

Panel Event

Use of private military and security companies by the United Nations

Convened by the Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries
Wednesday, 5 March 2014, 10:00-13:00
Room IX, Palais des Nations
Geneva

The United Nations (UN) uses private military and security companies (PMSCs) extensively in a variety of activities and locations around the world. The UN has recently adopted several policies on this matter. This panel aims to foster public awareness of the nature and extent of the UN's use of PMSCs and to discuss the UN policies and practices with a view to identifying strategies to address any gaps and challenges.

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Navi Pillay, High Commissioner for Human Rights

Panellists:

Mr. Stuart Groves – Former Chief Security Coordinator, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Mr. Rick Cottam – President of the United Nations Staff Union for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

Ms. Åse Gilje Østensen – Assistant Professor, Royal Norwegian Naval Academy

Mr. Elke Krahnemann – Professor of Security studies at Brunel University, United Kingdom

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