

On the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption in 1977  
of the Additional Protocols I and II to the Geneva Conventions of 1949

Welcome to  
**Anniversary Conference on the Additional Protocols  
to the Geneva Conventions of 1949:  
The re-affirmation and development of IHL 40 years after**

*Co-organized by*  
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic  
The European Research and Training Center on Human Rights  
and Humanitarian Action, Panteion University  
&  
The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

**On the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2017**

Registration starting Monday 13 November at 13:30  
at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Akadimias 1 Str.,  
Amphitheatre "G. Kranidiotis"



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## *Concept Note*

### *of the Anniversary Conference*

On 8 June 1977, at the invitation of Switzerland, plenipotentiaries of more than one hundred States gathered at the “Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law Applicable in Armed Conflicts” to finalize and adopt Additional Protocols I and II (APs I and II) to the 1949 Geneva Conventions (GCs). The Hellenic Republic was a member of the Conference and an active negotiator (1974 - 1977) and supporter of ICRC in developing new law and re-affirming existing norms. Since then, the Hellenic Republic has always been in the forefront of all efforts to strengthen the protection of civilians and other protected persons as well as of establishments and objects dedicated to civilian purposes from the effects of armed conflict.

The adoption of the Protocols marks a milestone in the regulation of armed conflicts. By developing and supplementing the GCs, AP I and II significantly improved the legal protection covering civilians and the wounded and sick, among others. Importantly, Protocol II is the first universal treaty devoted exclusively to non-international armed conflicts, complementing Article 3 common to the Geneva Conventions. Both Protocols expand on the obligations of parties under the GCs with respect to conduct of hostilities, new weapons, and fundamental guarantees for all persons in the power of a party to an armed conflict. Moreover, article 90 API brought a new control mechanism to IHL: the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission and outlaws reprisals.

And although the rules of APs I and II have withstood the test of time, perhaps at no time since 1977 is there a greater need to reaffirm IHL and to seize the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AP I and II to re-enforce its application. This 40 year anniversary provides good ground for organizing a Conference on commemorating the Protocols and IHL. The Anniversary Conference will provide an opportunity to discuss and remember in Greece the greatest achievements and the greatest challenges of our times in respecting human dignity in times of armed conflicts.

# Program

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**Athens, 13-14 November 2017**

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## DAY 1 - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

13.30-14.00: Registration

**14.00-14.15: Welcome address by Mr. Ioannis Amanatidis**

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

**14.15-15.15: Keynote lectures**

*Moderator: Christos Rozakis, Professor emeritus, University of Athens, former Judge and Vice-President, European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe, President of the Administrative Tribunal of the Council of Europe*

- Christine Beerli, *Vice-President of the ICRC*
- Professor Stelios Perrakis, *Ambassador, Member of the International Fact-Finding Commission, Director of the European Training and Research Centre on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action*

**15.15-17.15: Panel 1 - Negotiating IHL: Current developments**

*Chairperson: M. Telalian, Legal Adviser, Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*

- ICRC contribution to the development of IHL  
*K. Doermann, Chief Legal Officer-Head of the Legal Division Geneva, ICRC*
- The Sixth Committee of the UNGA and IHL  
*Z. Stavridi, Head of the PIL Section of the Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*
- Protecting cultural property in the event of armed conflict: new challenges and recent developments in the context of UNESCO  
*A. Papathanassiou, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*
- The Geneva process on strengthening compliance with IHL from the perspective of a State  
*A. Chanaki, Deputy Legal Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*
- The Austrian contribution to the development of IHL  
*H. Tichy, Legal Adviser of the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria*

*Discussion*

## **DAY 2 – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

### **9.00-11.00: Panel 2 - Re-affirming IHL 40 years after**

*Chairperson: K. Doermann, Chief Legal Officer-Head of the Legal Division Geneva, ICRC*

- Non State actors in contemporary armed conflicts  
*M. Telalian, Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*
- IHL and Refugee Protection  
*A. Bredimas, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, University of Athens*
- Conduct of Hostilities: siege under IHL  
*K. Antonopoulos, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Democritus University of Thrace*
- Reaffirming the implementation of IHL in cases of military occupation:  
Balancing dynamically the interplay between humanitarian realism and operational necessity-Constant challenges and recent developments  
*G. Anepsiou, Colonel (Pilot) Hellenic Air Force, Lecturer in IHL, Hellenic Air Force Academy*
- Protection of the Environment during an armed conflict  
*G. Tsaltas, Professor of International Law, Rector of Panteion University*
- Using UAVs/Drones under IHL: lingering between the past and the present  
*S. Kostogiannis, Legal Advisor, Hellenic National Defence General Staff*

*Discussion*

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

### **11.30-13.30: Panel 3 - Interpreting or Developing IHL?**

*Chairperson: M. Gavouneli, Associate Professor of Public International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Athens, Athens Public International Law Research Center*

- Human Rights and IHL in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the ICJ  
*Professor L. A. Sicilianos, Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights*
- Developing IHL through the case law of the International Criminal Tribunals  
*M. D. Marouda, Ass. Professor in International Law/Humanitarian Law, Alt Director European Training and Research Centre on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action, Jean Monnet Chair, Panteion University*
- National Judge and IHL  
*S. Kyrkos, Military Prosecutor*
- Military Manuals and IHL: challenges for naval warfare  
*V. Vassilikis, Legal Advisor, Hellenic Fleet, LtCol*
- Intervention by Sir Iain Macleod, *Legal Adviser of the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office*

*Discussion*

*13.30-15.00: Lunch break*

**15.00-17.00: Panel 4 - Implementing IHL**

*Chairperson: H. Dipla, Professor of Public International Law, University of Athens,  
Department of Political Science and Public Administration*

- The ICRC perspective in implementing IHL  
*J. Tenenbaum, Regional Legal Adviser, Paris, ICRC*
- 35 years of teaching IHL in the University  
*K. Hatzikonstantinou, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Aristotle University  
of Thessaloniki*
- IHL Training within Hellenic Armed Forces and Academies - Military Erasmus  
*E.Manolis, Major, Representative of the Hellenic Army Academy*
- Gradual recognition of UAVs in the Hellenic legal order  
*A. Paralikas, Legal Advisor, Hellenic National Defence General Staff*
- The national framework for the protection of cultural heritage in the event  
of armed conflict  
*C. Benissi, Archaeologist, Head of Department, Directorate of Prehistoric and Classical  
Antiquities, Ministry of Culture and Sports of the Hellenic Republic*

*Discussion*

**17.00-17.15: Concluding Remarks**

*M. Telalian, Legal Adviser, Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs of the Hellenic Republic*

*M. D. Marouda, Ass. Professor in International Law/Humanitarian Law, Alt Director  
European Training and Research Centre on Human Rights and Humanitarian Action,  
Jean Monnet Chair, Panteion University*

*Sari Nissi, Head of Mission in Greece, ICRC*