [Presentation](#)
 - Presentation by [Maya Brehm](#), legal adviser in the ICRC Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, on the topic: “New technologies: autonomous weapons systems:”^{1/}: [Presentation](#)
 - Comments by delegations of the member states

1. https://www.icrc.org/en/download/file/121024/icrc_sipri_limits_on_autonomy_june_2020.pdf

Romina Morello
Regional Legal Advisor for the Americas
International Committee of the Red Cross

Romina Morello is the Regional Legal Advisor for the Americas of the ICRC. She focuses, inter alia, on coordinating the ICRC



Maya Brehm
Legal Adviser
International Committee of the Red Cross

Maya Brehm is a legal adviser in the Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit of the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Her present work focuses on IHL questions raised by new technologies of warfare, including increasing autonomy in weapons systems, and on the promotion of responsible arms transfers. Before joining the ICRC, Maya worked as a researcher, lecturer and policy advisor for academic institutions, civil society organizations and UN bodies in the fields of humanitarian action, disarmament and human rights. Maya holds an MA in international relations and an LLM in international humanitarian law.