Panel 1: “Direct Civilian Harm Caused by EWIPA”

Gloria Navarrete Pinto

Ambassador Gloria Navarrete Pinto, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Chile to the International Organizations in Vienna, is a lawyer from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and a graduate of the Andrés Bello Diplomatic Academy. She holds a Master of Laws degree from the London School of Economics and Political Science and is a graduate of the Foreign Service Programme at the University of Oxford. She also holds a diploma in Administrative Law from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Prior to her appointment, Navarrete served as General Director of Ceremonial and Protocol during the previous administration. He also worked in the International Court of Justice Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Planning Directorate. She was also head of the Cabinet of the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. In addition, in the foreign service she worked at the Chilean Embassy in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Austria and the Chilean Mission to International Organizations in Vienna.

Hansjörg Strohmeyer

Hansjoerg Strohmeyer joined OCHA in December 1998. He has been the OCHA Policy Director since 2007. Mr. Strohmeyer returned recently from a 12-month assignment as Chief of Staff and subsequent Special Adviser on Security Sector Reform, including of Border Management and Arms Proliferation to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General with the United Nations Support Mission in Libya. He joined the mission in August 2011. Mr. Strohmeyer joined the United Nations in 1996. He has since held senior positions in several United Nations political and peacekeeping missions, including Lebanon, Sudan, Kosovo, East Timor and Liberia. He also visited numerous other field missions, including Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, Iraq, the Middle East and Ethiopia. Mr. Strohmeyer is the author of several academic publications and completed his academic education with degrees in law and political science.

Marco Baldan

Dr Marco Baldan graduated from Padua University in Italy in Dental Surgery in 1987 and in Medicine in 1992. He specialized in General Surgery in 1997 at the same University. Since 1998, he has worked extensively as a general and war surgeon in developing and/or conflict-afflicted countries, mainly for the ICRC. He is the author of more than 55 publications and has made presentations in more than 100 seminars and conferences in several countries around the world. Since 2015 he coordinates and lectures at an annual international post-graduate diploma on War Trauma at the Public University of Beirut, Lebanon. He is the co-author of the ICRC war surgery manual "War surgery: working with limited resources in armed conflicts and other situations of violence”.

Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta

Alma Taslidžan Al-Osta has devoted her career to humanitarian disarmament and protection of civilians, starting from 2007 working as a Regional Advocacy and Communication manager for Handicap International (now Humanity and Inclusion) for South East Europe, on projects related to mine action and disability. Through her daily work, she monitors the implementation of the Mine Ban Treaty and the Convention on Cluster Munitions and is in touch with conflict affected population through research projects. She sits in the Boards of International Network on Explosive Weapons, International Campaign to Ban Landmines and Cluster Munitions Coalition, and she is a member of the Monitoring and Research Committee of the Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor.
Iain Overton
Iain Overton is the Executive Director of Action on Armed Violence. He has been a member of an expert working group on explosive weapons for the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, sits on the advisory committee to the UK’s All Party Parliamentary Group on Explosive Weapons, and is an expert member of the Forum on the Arms Trade. He also sits on the Advisory Board for the NIHR Global Health Research Group on Post Conflict Trauma; PrOTeCT at Imperial College London. Having worked in over two dozen conflict zones, a former BBC and ITN journalist, Overton's human rights reporting has been awarded a Peabody Award, two Amnesty Awards and a BAFTA Scotland and has been shortlisted for a Golden Dagger Award, among others. His first book, Gun Baby Gun (Canongate) was published in 2015. His second book, The Price of Paradise (Quercus) - how suicide bombers have helped shaped the modern age - was published in 2019.

Panel 2: “Indirect civilian harm and reverberating effects caused by EWIPA”

Evan P. Garcia
Ambassador Evan P. Garcia assumed his position as Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva on 15 March 2017. A career diplomat, who joined the Foreign Service in 1982, he brings over thirty years of professional diplomatic experience to his post. Before his appointment, he was the Philippine Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and Non-resident Ambassador to Ireland from May 2016 to January 2017. He was appointed as Undersecretary for Policy from 2013 to 2016. Ambassador Garcia served his first tour of duty as Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva from 2010 to 2013. Prior to this, Ambassador Garcia served in various capacities in the home office in the Office of Asian and Pacific Affairs, Office of ASEAN Affairs, and the Office of the Secretary.

Michael Talhami
Michael Talhami is the Urban Services Advisor on Water and Habitat with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He focuses on the development of urban strategies and policies aimed at guiding humanitarian programming in support of helping utilities managing through crisis to ensure operational continuity in essential service provision (e.g. water, wastewater, and energy). In addition, he contributes to ICRC’s reflection on and analysis of the protection of essential civilian services. Michael holds a Masters in Environment and Development with a specialization in water resources and water policy, in addition to a B.Sc. in Environmental Engineering.

