

SEMINAR
ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICT

Thursday 29 October 2015
Conference room 8 (CR 8) - United Nations Conference Building

Sponsored by the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway, Rutgers University, the Environmental Law Institute and the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Commission on Environmental Law

Invitation Only – RSVP Required*

We invite you to participate in a seminar on the Protection of the Environment in relation to Armed Conflict, to be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Thursday, October 29, 2015.

The United Nations International Law Commission took up the topic of the Protection of the Environment in relation to Armed Conflict in 2013 and appointed Dr. Marie Jacobsson as Special Rapporteur. Dr. Jacobsson has presented her first two reports, and will present her final report in 2016.

This seminar, hosted by Dr. Jacobsson, will provide a forum for high-level discussion of key issues concerning the protection of the environment after armed conflict. What is the law? What are the gaps? How should they be addressed? The participants include experts in law and other relevant fields, government representatives and members of the academic community. Chatham House Rules will encourage candid and nuanced discussion of views and information.

Relevant documents from the International Law Commission and other seminar hosts at:
<http://cymiepayne.org/perac>.

***PLEASE NOTE:** Participation in the seminar is by invitation only and will be limited by order of receipt of RSVP. Please register your attendance with Ms. Monica Clarke of the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations monica.clarke@gov.se or call +1 212 583 2500. At the time of registration, we ask that you please indicate whether you have a United Nations grounds pass or not.

All participants that do not have a United Nations grounds pass must register their attendance (name and affiliation) with Monica Clarke of the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations no later than Friday October 23, 2015. Registration by this date is necessary to obtain an access pass to the United Nations Headquarters.

You must bring government-issued photo identification with you to be admitted.

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Overall Chair: **Professor Edith Brown Weiss**, Georgetown University

10:00-10:15

Introduction

10:15-11:00

PANEL I – SETTING THE SCENE

I:1 Work by the International Law Commission to date

- **Ambassador Marie Jacobsson**, United Nations International Law Commission

I:2 Nordic Pledges and the 32nd International Red Cross Conference

- **First Secretary Andreas Kravik Motzfeldt**, Norwegian Mission to the United Nations,
Ms. Satu Suikkari-Kleven, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, **Ms. Helen Obregón**,
International Committee of the Red Cross

11:00-12:00

PANEL II – PRACTICAL MEASURES POST ARMED CONFLICT

Introductory remarks: **Mr. Jamil Ahmad**, United Nations Environment Programme

II:1 Experience of consequences on the environment of armed conflict

- **Mr. Wim Zwijnenburg**, Pax for Peace

II:2 Experience of remedial measures taken after an armed conflict

- **Mr. Robert Unsworth**, Industrial Economics, Inc.

II:3 Room for improvement: How to enhance protection of the environment after an armed conflict?

- **Professor Ken Conca**, American University

12:00-13:00

PANEL III – LEGAL MEASURES POST CONFLICT: RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Chair: **Ambassador Marja Lehto**, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

III:1 International humanitarian law

- **Commander Mark Nevitt**, United States Navy, **Professor Steven Freeland**, University of Western Sydney

<p>III:2 Environmental law and human rights law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Dinah Shelton, George Washington University 	
13:00-15:00	Lunch break (lunch not provided)
15:00-16:15	PANEL IV – CASE LAW
<p>IV:1 UNCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Cymie Payne, Rutgers University <p>IV:2 Ethiopia – Eritrea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Lea Brilmayer, Yale University <p>IV:3 Other examples: Peace treaties, reconciliation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Todd Walters, International Peace Parks Expeditions, Ms. Rebecca Farnum, King’s College 	
16:15-17:45	PANEL V – CLOSING THE TEMPORAL CIRCLE
<p>Chair: Ambassador Marie Jacobsson, United Nations International Law Commission</p> <p>V:I Existing obligations, preventive measures and cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Captain Ashley Roach, United States Navy, Dr. Annica Waleij, Swedish Defence Research Agency <p>V:2 UN DPKO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Russell Doran, United Nations, Ms. Patricia Kim Sungmin, United Nations <p>V:3 Looking forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor Nicholas Robinson, Pace University 	
17:45-18:00	PANEL VI – CONCLUDING REMARKS
<p>Mr. Carl Bruch, Environmental Law Institute</p>	