



المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان
SPECIAL TRIBUNAL FOR LEBANON
TRIBUNAL SPÉCIAL POUR LE LIBAN

Second Meeting of Defence Offices from the International Criminal Courts

Peace Palace, The Hague

BUREAU DE LA DÉFENSE

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 2014

09:00 Reception and registration

09:30 Opening of the 2nd Meeting and Welcome Address

Sir David Baragwanath, President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Mr François Roux, Head of Defence Office of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon

Mr. Steven van Hoogstraten, Director of the Peace Palace

10:00 Introduction

Chair of the session: Dr. Mark Ellis, Executive Director of the International Bar Association

10:05 Presentation of the Conclusions of the 1st Meeting (including the issue of persons acquitted by the ICTR), by Mr. Pascal Besnier, Chief of the Judicial and Legal Affairs Section, ICTR

10:20 The Question of the Creation within the ICC of an Independent Defence Office, by Mr. Xavier-Jean Keita, Head of the OPCD, International Criminal Court (ICC)

10:35 The Position of Counsel in the *Bemba* Case, by Ms Catherine Mabile, Counsel for the Defence (ICTR/ICC) and President of *Avocats Sans Frontières*

Discussion among participants

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Challenges faced by the Defence

11:30 Presentation by Ms. Héleyn Uñac, Deputy Head of Defence Office of the STL, on the methodology to be followed to identify these challenges

11:40 Identification of the challenges by the participants divided into 6 groups (in private session)

12:45 Lunch at the Peace Palace Refectory (costs to be borne by the participants)



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14:30 Round table discussion with a view to finding solutions to the challenges identified

14:30 Chair of the session: Mr. Fahd Moukadem, President of the Tripoli Bar Association
Each of the below presentations will be followed by discussion among the participants

Topic 1: Development of the Defence Offices in the International Criminal Courts

14:35 Sub-topic 1: **Capabilities and limitations of the Defence Offices of the STL and the ICC**

rapporteur: Mr. Philippe Larochelle, Counsel for the Defence at the STL/ICC/ICTR

15:05 Sub-topic 2: **Defence Office and/or Bar Association: what structure and what complementarity?**

rapporteur: Mr. David Hooper, Counsel for the Defence at the ICC/ICTR

Topic 2: Protection for the Lawyers

15:35 Sub-topic 1: **Privileges and Immunities of the Lawyer**

rapporteur: Mr. David Young, Counsel for the Defence at the STL

16:05 Break

16:15 Sub-topic 2: **Protection and Ethics of the Lawyer**

rapporteur: Ms. Dorothee le Fraper du Hellen, Counsel for the Defence at the STL/ICTR

Topic 3: Coordination between Defence Offices

16:45 Sub-topic 1: **Towards future harmonisation of the texts (Code of Conduct, Rules for Admission of Counsel to the Lists, etc.)**

rapporteur: Ms. Roula El Derbas, Legal Officer for the Defence Office of the STL

17:15 Sub-topic 2: **Harmonised legal support between international courts (training, digest of case law, etc.)**

rapporteur: Ms. Susan Stuart, Head of the Office for Legal Aid and Defence Matters, ICTY

17:45 Summary of the matters discussed during the first day

By Ms. Colleen Rohan, President of the ADC-ICTY

18:00 End



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TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014

- 09:00 Chair of the session: Mr. Benoit Henry, lawyer at Québec Bar
- Discussion *in closed session* among the representatives of the international criminal courts: Exchange of experiences and proposals for the improvement of Defence capacities
- 10:30 Coffee break**
- 10:40 The International Court of Justice, by Mr. Philippe Couvreur, Registrar at the ICJ
- 11:00 Presentation of the conclusions of the morning closed session, by Mr. Xavier-Jean Keita, Head of the OPCD, ICC
- 11:20 Summary, Proposal for a Common Statement, and Closure of the Meeting, by Mr. François Roux
- 11:40 Media briefing
- 12:15 Lunch at the Peace Palace Refectory
(at the invitation of the Defence Office of the STL)**
- 14:00 Tour of the Peace Palace**
- 16:00 Conclusion of the conference**