Ole Solvang
Ole Solvang is Director of Partnerships and Policy at the Norwegian Refugee Council. Prior to joining NRC, Mr. Solvang spent nearly 10 years documenting violations of international law in armed conflict situations for Human Rights Watch. Before that, he served as the Executive Director of Russian Justice Initiative, a non-governmental organization providing legal aid to victims of human rights violations in the North Caucasus. Ole Solvang has a Master's degree in International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Columbia College.
Sara Sekkenes
Ms. Sara Sekkenes is the UN Resident Coordinator in Lao PDR. Before that, she led the work of UNDP on armed violence prevention promoting greater efficiency and effectiveness in humanitarian, development and peacebuilding work. Prior to that Ms. Sekkenes worked with Norwegian People's Aid, a non-governmental organisation actively engaged in issues pertaining to the challenges faced by communities and countries affected by war. Ms. Sekkenes holds a Master from the University of Gothenburg, Sweden in the field of Human and Physical Geography and additional university degrees in Development Studies and in Geography & International Affairs.

Michael Copland
Michael Copland has over 20 years of professional experience in humanitarian field operations management and child protection programming – for Governments, UN agencies and International NGOs. This has included technical positions on Children and Armed Conflict and release and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and groups. He has worked with UNICEF as a Child Protection specialist in Timor Leste, Uganda, Sri Lanka and the East and Southern Africa Regional Office. He has managed field offices for UNICEF in South Sudan and served in Lebanon as Program Director for the Norwegian Refugee Council. He holds degrees in Social Work and International Law from the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Panel 3: “Characteristics of explosive weapons and challenges of the urban context”

María del Socorro Flores Liera
Ambassador Socorro Flores Liera has a Law degree from Universidad Iberoamericana and Postgraduate studies in international law at the Faculty of Law of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). In 1992 she joined the Mexican Foreign Service and since 2012 has the rank of Ambassador. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and abroad she has served as Director of International Law in the Legal Office, Director General for Global Issues and Director General for American Regional Organizations, as well as at the Missions of Mexico in New York and in Vienna. Since November 2017 she was appointed Permanent Representative of Mexico to United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland.

Stefano Toscano
Ambassador Stefano Toscano has been the Director of the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) since January 2014. From 1998 to 2002, as diplomatic collaborator in Berne, Stefano Toscano was responsible for the dossier small arms and light weapons. From 2002 to 2006, Stefano Toscano worked as a Counsellor at the Swiss Mission to the UN in New York. He also served as Vice Chairman of the 2nd Committee of the UN General Assembly. After returning to Switzerland in 2006, Stefano Toscano was Head of Section, Humanitarian Policy and Migration, at the Human Security Division of the Political Directorate, then Deputy Head of Division. In the three and a half years before joining the GICHD, Stefano Toscano was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Swiss Embassy in Cairo. Stefano Toscano holds a PhD in Natural Science from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ) and a Master in International Relations from the University of San Diego.
Roos Boer is the program leader of the Humanitarian Disarmament team of the Dutch peace organization PAX. As one of the co-founding members of the International Network on Explosive Weapons, PAX published several reports on explosive weapons in populated areas, based on field missions as well as more policy oriented publications. Roos holds a masters degree in International Relations from the University of Amsterdam, and has been working on a range of humanitarian disarmament issues since 2007.

N.R. Jenzen-Jones is an arms and munitions intelligence specialist focusing on current and recent conflicts and weapons technologies. He is the Director of Armament Research Services (ARES), a specialised technical intelligence consultancy, the Director of Research for Headstamp Publishing, and a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for the Reduction of Firearms Crime, Trafficking and Terrorism at Northampton University. He serves in consultancy roles with a number of prominent organisations in the field, and has produced extensive research and analysis on a range of issues related to incendiary weapons, cluster munitions, indirect fire artillery weapons, and conventional arms proliferation. He is a member of several professional organisations, including the Ordnance Society, International Ammunition Association, and International Ballistics Society.

John W. Spencer serves as the Chair of Urban Warfare Studies and Co-Director of the Urban Warfare Project with the Modern War Institute at the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY. He served over twenty-five years in the Army as an infantry soldier to include two combat deployments to Iraq. His research focuses on military operations in megacities, dense urban areas, and urban warfare. His writing has appeared in New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Foreign Policy Magazine, Army Magazine, and many other publications.

