

Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights organizes an informal breakfast discussion on the topic as part of the Geneva Academy IEDs platform*

2018 UNSG report on IEDs: towards a comprehensive report

Date: 19 April 2018, 8.45 am – 11.00 am

Venue: Villa Moynier, 120B rue de Lausanne (*parking Villa Barton or Perle du Lac*)

Context: OP27 of resolution A/RES/72/36 (2017) requests the SG to issue before the 73rd session of the GA First Committee a report: “*acknowledging and taking into account existing efforts, both inside and outside the United Nations, and seeking the views of Member States*”. UNODA invited states to give their views on before 15 May. There is however no indication as to how the report will take into account non-UN, non-state inputs on the efforts that OP27 refers to. Those entities at stake here are primarily the civil society and the private sector. These two aspects were indeed not given sufficient consideration in the global efforts to stem the use of IEDs.

Concept: In the presence of the Desk officer of UNODA (New York) responsible for the first draft of the SG report, the Geneva Academy wishes to a mixed group of states, private sector stakeholders and civil society actors to take part in an informal breakfast discussion on the forthcoming SG report.

Participation: We have invited a mix group of persons representing all the stakeholders mentioned above as well as some states.

AGENDA

8h45-9h00: Introduction & Welcome by H.E. French Ambassador Ms. Alice Guitton

9h00-9h55 Session 1

- Introductions & substantive tour de table
- Each participant introduce its work and possible expectations about content of the forthcoming SG report
- UNODA NY Representative: kick off remarks; what possible focus/angle on CSOs and private sector work in the 2018 SG report?
- UNIDIR Representative: sharing thoughts on UNIDIR’s work on IEDs with respect to the private sector, will share information about Operative Paragraph 25 of

RES/72/36 on developing a voluntary self-assessment tool to assist States in identifying gaps and challenges in their national regulation regarding IEDs.

10h00- 11h00 Session 2

- The views of Private Sector Representatives: open for discussion
- What civil society could bring more to the SG report (remarks from representatives CSOs) : open for discussion
- Closing and conclusions.

Coffee & croissants and & soft drinks will be served as of 08h30 and will made permanently available for participants.

Housekeeping Rules and conduct of the meeting:

Villa Moynier Rule for confidence ruling the discussions:

Rule 1. Discussions during and on the margins of the meeting are strictly confidential. A participant is free to report his/her own comments but may not cite or summarize remarks by any other participant.

Rule 2. The identity of the participants is confidential. An individual participant is free to refer to his/her own participation in the meeting, but may not identify any other participant.

Please also be reminded that the names of all the participants will be circulated.

Please correct yours and indicate to the organizers whether you wish that your email to be distributed within the other participants.

- I. Please kindly be reminded about the interactive nature of the seminar – everybody who wants to participate – shall raise his or her nameplate or if urgent and very relevant comment : could wave its nameplate
- II. Please stick to short, to the point presentations and interventions to secure interaction
- III. Wi-Fi is available for the meeting.

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