



UNIVERSITIES NETWORK FOR CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JURISDICTION AND CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

18 May - 28 July 2023

THE AIM OF THE COURSE

The Advanced Training Course organized by the Universities Network intends to develop the skills of legal professionals in the field of international justice on issues related to children affected by armed conflicts.

In the past decade alone, armed conflicts are estimated to have claimed the lives of over two million children and physically maimed six million more. Conflict deprives children of parents, care-givers, basic social services, health care and education. There are some twenty million displaced and refugee children, as well as one million orphans, while others are held hostage, abducted or trafficked. Thousands of boys and girls are used as soldiers in armed conflicts around the world.

Children have special short and long term post-conflict needs, such as for tracing of family members, redress and social reintegration, psycho-social rehabilitation programmes, participation in disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration programmes, as well as a quest for justice within transitional justice frameworks and at the national and international level. However, while increasing efforts are undertaken at the international level to address crimes against and affecting children's, as well as the victimisation suffered, in many situations, there remains a climate of impunity for those committing crimes against children.

The Advanced Training Course aims at bringing conceptual clarity to the issue of children and justice in times of armed conflict by, analysing the evolution of the rights of children, the relevant legal provisions and the current status of the practice at the international level. The Course will focus on the phenomenon of children in armed conflict and present the legal basis for the protection of children in armed conflict in Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law. Specific attention will be given to the crimes committed against and affecting children, including sexual and gender-based crimes. The role of the International Criminal Court will be explored, namely in investigating and prosecuting crimes against and affecting children and the participation of victims in the proceedings; as well as the sociological and psychological approach to children affected by armed conflict and involved in criminal proceedings and their protection.



STRUCTURE OF THE COURSE

The Course – structured in two modules - will be held **in English**. The approach will be theoretical and practical, and it will include analysis of relevant case law.

Lessons will be given by leading international experts and practitioners with experience in national and international proceedings, including before international organizations, International Tribunals and the International Criminal Court. The sessions will consist of keynote lectures followed by discussions through questions and answer session aiming at stimulating interaction among participants. Each session will be broadcast live on a dedicated digital platform. In addition, during the Course, participants will have access to video recordings of all sessions via a dedicated online page.

The Course will take place two days per week on Thursdays and Fridays. Each lecture will last two or three hours per day depending on the topics to be addressed. The total duration of the Course is 50 hours.

The *first module* will focus on the phenomenon of children in armed conflict and it will analyse the development of Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law, particularly in the field of the protection of children and youth.

The *second module* will focus on the different international justice mechanisms available to protect the rights of children in armed conflict, the sociological and psychological approach to children affected by armed conflict and the International Criminal Court.

At the end of each module, trainees will be required to perform a written test in English on the subjects dealt with during the relevant module. Trainees will have to attend at least 80% of the Course to obtain the Certificate and successfully pass both written tests.

At the end of the Course, the Scientific Committee will award one internship and two scholarships to the best trainees evaluating the attendance to the Course and engagement; the performance during the Course and at the written tests. More information will be given during the Course.

One of the scholarship will be dedicated to the former Italian Ambassador to Australia, Mrs. Francesca Tardioli, who passed away prematurely in 2022, for her deep commitment to human rights protection.

REGISTRATION TO THE COURSE

Registration to the Course is open from 15 February 2023 until 10 May 2023.

A maximum of 30 candidates will be admitted to the Course.

Candidates will have to complete the Registration Form available [here](#).

Please note that good understanding of English (written and spoken) is essential to be admitted to the Course. Should the candidate have Language Certificate(s), she/he should mention it in the Registration Form and provide such Certificate.

Only a complete online application will be processed.



A complete online application consists of the completed Registration Form and the following documents:

- 1) Valid Identity Card (with photo);
- 2) *Curriculum Vitae* (CV) in English;
- 3) Motivation Letter in English (max 400 words) stating the relevant background and reasons for choosing to apply for the Course, as well how the Course will support the candidate future endeavours in the field of HRL, IHL or ICL.

All the mentioned documentation must be sent to the following email address:

networkadvancedcourse23@gmail.com

The Scientific Committee will evaluate applications on their completeness, persuasiveness, and professional presentation. If admitted to the Course, the candidate will be required to proceed with the payment of the relevant fees and she/he will need to provide proof of payment before the start of the Course.

FEES

500 EUROS (incl.VAT) for all candidates.

Students coming from disadvantaged areas, will be entitled of discounted rates.