Alain Déletroz is the director General of Geneva Call. He has an experience of more than twenty five years of work in conflict regions or in countries under strong political tensions. His professional background includes: Vice-President at the International Crisis Group, Brussels (2002-2013); director, Open Society Institute, Tashkent, 1998–2002; delegate International Committee of the Red Cross, Moscow, 1994–1998; Adult literacy and capacity building project manager, Interteam, Carabaya, Peru, 1986–1991.

Panel 4: “International Law and the use of explosive weapons”

Amb. Pedro Comissário Afonso obtained his Law degree at Eduardo Mondlane University in 1981, after studies in philosophy. Later he studied International Law at Columbia University. He started his diplomatic career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he successively served as Director for Africa and Middle East, for International Organizations and for Legal and Consular Affairs, among other responsibilities. Along his career, he served as Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations in New York, as Ambassador of Mozambique to Portugal, as Ambassador to the Nordic Countries based in Stockholm and as Permanent Representative to the Unite Nations Office in Geneva. He was a member of the International Law Commission for 15 years and the President of the Commission in 2015-2016. He was also Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the UNHCR. Since February 2019 he is the Director of the Central Bureau for the Drug Prevention and Combat with the Council of Ministers of Mozambique.
Kathleen Lawand

Kathleen Lawand is head of the Arms Unit, in the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), overseeing the development and promotion of the ICRC’s legal and policy positions on weapons of humanitarian concern. In the course of her 19-year career with the ICRC, she was posted to the ICRC’s delegations in India, West Africa, Iraq support (Jordan), and Afghanistan. From 2008 to 2012, she was head of the Legal Advisers to the ICRC’s Operations. Prior to joining the ICRC, she worked for the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). She was called to the Québec Bar in 1990, and in 1995 obtained a master’s degree (LL.M.) in public international law from the London School of Economics, with distinction.

Maya Brehm

Maya Brehm holds an MA in international relations and an LL.M in IHL. She specializes in humanitarian disarmament and the international regulation of weapons and has published extensively on the protection of civilians from explosive weapons. Ms. Brehm is an advisor with Article 36. She previously led research in weapons law at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and on explosive weapons at the UN Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR).

Lisa Ferris

Brigadier Ferris joined the New Zealand Army in February 2003 and has held a range of legal adviser positions over her career. Brigadier Ferris has deployed operationally numerous times, including to the Arabian Gulf and to Afghanistan. Brigadier Ferris was promoted to her current rank on 23 January 2018. Brigadier Ferris holds a Master of Laws and a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration from Victoria University of Wellington and completed United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 2014.

Baptiste Martin

Baptiste has about 15 years of experience in Mali, Israel/Palestine, Iraq, Sudan, DRC, New York, CAR and now in the G5 Sahel region. He started his career mostly with humanitarian actors, including MSF or UNHCR. He then spent most of the last decade with DPKO, in field missions as Senior PoC Adviser, but also 2 years at HQ in New York, as head of the PoC team, where he led the development of the DPKO-DFS Protection of Civilians Policy. Prior to his current position, he drafted the DPKO-DFS PoC Handbook - currently under finalization - as PoC Expert for the Folke Bernadotte Academy. He has now joined OHCHR in April 2018, as Senior Human Rights Officer and head of the G5 Sahel Joint Force Compliance Framework Project, based in Bamako.

Panel 5: “Military Practice and Policy”

Wolfgang Richter

Colonel (ret) Wolfgang Richter joined the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) after retirement from military service in 2010. His research areas cover the European security order including the role of the OSCE, NATO-Russia relations, territorial conflicts, conventional and nuclear arms control, and military strategies. He also published policy papers on the use of armed drones and on explosive weapons in populated areas (EWIPA). In his military career as a general staff officer in the Federal Armed Forces of Germany he dealt with strategic planning, development of defence concepts, military tasks and structures, and arms control issues and served in various commanding and general staff functions.
**Sahr Muhammedally**

Sahr Muhammedally is a Director for MENA & South Asia at the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC). She manages trainings, research, and advocacy on civilian protection and harm mitigation and engages governments and armed actors on civilian protection during all phases of operations. Sahr has worked for over 15 years in the fields of armed conflict, human rights, and counterterrorism and undertaken field work in Afghanistan, China, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Pakistan, Syria, and Yemen. Prior to joining CIVIC, Sahr was with Human Rights Watch and practiced law in New York.

