

Customary International Humanitarian Law: Content and Purpose

Symposium to mark the publication of the Slovenian translation
of the Rules of Customary International Humanitarian Law

Ljubljana, 2 October 2008

PROGRAMME

MORNING

8.00-9.00 **Registration of participants**

9.00-9.30 **Opening remarks**

*Ms. Ondina Blokar Drobič, Director-General, Directorate for
International Law and Protection of Interests, Ministry of Foreign Affairs)*

Mr. Cyril Laucci, regional legal adviser, ICRC Budapest

9.30-9.40 **Presentation of the Slovenian Translation**

*Dr. Vasilka Sancin, Assistant Professor, University of Ljubljana, Faculty
of Law*

9.40-10.10 **The Current Relevance of Customary IHL**

Jean-Marie Henckaerts, Legal Adviser, ICRC Geneva

*Moderator: Ms. Ondina Blokar Drobič, Director-General, Directorate for
International Law and Protection of Interests, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

10.10-10.40 **Questions & Discussion**

10.40-11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00-12.00 **Panel I: The Impact of Customary IHL on the Conduct of Hostilities**

1. Principle of Distinction (*Mr. Cyril Laucci, regional legal adviser, ICRC
Budapest*)

2. Application of IHL in peacekeeping missions (*Mr. Drago Bitenc,
Senior Military Legal Advisor to Chief of GS (or CHOD) of SAF for
LOAC, OF6*)

Moderator: Dr. Vasilka Sancin, Assistant Professor, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

12.00-12.30 Questions & Discussion

AFTERNOON

14.00-15.00 Panel II: Customary IHL and the Treatment of Persons

1. Fundamental Guarantees in Armed Conflict (*Mr. Cyril Laucci, regional legal adviser, ICRC Budapest*)

2. The Treatment of Detainees (*mag. Jernej Letnar Čerňič, doctoral candidate, University of Aberdeen*)

3. Protection of children in armed conflicts (*mag. Simona Drenik, MFA*)

Moderator: Prof. Emeritus dr. Borut Bohte, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law

15.00-15.30 Questions & Discussion

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-17.00 Panel III: The Implementation of Conventional and Customary IHL

1. Measures to Ensure Compliance with IHL (*Dr. Vasilka Sancin, Assistant Professor, University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Law*)

2. Individual Responsibility and the War Crimes Regime (*Judge Pavel Dolenc, Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia*)

Moderator: Mr. Cyril Laucci, regional legal adviser, ICRC Budapest

17.00-17.30 Questions & Discussion

17.30-17.45 Concluding remarks

Jean-Marie Henckaerts, Legal Adviser, ICRC Geneva