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CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY INITIATIVE

FULFILLING THE DICTATES OF PUBLIC CONSCIENCE: MOVING FORWARD WITH A CONVENTION ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

Villa Moynier
Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
Geneva, Switzerland

May 16-17, 2014

Friday, May 16

14:30 **Registration table opens**

15:00-15:15 **Welcome Remarks**

- **Professor Andrew Clapham** and **Professor Paola Gaeta**, Directors of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Professor Leila Nadya Sadat**, Director, Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, Washington University School of Law

15:15-16:30 **Panel 1: Historical Movement toward Codification of Crimes Against Humanity**

- **Chair: Ambassador Hussein A. Hassouna**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor M. Cherif Bassiouni**, Emeritus Professor of Law; President Emeritus of the International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University College of Law
- **Professor Sean D. Murphy**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor Leila Nadya Sadat**, Washington University School of Law

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16:30-16:45 **Coffee Break**

16:45-18:00 **Panel 2: The Core Elements of a Convention**

- **Chair: Ms. Marie G. Jacobsson**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor Diane Marie Amann**, Emily and Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law, University of Georgia School of Law
- **Professor Vera Gowlland-Debbas**, Honorary Professor, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and University College London
- **Judge O-Gon Kwon**, Judge and former Vice-President, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia

19:00 **Dinner at la Perle du Lac, Salon Orangerie**

Crimes Against Humanity and International Criminal Justice – reflections on a journey from Nuremberg to Rome and beyond

Ambassador Patricia O'Brien, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations, Geneva; former UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel

Saturday, May 17

9:00-9:30 **Breakfast**

9:30-10:45 **Panel 3: What Provisions for Avoiding Impunity?**

- **Chair: Mr. Mahmoud D. Hmoud**, UN International Law Commission
- **Professor Andrew Clapham**, Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
- **Mr. Hugo Relva**, Legal Adviser, Amnesty International
- **Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert**, International Criminal Court

10:45-11:00 **Coffee Break**

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- 11:00-12:15 **Panel 4: What Provisions for Promoting Inter-State Cooperation?**
- **Chair: Ambassador Kirill Gevorgian**, UN International Law Commission
 - **Professor Olympia Bekou**, Professor of Public International Law, University of Nottingham School of Law
 - **Professor Robert Cryer**, Professor of International and Criminal Law, Birmingham Law School
 - **Professor Larissa Van den Herik**, Professor of Public International Law, Leiden Law School
- 12:15-13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:00-14:15 **Panel 5: Should There Be Any Institutional Mechanisms?**
- **Chair: Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina**, UN International Law Commission
 - **Mr. Jean-Marie Henckaerts**, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross
 - **Ms. Mona Rishmawi**, Chief of the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
 - **Professor William A. Schabas**, Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, London
- 14:15-14:30 **Coffee Break**
- 14:30-15:45 **Panel 6: The Political Path Forward: What Prospects for Governmental Adoption of a Well-Crafted Convention?**
- **Chair: Dr. Ernest Petrič**, UN International Law Commission
 - **Ambassador Tiina Intelmann**, President, Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the ICC; former Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UN
 - **Professor Nicolas Michel**, Geneva University Law Faculty and the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; former UN Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel
 - **Professor Jane Stromseth**, Deputy to U.S. Ambassador-At-Large for War Crime Issues, Office of Global Criminal Justice, U.S. Department of State
- 15:45 **Closing Remarks**
- **Ambassador Hans Corell**, former UN Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs and UN Legal Counsel