CREDITS

The Lawyers Bar of Rome will recognize 20 certified training credits for lawyers.

PROGRAMME

**18 May 2023
14.00 – 14.30 CET**

INAUGURAL SESSION

- *Welcoming address from members of the Scientific Committee of the Universities Network*
- *Address by Ms Virginia Gamba de Potgieter, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict (VIDEO)*
- *Address by the First Vice-President of the International Criminal Court H.E. Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza (VIDEO)*

FIRST MODULE

**18 May 2023
14.30-17.30 CET**

The phenomenon of children in armed conflict

The lesson will examine the situation of children in armed conflict by exploring the general framework of new modern conflicts, as well as the United Nations and the regional system approach to armed conflicts.

- 1 Children in armed conflicts: current data and analysis of the geopolitical situation* - Mr. Ljubomir PETRULJESKOV, Program Lead Eastern Europe and Central Asia at International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- 2. The United Nations system and the Office of the UN Secretary-General Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict.* – Ms Anne SCHINTGEN, Head of the Europe Liaison Office of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict
- 3. The Regional systems to combat the phenomenon of children in armed conflict* – Prof. Fausto POCAR Professor Emeritus at the University of Milan (Italy), former Judge at ICTY, ICTR, and ad hoc Judge at ICTY

**19 May 2023
14.30-17.30 CET**

The development of Human Rights Law (HRL) in protecting children

This lesson will examine the rights afforded to children by the main human rights law instruments.

- 1. The 1989 Convention on the rights of the child (CRC)* – Prof. Domenico ROSANI, Professor at University of Innsbruck (Austria)
- 2. The CRC Optional Protocol* - Mr. Gianluigi MASTANDREA BONAVIRI PhD in International and Comparative Law / First Secretary, Italian Embassy in the Arab Republic of Egypt
- 3. Who are children? Analysis of the adequacy of the ICRC and its Protocol to the current armed conflicts* - Prof Laura GUERCIO, Counsel before the ICC, Professor at the University of Perugia (Italy), Secretary General UNETCHAC



25 May 2023

14.30-17.30 CET

The development of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in protecting children

This lesson will examine how International Humanitarian Law provides protection for children in the event of armed conflict, either of international or non-international nature.

1. *International and non-international armed conflict. The modern conflicts and their challenges* – Prof. Ahmed Aubais Neima AL-FATLAWI, Counsel and Professor of International Criminal Law at University of Kufa (Iraq)
2. *The Geneva Conventions of 1949 (GCIII and GCIV)* - Mr. Sanar Taha DARWISH, National Legal Adviser ICRC Baghdad - Iraq
3. *The Additional Protocols of 1977 (API and APII)* - Mr. Sanar Taha DARWISH, National Legal Adviser ICRC Baghdad - Iraq

26 May 2023

14.30-17.30 CET

Introduction to International Criminal Law (ICL).

This lesson will examine the evolution of the International Criminal Law through the examination of the international criminal bodies from the Nuremberg Tribunal to the International Criminal Court.

1. *The Nuremberg Tribunal and the affirmation of the International Criminal Law* – Prof. Marco PEDRAZZI, Professor of International Law at the University of Milan (Italy)
2. *The International ad hoc Tribunals and Hybrid Courts* – Ms Gaia PERGOLO, Associate Prosecutor, European External Action Service
3. *The International Criminal Court* - Ms Giulia GUAGLIARDI, Criminal Lawyer at Studio Legale Giovane, Secretary of the Italian Association of Young Lawyers, Rome section (AIGA Roma)

31 May 2023

14.30-16.30 CET

The six grave violations of children's rights in armed conflict.

Ms. Silvia GISON, International Humanitarian Advocacy and Policy Officer, Save the Children

This lesson will examine the first Resolution on children and armed conflict adopted by the United Nations Security Council in 1999 and the six grave violations affecting children in armed conflict.

1. *Killing and maiming of children.*
2. *Recruitment and use of children by armed forces and armed groups.*
3. *Sexual violence against children.*
4. *Abduction of children.*
5. *Attacks on schools and hospitals.*
6. *Denial of humanitarian access for children.*



**1 June 2023
14.30-16.30 CET**

The soft law instruments protecting children in armed conflict

This lesson will examine the soft law instruments addressing the issue of children in armed conflict and their impact on the protection of children in armed conflict.

1. *The Paris Principles and Guidelines on Children Associated with Armed Forces or Armed Group* – Prof. Julia SLOTH-NIELSEN Professor of Children’s Rights in the Developing World, University of the Western Cape (South Africa) and University of Leiden
2. *The Vancouver Principles* - Prof. Julia SLOTH-NIELSEN
3. *The Safe Schools Declaration* – Prof. Steven HAINES, Professor of Public International Law in the University of Greenwich, London (UK)

**8 June 2023
14.30-16.30 CET**

Children and migration

Mr Alessandro PIZZUTI, Co-Founder UpRights

This lesson will examine the impact of migration on children.

1. *The situation of children on the move.*
2. *Migrants and international justice.*

**9 June 2023
14.30-16.30 CET**

Investigation of crimes against or affecting children

Mr Nick LEDDY, Head of Litigation Legal Action Worldwide

This lesson will examine the technical and psychological approach in investigating crimes against or affecting children and in collecting information and evidence from children.

1. *Methodologies of investigation of crimes against or affecting children.*
2. *Methodologies of interviewing children.*

**15 June 2023
14.30 -16.30 CET**

What is justice for Children?

This lesson will examine the challenges to justice for children and the difficulties in ensuring accountability for crimes against or affecting children; and accountability for children.



1. *Challenges to justice for children* – Prof. Yvonne M. VISSING – Director Center for Childhood and Youth Studies, Salem State University (USA)
2. *Ending impunity and children accountability*- Prof. Jan Marie FRITZ, Professor at the University of Cincinnati (USA)
3. *Maximizing justice for children* - Prof. Jan Marie FRITZ

16 June 2023
14.30 -16.30 CET
First Module's Written Test

22 June 2023
14.30-16.30 CET
Analysis of Case Law

SECOND MODULE

23 June 2023
14.30-17.30 CET
Accountability mechanisms for children affected by armed conflict at the international level

This lesson will examine the accountability mechanisms established by the international community to fight the culture of impunity both at the judicial level and in non-judicial settings.

1. *Ad hoc tribunals: Children before the ICTY and ICTR* - Prof. Fausto POCAR
2. *Hybrid courts: Children before the Special Court for Sierra Leone* – Ms Dato' Shyamala ALAGENDRA International Criminal Lawyer and former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji
3. *Non-judicial mechanisms* - Ms Dato' Shyamala ALAGENDRA

29 June 2023
14.30-16.30 CET
The proceedings before the ICC

This lesson will examine the different stages of the proceedings before the ICC.
Mr Matthew CROSS, Appeals Counsel OTP, ICC

1. *Preliminary examination and opening of an investigation*
2. *The pre-trial stage*
3. *The trial stage*
4. *The appeal stage*
5. *Enforcement of sentence*



30 June 2023

14.30-17.30 CET

Main Crimes within the ICC's jurisdiction against or affecting children

This lesson will examine the different type of crimes against or affecting children under the Rome Statute.

1. *Sexual and gender-based crimes against and affecting children* – lecturer to be confirmed from Gender and Children Unit, OTP, ICC (TBC)
2. *Trafficking of children* - Prof. Silvia SCARPA Associate Professor of International Relations at John Cabot University of Rome (Italy).
3. *Conscription, enlistment, and use of children under the age of 15 years to participate actively in hostilities* – Ms Alice ZAGO, Trial Lawyer OTP, ICC (TBC)

6 July 2023

14.30-16.30 CET

Support and protection to children in judicial proceedings and non-judicial processes

Ms An MICHELS, Psychologist Victims and Witnesses Section, Registry, ICC

This lesson will examine the existing mechanisms to support children during the judicial and non-judicial processes; as well as the best practices to interact and communicate with children affected by armed conflict.

1. *Challenges regarding the participation of children in judicial proceedings and non-judicial processes.*
2. *Protective and special measures in judicial proceedings.*
3. *The rights of the child during judicial proceedings and the concept of a child-friendly justice.*

7 July 2023

14.30-17.30 CET

Participation of victims in the ICC system

This lesson will examine the participation of victims (including children) in the ICC proceedings and the possibility to receive reparations.

1. *The innovative feature of the Rome Statute: victims' participation in ICC proceedings* – Mr Philipp AMBACH, Head Victims Participation and Reparations Section, Registry ICC
2. *Victims' access to the Court.*
3. *Participatory regime under article 68(3) Rome Statute* – Ms Ludovica VETRUCCHIO, Legal Officer, OPCV, ICC
4. *The role of Counsel assisting children in the proceedings* – Ms Paolina MASSIDDA, Principal Counsel OPCV ICC



13 July 2023
14.30-17.30 CET

Reparations for victims in the ICC system

This lesson will examine the reparations proceedings before the ICC and the mandate of the Trust Fund for Victims

1. *The Reparations proceedings* – Ms Paolina MASSIDDA
2. *Challenges in granting reparations to victims of crimes under the ICC jurisdiction (including children)* – Ms Adeline BEDOUCHE, Legal Officer, Trust Fund for Victims, ICC
3. *Mandate and role of the Trust Fund for Victims* – Ms Adeline BEDOUCHE

14 July 2023
14.30 – 16.30 CET

Impact of crimes on children exposed to armed conflict

Dr. Ambia PERVEEN, Co-Founder the Rohingya Medics organisation and Vice- Chair of the European Rohingya Council

This lesson will examine the impact of crimes on children exposed to violence during armed conflict and the sociological and psychological approach to children affected by armed conflict and involved in criminal proceedings

1. *How exposure to violence and armed conflict impact on the development of children?*
2. *Which are the short term and long term effects of the exposure of children to violence and armed conflict?*
3. *Which programmes can be put in place to alleviate the effects of the exposure of children to violence and armed conflict?*

20 July 2023
14.30-16.30 CET

The legal framework for Counsel before the ICC

This lesson will examine the legal framework governing the intervention of Counsel before the ICC, analysing the applicable legal provisions and the legal aid system.

1. *Regulatory framework for Counsel before the ICC.* – Mr. Pieter VANAVERBEKE, Acting Chief of the Counsel Support Section (CSS) Registry, ICC
2. *The legal aid system before the ICC* - Mr. Pieter VANAVERBEKE
2. *The Code of Professional Conduct for Counsel appearing before the ICC* – Ms Diane TURNER, former Commissioner to the Disciplinary Board for Counsel intervening before the ICC



21 July 2023

14.30-17.30 CET

The different role of Counsel before the ICC

This lesson will examine the different role that Counsel may play in ICC proceedings and the role and mandate of the Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV), with the duty to ensure effective participation of victims in the proceedings, and the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD), which provides support and substantive legal assistance to Defence's teams.

1. *Counsel for the Defence* – Ms Marie-Hélène PROULX, President ICC Bar Association (ICBA)
2. *Legal Representatives of Victims* – Ms Paolina MASSIDDA
3. *The Office of Public Counsel for Victims (OPCV) and the Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD)*- Ms Ludovica VETRUCIO and Mr Michael HERZ (Legal Officer OPCD, ICC)

27 July 2023

14.30-16.30 CET

Analysis of Case Law

28 July 2023

14.30-16.30 CET

Final Written Test

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Ms Yvonne VISSING, *Professor of Healthcare Studies, Salem State University (USA)*

TRAINERS' CV

Mr Ahmed Aubais Neima AL-FATLAWI, *Lawyer and Professor of International Criminal Law at University of Kufa (Iraq)*

Ahmed Aubais Neima Al-Fatlawi holds a PhD in Public International Law from the Higher Institute of Legal Studies at the Lebanese University in 2012 and a Diploma of Participation from the Geneva Institute of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in 2017. He is lecturer at the University of Kufa (Iraq) College of Law. He published a number of books on various subjects of International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law, and published specialized articles in International Criminal Law. In 2018, he was nominated by the International Committee of the Red Cross as an international expert on the revision of the Third Geneva Convention of 1949, as well as expert on the commentary on the Military Guidelines to the Protection of Natural Environment in Times of Armed Conflict in 2019.

Ms Dato' Shyamala ALAGENDRA, *International Criminal Lawyer and former Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji*

Dato' Shyamala Alagenda is a Malaysian lawyer with over 24 years domestic and international criminal law experience. She has served as a Prosecution Trial Lawyer at the International Criminal Court (ICC), Special Court for Sierra Leone and before the Special Panel for Serious Crimes in East Timor. At the SCSL, she worked closely with former child soldiers and led their testimonies in three out of the four trials. During her time as the Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions of Fiji between 2018-2019, she led prosecutions of child rape cases and secured the first life sentence for child rape ever to be imposed in Fiji and the Pacific. She led the investigations into allegations of human rights violations (including killings, torture and sexual violence) by regional peacekeeping troops deployed to Sierra Leone during the conflict and submitted a fundamental rights petition before the Supreme Court in 2018 on their behalf. Some of the victims were children at the time of the violations and some were children born out of rapes by these peacekeepers. This case was featured in a documentary by Al Jazeera "Peacekillers": <https://www.aljazeera.com/programmes/peopleandpower/2018/09/peacekillers-180913060801441.html>

Between 2016-2017, she successfully represented child victims in cases of historical sexual abuse by foreign clergy in Sierra Leone. Most recently, she was the Gender & Child Rights Adviser to the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) and is presently the Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes Legal Consultant to the OHCHR Sri Lanka accountability project. She has also represented accused persons as Counsel at the ICC, STL and EULEX Court in Kosovo.

Mr Philipp AMBACH, *Chief of the Victims Participation and Reparations Section (VPRS), ICC*

Philipp Ambach is the Head of the Victims Participation and Reparations Section at the ICC. He previously served as the ICC President's Special Assistant for over six years. Before that, he worked at the UN ad hoc tribunals ICTY and ICTR as a legal adviser to the Judges of the Appeals Chamber. Prior to that, he worked as an associate legal officer in the ICTY Registry.

Mr. Ambach holds a Ph.D. in international criminal law from Free University of Berlin and has been admitted as prosecutor in the prosecutor's office of Cologne, Germany. He obtained his Master Degree in law in 2004 from Humboldt-University of Berlin, Germany. He is a guest lecturer in international criminal and humanitarian law at various legal institutions and has published a number of academic contributions in these fields

Ms Adeline BEDOUCHEA, *Associate Legal Officer, Trust Fund for Victims (TFV), ICC*

Adeline Bedoucha is Associate Legal Officer, Trust Fund for Victims (TFV) at the ICC. In that capacity she advises on the legal aspects of the assistance and reparations programmes of the Fund. She was in charge of the implementation of the reparations programme in the Al Madhi case in Mali.

Ms Cynthia CHAMBERLAIN, *Legal Officer, Chambers, ICC*

Cynthia Chamberlain is a Costa Rican lawyer who has worked at the ICC as a Legal Officer in Chambers since 2006. Before joining the Court she worked on women's rights in her home country, particularly the presentation of shadow reports before the CEDAW Committee. She has a Ph.D. in Law (Leiden University, 2014). Her research focused on children and the ICC. She is the author of the book "Children and the International Criminal Court - Analysis of the Rome Statute Through a Children's Rights Perspective".

Mr Matthew CROSS, *Appeals Counsel, OTP, ICC*

Matthew Cross is an Appeals Counsel in the Office of the Prosecutor, ICC. He has more than 12 years' experience of international criminal litigation, at all stages of proceedings, and formerly worked for the ICTY, the STL, and the ICTR. He received his legal training in the United Kingdom. In his personal capacity, he also serves as one of the editors of the *Journal of International Criminal Justice* (OUP).

Mr Sanar Taha DARWISH, *Lawyer and ICRC National Legal Adviser, Baghdad (Iraq)*

Sanar Taha Darwish is an Iraqi lawyer and currently National Legal Adviser of the ICRC in Baghdad (Iraq). He provides legal analyses and consultations on applicable national and international legal framework and support the national implementation of International Humanitarian Law in the domestic legislation.

Mr Stefano DOMINELLI, *Professor at the University of Genoa (Italy)*

Stefano Dominelli holds a PhD in international and European Union law from the University of Genoa, where he currently is Senior researcher and teaches, amongst others, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law.

Ms Jan Marie FRITZ, *Professor at the University of Cincinnati (USA)*

Jan Marie Fritz, Ph.D., Certified Clinical Sociologist (C.C.S), is a professor in the School of Planning at the University of Cincinnati (USA) and is affiliated with the Department of Sociology and the Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. She also is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of Johannesburg (South Africa) and a

Visiting Professor at Taylor's University (Malaysia). She is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association (ISA), the lead ISA representative to the United Nations, and a member of the Steering Committee of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council. She also is a member of the Mayor of Cincinnati's Gender Equality Task Force, editor of Springer's Clinical Sociology book series and a member of the Fulbright National Selection Committee for graduate and undergraduate students to Scandinavia. She is a docent at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Cincinnati and was recently selected as a Fulbright Specialist (consultant) for a four-year term (2021-2025). She has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor with the Honors College at the University of South Florida, and, for many years, a special education mediator for the state of Kentucky. She also has been a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, a Woodrow Wilson Fellow in Washington, D.C., a Fulbright Distinguished Scholar in Human Rights and International Studies at the Danish Institute for Human Rights and a Fulbright-National Science Foundation Arctic Scholar in Iceland. Her work has won a number of awards including the Ohio Mediation Association's Better World Award and the American Sociological Association's Distinguished Career Award for the Practice of Sociology. She has published extensively in the field of protection of children in armed conflict.

