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The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA),
the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict and
the Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future Generations
are pleased to invite you to the launch of the:

**"Oxford Guidance on the Law Relating to
Humanitarian Relief Operations in Situations of Armed Conflict"**

On Thursday, 27 October 2016
From 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
In Conference Room 11 at United Nations Headquarters in New York

Speakers will include:

Hansjoerg Strohmeyer, Chief of OCHA's Policy Development and Studies Branch

Emanuela-Chiara Gillard, Senior Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict
and Research Fellow, Individualisation of War Project, European University Institute

Dapo Akande, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Oxford, Co-Director of the Oxford
Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict and of the Oxford Martin Programme on Human Rights for Future
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Sandra Pellegrom, Head of the Development, Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights Section, Permanent
Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

Scott T. Paul, Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor, Oxfam America

Moderated by **Ryan Goodman**, Anne and Joel Ehrenkranz Professor of Law,
New York University School of Law

In armed conflicts across the world, millions of civilians require emergency assistance to survive, with humanitarian organizations often responding by providing supplies essential for survival, such as food and life-saving medical supplies, and access to water and sanitation. Tragically, however, civilians continue to live in areas where parties to armed conflict withhold consent to humanitarian relief operations or impose onerous bureaucratic restrictions on assistance, such that humanitarian organizations can only reach a small fraction of those in need.

A firm understanding of the legal framework regulating humanitarian relief operations in situations of armed conflict is essential for all those with a role to play in ensuring that people in need receive life-saving assistance. Commissioned by OCHA at the request of the United Nations Secretary-General, the *Oxford Guidance on the Law Relating to Humanitarian Relief Operations in Situations of Armed Conflict* is the outcome of a series of consultations of eminent experts in international law. It is hoped that the Guidance will enhance understanding of the rules of international law that are relevant to this area, promote further discussion, and inform policies and advocacy strategies for improving humanitarian access to conflict-affected populations.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to this launch event.

[Please RSVP by 24 October 2016 to Nathalie Weizmann (weizmann@un.org)]