

Minutes: TSC Meeting 16-18 January 2013

By videoconference

Attending in Washington DC (offices of Latham & Watkins):

David Dutton, Australian Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Chair)

Josh Dorosin, US Department of State

Mark DeWitt, Triple Canopy

Meg Roggensack, Human Rights First

Brent Wegner, GardaWorld

Jason Pielemeier, US Department of State

Ian McKay, US Department of State

Attending in London (offices of Aegis):

Paul McGrade, UK Foreign Commonwealth Office

Sylvia White, Aegis

Andrew Nicholson, Drum Cussac

Chris Mayer, US Department of Defense

Rémy Friedmann, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Anne-Marie Buzatu, DCAF

Thomas Haueter, DCAF

Attending in New York (offices of Latham & Watkins):

James Cockayne, independent

Attending by voice dial-in:

Nils Melzer, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Process towards a drafting conference

1. The minutes from the previous meeting (November 2012) were approved.
2. The TSC discussed and drafted the text of a second draft of the draft charter of the Oversight Mechanism over the three days. This included discussions with Swiss lawyers on specific requirements required under Swiss law.
3. The TSC noted that to finalise the draft Charter would require an additional few days of discussions and drafting and that they expected to release the second draft of the charter on Monday 28th January.
4. The TSC also discussed the drafting conference that is being convened in Montreux from the afternoon of Tuesday, 19 February 2013 and continuing until the afternoon of Friday, 22 February 2013. The Swiss Government and DCAF confirmed that a broad range of people had been invited to give expressions of interest to attend and that participants from different stakeholder groups were now confirming their attendance. The TSC considered further the working methods for the conference, including the general structure of the agenda.