



# FIFTH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

## PROGRAMME

*President Hotel, Minsk, 18-20 March 2015*



## WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2015

10:00 – 10:30

### OPENING CEREMONY

Oleg Slizhevsky, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Belarus

Pascal Cuttat, Head of the ICRC Regional Delegation in the Russian Federation, Belarus and Moldova

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee break (press-spot, group photo)

### INTRODUCTION MODULE

11:00 – 11:15

#### OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

*Anastasia Kushleyko, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Eastern Europe and Central Asia*

11:15 – 11:40

#### CURRENT CHALLENGES FACED BY THE ICRC IN RESPONDING TO HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS AND PRIORITIES FOR THE REGION

*Bruno Husquinet, Deputy Head of the ICRC Regional Delegation in the Russian Federation, Belarus and Moldova*

11:40 – 12:00

#### QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

### MODULE 1

#### REGIONAL APPROACH: CURRENT TRENDS IN THE PROCESS OF IHL IMPLEMENTATION

Chairperson

Anastasia Kushleyko, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Eastern Europe and Central Asia

12.00 – 15.30

PROGRESS PANEL DISCUSSION: RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE  
*Presentations by the participants (7-10 minutes per country)*

12.00 – 13.00	PART 1
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	PART 2
15.00 – 15.30	DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
MODULE 2	MISSING PERSONS: TOWARDS THE CREATION OF AN ADEQUATE LEGAL FRAMEWORK
Chairperson:	Ximena Londoño, Legal Adviser, ICRC Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law
16.00 – 16.20	EXPERIENCE OF WORKING TOWARDS THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK. EXAMPLE FROM THE REGION. <i>Leila Sydykova, head of the Working group on Penal Code reform under the Presidential Administration, National Institute of Strategic Studies of Kyrgyzstan</i>
16.20 – 16.40	EXPERIENCE OF MECHANISMS ON MISSING PERSONS <i>Jelena Milosevic Lepotic, ICRC Regional Coordinator on issues relating to missing persons and their families, ICRC Tbilisi</i>
16.40 – 17.00	DATA PROTECTION RELATED CHALLENGES <i>Massimo Marelli, Lawyer/Head of Data Protection Project, Communication &amp; Information Management Department, ICRC HQ</i>
17.00 – 18.00	WORK IN GROUPS
18.00 – 18.30	REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS
19.30	RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE ICRC PHOTO EXHIBITION “HUMANITY THROUGH THE AGES” AND OPENING OF THE SEMINAR



# Thursday, 19 March 2015

<b>MODULE 3</b>	<b>REVIEWING THE AGENDA OF THE 32ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT</b>
<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Viktor Kolbanov, Secretary General of the Belarus Red Cross Society</b>
<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	<b>DETENTION TRACK: THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS DEPRIVED OF THEIR LIBERTY IN RELATION TO NON-INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICT</b> <i>Jean-Francois Queguiner, Head of the Thematic Legal Advisers' Unit, Legal Division, ICRC HQ</i>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	<b>COMPLIANCE TRACK: MECHANISMS FOR STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE WITH IHL</b> <i>Jean-Francois Queguiner, Head of the Thematic Legal Advisers' Unit, Legal Division, ICRC HQ</i>
<b>11.00 – 11.30</b>	<b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b>
<b>11.30 – 11.50</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11.50 – 12.10</b>	<b>HEALTH CARE IN DANGER PROJECT</b> <i>Ximena Londoño, Legal Adviser, Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law, ICRC HQ</i>
<b>12.10 – 12.30</b>	<b>SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN ARMED CONFLICTS</b> <i>Ximena Londoño, Legal Adviser, Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law, ICRC HQ</i>
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS</b>
<b>13.00 – 14.00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>MODULE 4</b>	<b>ARMS AND IHL – RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE CHALLENGES</b>
<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>Elena Zolotaryova, Adviser of the Council of Defence Ministers of the Commonwealth of Independent States</b>
<b>14.00 – 14.20</b>	<b>THE ARMS TRADE TREATY – MILESTONE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE REACHED, WHAT LIES AHEAD</b> <i>Gilles Giacca, Legal Adviser, Arms Unit, ICRC HQ</i>
<b>14.20 – 14.40</b>	<b>THE ERA OF CYBER WARFARE: APPLYING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW</b> <i>Andrey Kozik, Professor of International Law, Belarus, Member of the Board of Directors of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (Brussels).</i>
<b>14.40 – 15.00</b>	<b>AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS SYSTEMS UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW</b> <i>Gilles Giacca, Legal Adviser, Arms Unit, ICRC HQ</i>
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

**MODULE 5** **IHL IMPLEMENTATION, TEACHING AND RESEARCH – DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION, TOOLS AND COOPERATION**

**Chairperson:** **Tatiana Filatova, Head of the Division on Elaboration of Legislative Acts, Chief Division on Legislation, Secretary of the National Committee on Implementation of IHL, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova**

**16.00 – 16.20** **OVERVIEW OF THE PROCESS OF IHL INTEGRATION INTO THE CURRICULUM**  
*Nalalia Sokolova, Doctor of Law, Professor, Chair of International Law, Kutafin Moscow State Law University*

**16.20 – 17.00** **NEW TOOLS AVAILABLE IN IHL RESEARCH AND TEACHING**  
*Anastasia Kushleyko, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Eastern Europe and Central Asia*

**17.00 – 17.20** **OSCE OFFICE FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WAR CRIMES JUSTICE PROJECT: SUPPORTING SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN JUSTICE ACTORS IN PROSECUTING AND ADJUDICATING WAR CRIMES CASES**  
*Nathalie Tran, Rule of Law Officer, ODIHR Democratization Department*

**17.20 – 17.45** **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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# Friday 20 March 2015

## MODULE 6 NATIONAL IHL IMPLEMENTATION MECHANISMS

**Chairperson:** Alexei Barbuk, Head of the Division of International Treaties, Main Treaties Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, member of the Commission on IHL Implementation of the Republic of Belarus

**09.00 – 10.30** OVERVIEW OF THE PRIORITIES, CHALLENGES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSIONS IN THE REGION

*WORK IN GROUPS*

**10.30 – 11.00** Coffee break

**11.00 – 12.00** REPORTS FROM THE WORKING GROUPS

**12.00 – 12.20** MODEL LEGISLATION OF THE INTERPARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE CIS NATIONS (IPA CIS) IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

*Eugenia Vladimirova, Adviser-Secretary of the Permanent Commission on Human Rights and Social Policy, IPA CIS*

**12.20 – 13.00** NEW TOOLS FOR IHL IMPLEMENTATION

*Ximena Londoño, Legal Adviser, Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law, ICRC HQ*

*Anastasia Kushleyko, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Eastern Europe and Central Asia*

**13.00 – 13.30** GENERAL CONCLUSION AND CLOSING CEREMONY

**13.30 – 14.15** Lunch

**14.30** CULTURAL PROGRAMME

**BUS EXCURSION TO MIR CASTLE - NESVIZH PALACE**

*(Tour to the most valuable monuments of Belarus: Mir Castle (UNESCO World Heritage Site), and palace-park complex in Nesvizh)*