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Conference on War in Cities: Searching for practical solutions to the contemporary challenges

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The Belgian Red Cross and
The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
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**25 April 2019
Residence Palace
155 rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels**

AGENDA

8:45 – 9:15 **Registration and welcome coffee**

9:15 – 9:30 **Welcome and general introduction**

Mrs Lieve Pellens, President of the Belgian
Interministerial Commission for
Humanitarian Law

PANEL I. War in Cities: Setting the Scene

9:30 – 10:10

Chair: Mrs Lieve Pellens, President of the Belgian
Interministerial Commission for
Humanitarian Law

Speakers: Darren Stewart, Head of Operational Law,
British Armed Forces (20 min)

Dominique Loye, Deputy Director of the
Department of International Law and Policy,
ICRC (20 min)

10:10 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 – 12:05 **PANEL II. Practical implementation of the principle of
precaution in urban conflicts**

Chair: Vaios Koutroulis, Free University of Brussels
(10 min)

	<p>Speaker: Randy Bagwell TBC (25 min), Retired Colonel, US Army</p> <p>Commentators: Colonel Koval (Head of Legal Service, Ukrainian armed forces) (15 min)</p> <p>Andrés Muñoz Mosquera, ACO Legal Advisor, NATO (15 min)</p>
12:05 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Conference lunch
13:30 – 14:35	PANEL III: Legal and operational challenges related to methods and means of warfare in urban conflicts
	<p>Chair: Mr Paul Berman, Director External Relations Legal Service, EU Council TBC (10 min)</p> <p>Speaker: Colonel Alex Roose and Captain Marie Van Hoofstaat Belgian Ministry of Defence (25 min)</p> <p>Commentators: Roland Evans, Advisor, Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (15 min)</p> <p>Stéphane Kolanowski, Senior Legal Advisor, ICRC (15 min)</p>
14:35 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break

15:30 – 16:35

PANEL IV: Challenges raised by contemporary urban conflicts in humanitarian action

Chair: Emanuela-Chiara Gillard, University of Oxford (10 min)

Speaker: Patrick Hamilton, Deputy Director for Middle-East, ICRC (25 min)

Commentators: Ben Klappe, Army legal service of Netherlands (15 min)

Ezequiel Heffes, Geneva Call (15 min)

16:35 – 17:00

Discussion

17:00 – 17:20

Closing Remarks

Walter Füllemann, Head of the ICRC Delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium