



**ICRC**

**The Notion of Direct Participation in Hostilities  
under International Humanitarian Law**

**Agenda**

**Fourth Informal Expert Meeting  
International Committee of the Red Cross  
TMC Asser Institute**

**Geneva, Switzerland, 27 / 28 November 2006**

# Monday, 27 November 2006

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## Welcome

9.00 – 10.30

### Opening Session

- Welcome
- Introduction and discussion

10.30 – 10.50

### Coffee Break

## Personal Scope: The Concept of "Civilian"

10.50 – 12.30

### Working Session I

- International Armed Conflict
- Non-International Armed Conflict
- Private Contractors and Civilian Employees

12.30 – 14.00

### Lunch

14.00 – 15.45

### Working Session II

- Continuation of discussion from Working Session I

15.45 – 16.15

### Coffee Break

## Substantive Scope: "Direct Participation in Hostilities"

16.15 – 18.00

### Working Session III

- Direct Participation in Hostilities as a Specific Act
- Constitutive Elements of Direct Participation in Hostilities
- Beginning and End of Direct Participation in Hostilities

18.30

### Cocktails

19.30

### Dinner

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## Tuesday, 28 November 2006

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**08.30 – 10.00**

### **Working Session IV**

- Continuation of discussion from Working Session III

**10.00 – 10.20**

### **Coffee Break**

**10.20 – 11.50**

### **Working Session V**

- Continuation of discussion from Working Session IV

**11.50 – 13.00**

### **Lunch**

## **Modalities of the Suspension of Civilian Protection**

**13.00 – 14.30**

### **Working Session VI**

- The "Revolving Door" of Protection
- Precautions and Presumptions in Situations of Doubt
- Practical Relevance of the Principles of Military Necessity and of Humanity
- Consequences of Regaining Civilian Protection

**14.30 – 14.50**

### **Coffee Break**

**14.50 – 16.00**

### **Working Session VII**

- Continuation of discussion from Working Session III

**16.00 – 17.00**

### **Conclusion / Way Forward**

**17.00**

### **Farewell Drinks**

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