

PROGRAMME OF WORK

Open-ended IGWG to consider the possibility of elaborating an international regulatory framework on the regulation, monitoring and oversight of the activities of private military and security companies

Geneva, Palais des Nations, Room XX

First session, 23 – 27 May 2011

Time	Monday 23 May	Tuesday 24 May	Wednesday 25 May	Thursday 26 May	Friday 27 May
Morning meetings: 10 am to 1 pm	Opening of the session Election of the Chairperson-Rapporteur Adoption of the agenda, timetable and programme of work General discussion	<u>Topic:</u> Law and practice in relation to PMSCs <i>(cont'd)</i> <u>Expert:</u> - Mr. Nils Melzer, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) General discussion <u>Discussion on specific topic</u> <u>Topic:</u> National legislation and practices <u>Experts:</u> - Mr. Alexander Nikitin, member of the WG on mercenaries - Ms. Amada Benavides de Pérez, member of the WG on mercenaries General discussion	<u>Discussion on specific topic</u> <u>Topic:</u> Elements of an international regulatory framework of activities of PMSCs <u>Experts:</u> - Members of the WG on mercenaries General discussion	<u>Discussion on specific topic</u> <u>Topic:</u> Accountability and the right to an effective remedy for victims <u>Experts:</u> - Members of the WG on mercenaries General discussion	Informal consultations <i>(cont'd)</i>
Afternoon meetings: 3pm to 6pm	<u>Discussion on specific topic</u> <u>Topic:</u> Law and practice in relation to PMSCs <u>Experts*:</u> - Mr. José Luis Gomez del Prado, member of the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (WG on mercenaries) - Ms. Faiza Patel, member of the WG on mercenaries - Ms. Anne-Marie Buzatu, Programme Coordinator, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) General discussion	<u>Topic:</u> National legislation and practices <i>(cont'd)</i> General discussion	<u>Expert Presentation</u> by Mr. Gerald Pachoud, Special Adviser to Mr. John Ruggie, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Business and Human Rights <u>Discussion on specific topic</u> <u>Topic:</u> Elements of an international regulatory framework of activities of PMSCs <i>(cont'd)</i> General discussion	Informal consultations	Presentation of the summary of the session

* Experts will be introducing each topic, followed by a general discussion.