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SIXTH COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

[AG/RES. 2795 (XLIII-O/13)]

Thursday, January 30, 2014

Padilha Vidal Room, OAS General Services Building  
1889 F Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

AGENDA

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I. Introduction

General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2795 (XLIII-O/13), “Promotion of and Respect for International Humanitarian Law,” requests “the General Secretariat to organize, within the framework of the CAJP, through the Department of International Law and in coordination with the ICRC, a course for member states, staff of the OAS, and the general public, in order to promote knowledge of and respect for international humanitarian law and related regional instruments, including measures for their effective implementation.”

New settings for conflict pose challenges for the enforcement and observance of international humanitarian law—challenges such as in the categorization of conflict, the means and methods used for warfare, and their humanitarian consequences.

The morning session will cover the application of international humanitarian law in the face of the changing nature of armed conflict today. The introduction of new technologies into the conduct of warfighting is raising concerns about morality and the very nature of warfare. For example, unmanned aircraft, some equipped with lethal weaponry, and cyberspace may facilitate military operations. The afternoon session will address the challenges to the application of international humanitarian law posed by the introduction of such new technologies.

In this context, the Sixth Course proposes to present concepts with a view to analyzing the applicable standards and principles in terms of humanitarian impact as well as the legal framework in the conduct of hostilities in the new settings described.

II. Course Proceedings

i. **Opening Remarks and Course Structure** 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.:

- *Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs*
- *Patrick Zahnd*  
Regional Legal Advisor for Latin American and the Caribbean  
International Committee of the Red Cross
- *Dante Negro*  
Director, Department of International Law  
General Secretariat of the OAS

ii. **Morning Session: Legal Frameworks on the Conduct of Hostilities in Armed Conflicts** 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

- *Lecture and Interactive Exercises*  
  
*Alejandro Valencia Villa*  
Professor and independent consultant on human rights, humanitarian law and transitional justice in Colombia  
  
*Alejandra Ortiz*  
Legal Advisor  
Regional Delegation for Mexico, Central America and Cuba  
International Committee of the Red Cross

iii. **Afternoon Session: International Humanitarian Law: Challenges Concerning the Use of New Arms and Technologies.** 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

- *Lecture and Interactive Exercises*  
  
*Gary Brown*  
Legal Advisor  
Regional Delegation for the United States and Canada  
International Committee of the Red Cross

iv. **Closing Remarks.** 5:30 p.m.

- *Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs*