14.30
II Session

Nuclear Weapons Non-Proliferation Law and its Contribution to Human Security

The NPT after the ninth Review Conference (2015)
Ambassador Taous FEROUKHI
President, Ninth Review Conference of the States Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Geneva

The role of the IAEA with regard to human security
Dr. Sonia DROBYSZ
Legal Officer, VERTIC, London

Disputes on Nuclear Proliferation: means and methods for their settlement
Dr. Dieter FLECK
Former Director International Agreements and Policy, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany; Honorary President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Discussion
16.00 Coffee break

16.15
NW free zones, with particular reference to the proposed WMD free zone in the Middle East
Professor Natalino RONZITTI
Professor of International Law at LUISS University, School of Law, Rome; Scientific Advisor, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Nuclear test bans and the difficult way towards entry into force of the CTBT
Professor Gabriella VENTURINI
Professor, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and President, Italian Branch, International Law Association

Discussion

17.45
Concluding remarks
Professor Marco PEDRAZZI
Professor of International Law, Department of International, Legal, Historical and Political Studies, University of Milan
Human security is at the centre of the current international debate around nuclear weapons: from the Oslo, Nayarit, and Vienna Conferences on the humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons to the last NPT Review Conference, a people-centred approach in addressing the security issues posed by nuclear weapons is gaining a central stage at the intergovernmental level, being no longer confined to the NGO environment.

As sometimes the debate risks being overly emotional, the need arises to conduct a proper and reasoned assessment of the issues involved through the lens of international law. This need is even more acute in the immediate aftermath of the 2015 NPT Review Conference. This assessment is the purpose of the Sanremo Conference, which is sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and benefits from the expertise of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

First of all, it is useful to verify, nearly twenty years after a famous but controversial advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, how international law assesses the possible humanitarian impact of nuclear weapons on individuals and societies, through two of its most relevant branches: International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law. These topics will be explored in the first session of the Conference. This part will also focus on International Criminal Law, which has acquired a foreground position among the legal tools aimed at the protection of individuals and populations.

Secondly, it is important to assess how much has been done and is being done, in terms of legal instruments, institutions and even non-binding arrangements (that are not irrelevant from a legal point of view), in order to afford States and populations a protection against the dangers posed by nuclear weapons on account of their actual or prospective proliferation, both within and among States and towards non-State actors: a panoply of instruments that has grown and diversified, as much as the threats that they are called on to address. While the role of the NPT and the IAEA remain crucial, other entities and mechanisms have added to the picture and become more and more relevant. These issues will be tackled by the second session of the Conference. The analysis in both sessions will be undertaken by some of the leading experts in their respective fields.

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**Programme**

10.00
Welcome and Introductory remarks
**Professor Dr. h.c. Fausto POCAR**
President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo

**Minister Giovanni BRAUZZI**
Deputy Director General for Political Affairs and Security, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation

10.15
I Session

**The Impact of Nuclear Weapons under International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights and International Criminal Law**

**Nuclear weapons and IHL: the point 19 years after ICJ’s advisory opinion**

**Professor Dr. Michael BOTHE**
Professor Emeritus of Public Law, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main

**Human rights role, after 19 years, in evaluating the impact of nuclear weapons on human beings and societies**

**Judge Christine CHANET**
Former Chairman, UN Human Rights Committee; Former Head, UNHRC Fact-Finding Mission on Israeli Settlements

**Which role for international criminal law in assessing a possible use of nuclear weapons?**

**Professor Robert ROTH**
Director, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

**U.S. commitments to international law and security**

**Mr. Paul DEAN**
Assistant Legal Adviser for Nonproliferation and Arms Control
U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

Discussion

13.00 Buffet lunch