

LAUNCH OF THE OSCE/ODIHR - DCAF

HUMAN RIGHTS OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL: COMPENDIUM OF STANDARDS, GOOD PRACTICES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5 March 2021

13:00 - 14:15 (CET)

Zoom (webinar)

Simultaneous interpretation: EN/RU

Opening Remarks:

- Representative of Mission of Norway in Geneva (TBC)

Welcome Remarks:

- Matteo Mecacci, Director of ODIHR (TBC)
- Ambassador Thomas Guerber, Director of DCAF

Speakers, followed by Q&A:

- Prof. Ian Leigh, Durham University
- Prof. Alison Duxbury, University of Melbourne
- Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL

Closing Remarks:

- Representative of the Permanent Representation of Finland to the OSCE (TBC)

Moderator:

- Andrea Huber, Head of Human Rights Department, ODIHR

EVENT DESCRIPTION

As representatives of the state structure, armed forces personnel are bound to respect human rights and international humanitarian law in the exercise of their duties. But only when their rights are guaranteed within their own institution will armed forces personnel be likely to uphold these rights in the discharge of their tasks — both when in the barracks and during operations. The recognition that international human rights standards apply to armed forces personnel is also an important commitment in the OSCE Code of Conduct on Politico-Military Aspects of Security.

On March 5th ODIHR and DCAF are launching a Compendium that presents an overview of legislation, OSCE commitments, policies, and mechanisms for ensuring the protection and enforcement of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of armed forces personnel, including many examples and good practices from across the OSCE region that have proven successful. This Compendium provides recommendations for respecting human rights of armed forces personnel on 18 distinct topics, ranging from civil rights, freedom of association, rights of racial minorities, prevention of torture and other forms of ill-treatment, human rights education, military justice, among many others.

PARTICIPANTS

This event seeks to secure the participation of, first and foremost, representatives of the OSCE's 57 participating States, both in Vienna and/or Geneva as well as in capital. Representatives of other states outside the OSCE, including its Partners for Co-operation, international organizations, NGOs, academics and others interested in the intersection between human rights and security are also invited to attend.

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