**Abdul Hai Rauf**

Abdul Hai Rauf is the Deputy Minister of Defense, Policy and Strategy. He previously served as the head of the Secretariat and Director of Analysis and Assessment at the Office of National Security Council of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for six years. He has also been a member of the negotiating team on the Bilateral Security Agreement between Afghanistan and United States. Rauf’s other major work experience include Project Director Horticulture and Livestock Project, Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Good Governance Senior Program Officer, Open Society Afghanistan (Open Society Foundations), Political Analyst (Shot-term), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. As a Fulbright Scholar, Rauf earned a Master of Arts degree in International Policy Studies (MAIPS), Middlebury Institute of International Studies, California, USA (May 2009). Rauf studied Law and Political Sciences at Kabul University (’04).

**Marc Di Paolo**

Marc Di Paolo is assigned to NATO’s International Staff as Director, Defense Institution and Capacity Building. His prior role at NATO was as Head of Operations for Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Global Coalition to Defeat Da’esh/ISIS. Before joining NATO, he served at the U.S. National Geospatial Intelligence Agency as Director, Enterprise Innovation. He is a former pilot for the United States Air Force with combat experience in Afghanistan and Iraq.

**Simon Karanja**

Major General S N Karanja joined the Kenya Defence Forces in 1975 as a 2Lt. He is currently a Security Manager for Vipingo Ridge PGA Golf Ltd. Nearly three Quarters of his over 38 years of service was spent in command of troops, from a Platoon Commander through Battalion Commander, Brigade to General Officer Commanding a Region. The other Quarter of his service was spent mostly in training institutions, as Staff officer at Service HQs and Peacekeeping operations. He served in colleges and schools such as Commandant School of Armour, Defence Staff College and the Armed Forces Training College. He also served as the Director of Army Logistics at the Army HQs between July 2003 and October 2005. He has served in three UN Missions and retired from the military on 9th January 2014.

**Simon Bagshaw**

Simon Bagshaw is a Senior Policy Advisor on the protection of civilians in armed conflict with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. He has worked for OCHA for 17 years, specializing in the protection of civilians, with a focus on issues relating to the humanitarian impact of weapons. Prior to joining OCHA, he worked as Senior Researcher for the Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons at the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. He has a PhD in law from the European University Institute in Florence.
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**Thomas Hajnoczi**
Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi is Head of the Disarmament Department in the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria. Prior he has been serving as Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva and before as Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. In his career he also held the posts of Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York. Among his many assignments in the Ministry was Director for Security Policy. He holds a doctor of law from Vienna University.

**Bonnie Docherty**
Bonnie Docherty is a senior researcher in the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch. She is also a lecturer on law and the associate director of armed conflict and civilian protection at Harvard Law School’s International Human Rights Clinic. Docherty has worked in the field of humanitarian disarmament since 2001 as a lawyer, field researcher, and scholar. She participated in the negotiations of the treaties banning cluster munitions and nuclear weapons. In addition, she has conducted numerous on-the-ground investigations of the civilian effects of armed conflict, including the effects of the use of explosive weapons in populated areas.

**Pamela Moraga**
Pamela Moraga is at present posted at the Permanent Mission of Chile to the UN and International Organizations based in Geneva, in charge of disarmament affairs. Since joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Moraga has worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Human Rights Directorate as well as Central, North America and Caribbean Directorate. She was political and legal Adviser to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS); Assistant Director (S) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Directorate of Multilateral Policy and Chief of the Hemispheric Organization of American States Department. Adviser to the Chilean National Agent before the International Court of Justice in the Case concerning Chile and Bolivia regarding the maritime dispute. Head of the legal Department in the Unit for the Implementation of the Chilean Vote Abroad at the General Directorate for Consular and Migration Issues.

**Zahid Rastam**
Zahid Rastam is currently serving as a Principal Assistant Secretary in the Multilateral Security Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, responsible for disarmament and non-proliferation issues. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001 and has also served in the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Multilateral Political, Regional Cooperation, Strategic Planning, and Policy Planning Divisions, as well as the OIC National Secretariat. He has also served in the Malaysian Missions in New York, Geneva, and Manila. He was engaged actively in the processes leading towards the ATT and the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. He was part of the team for Malaysia’s Chairmanship of the 2019 NPT Preparatory Committee; Malaysia’s Chairmanship of the 2015 BWC Prepcom; and Malaysia’s Presidency of the Economic and Social Council in 2010 and it’s Vice Presidency in 2009.

**Orlaith Fitzmaurice**
Orlaith Fitzmaurice was appointed Director of Disarmament and Non-Proliferation at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland in 2018. She has worked in the diplomatic service since 2002. Her previous assignments include the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the UN in New York and the Embassy of Ireland Paris, as well as working on the Northern Ireland peace process and as speechwriter for the President of Ireland. She holds an undergraduate degree in Law and French from Trinity College Dublin, and completed postgraduate studies at the Ecole National d’Administration in France.