

Minutes, TSC Meeting 5-7 June 2012 in Washington, US

Attending:

Mark de Witt, Triple Canopy (Chair)
David Dutton, Australian Dept of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Rémy Friedmann, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
Chris Mayer, US Department of Defense
Sylvia White, Aegis
Jason Pielemaier, US Department of State
Meg Roggensack, Human Rights First
Margaret Beloff, UK Foreign Commonwealth Office
Chris Albin-Lackey, Human Rights Watch
Andrew Clapham, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Anne-Marie Buzatu, DCAF

Thomas Haueter, DCAF

- The meeting began with a **feedback from the different outreach or other relevant events** that took part since the last TSC meeting: 23 May FCO outreach event in London, 25 May DoD outreach event at the Pentagon, 29 May ICoC TSC outreach event in Washington, 30 May – 1 June in Denver: Transparency and Governance of Private Military and Security Services Conference, 4 June a phone call by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor with civil society stakeholders.
- DCAF provided an update about the **election process for the two new industry representatives** of the TSC.
- Discussion on the implication and integration of **non-state clients** into the process and the work of the TSC: interest of non-state clients to participate in the initiative; differences from the already existing three pillars in the TSC; need to broaden the group of non-state clients beyond extractive industry; confidentiality concerns.
- Discussion on **certification and standards**: information brief on ASIS/ANSI PSC standard by Chris Mayer; discussion on transition phase of ASIS to ISO standard and implication for the oversight mechanism as well as implementation phase of the standards; discussion on added value of oversight mechanism.
- Discussion on **governance structure** of the oversight mechanism: inclusion of non-state clients; balance of power in the plenary and the board. Future steps will include a concept paper that lists a couple of options in this area.
- Discussion on **performance assessment /monitoring**: aiming at improving situation on the ground and building a best-practice dialogue for that; if there were violations of the Code, try to fix these issues cooperatively with a high degree of confidentiality, but also need for a mechanism if a company fails to address or is not willing at all to address these violations.

- Discussion about the **timeline** of the process and **further steps**:
 - Next possible TSC meeting on July 24-26 in Washington DC, will be confirmed in the beginning of July if needed
 - Decision to schedule a weekly one hour call every Tuesday at 10am DC time
 - Smaller working groups will draft “concept papers” on the main issues that need more work and outreach efforts: certification, monitoring, third party, governance, affiliation criteria, and non-state clients.
 - Aim is to complete concept papers by end of September 2012, and revised charter text by late Fall / end of 2012