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## **PfP PARTNERSHIP WORK PROGRAM CHAPTER XIII, SWISS OFFERS:**

### **WORKSHOP ON THE CENTRAL ROLE OF THE COMMANDER: ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION RESPECTING THE LAW (LOAC CHE.2866.2 – CENTROC 2018)**

**27 – 31 August 2018, Geneva**

#### **1 General information**

Within the framework of the PfP Partnership Work Program, Chapter XIII, Switzerland organises an international workshop on the role of commanders in the implementation of International Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC), Human Rights Law (HR) and Rules of Engagement (ROE) in field operations.

The official language of the course is English.

The seminar is open to NATO/PfP, MD, ICI and Contact States as well as to all other States interested in the above mentioned topics.

#### **2 Course specification**

##### **2.1 Aim**

The aim is to foster the understanding of the key legal principles at commanding levels and to apply them in the planning and execution of military operations. The workshop also focuses on the necessity of co-operation between commanders and legal advisers and seeks to promote the exchange and understanding of other military cultures.

##### **2.2 Objectives**

- The commander is able to act within his/her sphere of responsibility in accordance with the legal framework applicable to the specific type of operation;
- The commander is aware of the specific responsibilities of the staff cells with regard to LOAC in order to properly judge the quality of their concepts;
- Commanders and legal advisers learn how to cooperate efficiently;
- All participants are enabled to contribute actively to a proper application of LOAC within their armed forces.

## 2.3 Content

The seminar will focus on case studies and practical exercises, preceded by theoretical introductions by international experts.

The treated key subjects include:

- LOAC and HRL;
- Targeting;
- ROE;
- Use of Force;
- Detention;
- Commanders Responsibility;
- Liability and enforcement;
- Contemporary operational challenges.

You will find further information about LOAC in the Swiss Armed Forces on the homepage of the LOAC Section: <http://www.loac.ch>.

## 2.4 Student criteria

The nominees should fulfil the following criteria:

- Commanders and officers foreseen for this position, preferably foreseen for operational assignment, and legal advisers (OF-3 and above) of NATO, PfP, MD and ICI member nations as well as the Contact States. Other States interested in this workshop are, if places are available, as well very much welcome.
- Sound knowledge in English (conform to the STANAG 6001 standards: listening good/3, speaking good/3, reading fair/2, writing fair/2). No additional training or translation will be provided.
- Basic knowledge of LOAC.

Nominations should also include:

- Submission of a military CV, indicating staff and command experience, as well as future assignments (use attached form *Curriculum Vitae*).
- Letter of reference from two different persons from the authorities of his/her country stating that the applicant's knowledge of the English language meets the standards required and that he/she has got sufficient basic knowledge on LOAC to follow the course and to contribute with own inputs.

## 3 Date and location of the course

The course starts on Monday, 27 August 2018, 0830 hrs. and ends on Friday, 31 August 2018, 1430 hrs.

Location:

Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP)

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## 4 Accommodation

Accommodation will be arranged **by** the GCSP for **all** participants in Hotel Drake-Longchamp (see Registration Form) near the GCSP from 26 August 2018 (official date of arrival) to 31 August 2018 (official end of the Course).

## 5 Arrival / Departure

Participants **should arrive not later than 1600 hrs on Sunday, 26 August 2018**, at the Hotel Drake-Longchamp in Geneva. The In-processing procedure will take place at the Hotel.

## 6 Dress

- During working hours: service / field uniform.
- For the official dinner on Thursday, best uniform will be required.
- Civilian clothes for the journey and after working hours.
- Rain protection gear and some warm clothing are highly recommended.

## 7 Payment

No fees will be charged for the course. Switzerland will cover the expenses for the official meals mentioned in the programme (from evening 26 August 2018, date of arrival, through 31 August 2018, date of departure), as well as the official transfers during the course. The transfers on arrival and departure days are at the expense of each participant.

Travel to Switzerland, accommodation in the hotel, extra costs (such as mini-bar, phone calls, laundry, etc.) will be at the expense of the participants. For the daily room rates, please consult the Registration Form.

A limited number of scholarships (only 2 scholarships per Sending Nation) covering travel costs, meals and accommodation is available for applicants from qualified countries. It is imperative that applicants wishing subsidies must get in touch with the point of contact, Ms Sophie Ingelaere, GCSP, as soon as possible, but not later than 31 May 2018.

## 8 Status / Insurance / Visa

The NATO/PfP SOFA applies for all participants belonging to a State Party to the Agreement. Participants not belonging to a State Party to the NATO/PfP SOFA shall, during their presence in Switzerland, be subject to the Swiss Legislation including entry and visa regulations.

For visas, if required, participants shall apply at the respective Swiss Embassy in due time. Please note that no entry visa will be granted at any point of entry in Switzerland.

Participants are themselves responsible for adequate insurance. In particular, each participant has to ensure that he/she is covered for health and dental care. Please check before departure that such costs are covered by your health care system or insurance.

## 9 Application

The attached registration form (including a short CV and a picture/format.jpeg) must be submitted not later than 31 May 2018 (receipt date).

Please send it by e-mail or fax to:

Geneva Centre for Security Policy  
Ms Sophie Ingelaere

Phone: +41 22 730 96 85  
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After receiving your application we will provide you with further information.

## **10 Notice**

A maximum of 40 participants will be admitted to the course.

Qualified applicants having submitted all the required documents will be considered according to the sequence of their registration.

We wish to point out again that if the requirements regarding the knowledge of English and the basics on LOAC are not fulfilled the participant has to return immediately to his home country on his own expenses.

Annexes

Registration form / Curriculum vitae