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The Evolution of Warfare

The Respect of International Humanitarian Law by Private Military and Security Companies

Armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, and wars are on the rise and international tensions are growing in many parts of the world. Increasingly, governments are using private military and security companies (PMSCs) to fight wars. Meanwhile, some international organizations and transnational companies employ them to secure their ships from pirates, rebels and terrorist groups. The PMSC industry has 6500 companies worldwide, is estimated to be worth USD 400 billion and has millions of employees. Violations of human rights by PMSC staff were reported during the war in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Congo and other conflicts. To whom are PMSCs accountable? Join us for a panel discussion with experts to discuss this trending industry vis-à-vis international humanitarian law.

Introductory Remarks

Raymond Saner Director, Diplomacy Dialogue, Geneva

A discussion with

Valentin Zellweger Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Switzerland, to the United Nations and other International Organization in Geneva

Kelisiana Thynne Legal Advisor, Advisory Services on International Humanitarian Law International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva

Jamie A. Williamson Executive Director, International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers' Association (ICoCA), Geneva

Moderated by

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