Ms Silvia GISON, *International Humanitarian Advocacy and Policy Officer - Save the Children*

Silvia Gison, expert in human rights policies, humanitarian law and advocacy, works on children's rights in armed conflicts and humanitarian crisis. In 2014 she has taken a Master degree on International Relations, Peace war and security, followed, in 2015-2016, by a Second Level University Master in Peace Studies: International Cooperation, Human Rights and European Politics with a thesis on Humanitarian Advocacy. Since 2015, she has been working with Save the Children Italy where she currently holds the role of International Humanitarian Advocacy and Policy Officer within the International Programs Department. She supported the drafting of reports and publications on issues related to childhood in contexts of crisis and armed conflict and support advocacy and campaigning initiatives.

Ms Giulia GUAGLIARDI, *Criminal Lawyer at Studio Legale Giovane, Secretary of the Italian Association of Young Lawyers, Rome section (AIGA Roma)*

Giulia GUAGLIARDI is an Italian lawyer with experience in international criminal law. She is the President of the European Young Bar Association, Member of the department "Internazionalization of legal profession" at the Italian Association of Young Lawyers (AIGA) and Representative of the Rome Young Bar Association. Between 2013 and 2015, she was Professor Assistant – Advanced International Law course at Università degli Studi Roma Tre.

Ms Laura GUERCIO, *Secretary General UNETCHAC, Lawyer on the ICC List of Counsel, Professor at the University of Perugia (Italy)*

Laura Guercio is Lawyer in Rome and Genoa, with experience in other jurisdictions (namely, Great Britain/Republic of Ireland). Professor at the University of Perugia of Sociology of Human Rights and of International cooperation to development. Member of the Council of the European Law Institute in Vienna; Italian Agent of the Management Board of the European

Agency for Fundamental Rights (2015- 2020); Secretary General of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights at the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs (2016-2020); Expert for the Human Dimension Mechanism OSCE. Assistant to Counsel (for victims) before the International Criminal Court. Since 2010, Legal Consultant/Expert in international Projects developed in Yemen, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Afghanistan, Swaziland, Kosovo, Jourdan, Palestine. She holds a Degree of Law, Degree of Political Science and international PHD in Social Science (Trinity College Dublin- Genoa University).

Mr Steven HAINES, *Professor of Public International Law in the University of Greenwich, London (UK)*

Steven Haines has been Professor of Public International Law in the University of Greenwich, London since 2012, prior to which he worked as an academic international lawyer in Geneva, on the Management Board of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. He served in the British Armed Forces for over thirty years, including with NATO in Kosovo and with the British Joint Force in Freetown, towards the end of the civil war in Sierra Leone. He chaired the Editorial Board of the UK's official Manual on the Law of Armed Conflict and wrote the UK's strategic level Defence Doctrine. He worked with the Global Coalition to Protect Education from attack and led the drafting of the International Guidelines for the Protection of Schools and Universities that are at the heart of the Safe Schools Declaration.

Mr Michael HERZ, *Legal Officer, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD), ICC*

Michael Herz is Legal Officer at the independent Office of Public Counsel for the Defence (OPCD) at the ICC. She has worked in international criminal law since 2009. Before joining the ICC, he practiced as an associate appeals counsel for the Prosecution at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. He was part of the defence team of former Liberian president, Charles Taylor, at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. Michael was called to the Bar at Gray's Inn in 2010.

Mr Nick LEDDY, *Head of Litigation, World Action Worldwide*

Nick Leddy is an international criminal lawyer and a member of the New York Bar. He currently serves as Head of Litigation at Legal Action Worldwide (LAW), where he manages cases in domestic, regional, and international courts representing survivors of mass atrocities and sexual and gender-based violence. He also helps oversee one of LAW's innovative projects on investigating and prosecuting international crimes impacting children, particularly boys and LGBTIQ+ youth. Prior to joining LAW, he was a Trial Lawyer for the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, where he investigated and prosecuted war crimes and crimes against humanity in Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, and South Asia, including cases involving child soldiers and other crimes affecting children. He worked across all stages of proceedings, including preliminary examinations, investigations, and trials. Previously, he served as a prosecutor in New York City, where he investigated and prosecuted hundreds of cases, including corruption, police violence, and sexual and gender-based violence. He is an expert on the Justice Rapid Response (JRR) roster for international criminal investigations, and also served for ten

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