Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the rights of peoples to self-determination

PANEL ON PRIVATE MILITARY AND SECURITY COMPANIES:
REGULATIONS AND NATIONAL EXPERIENCE
Room IX, Palais des Nations, Geneva

10:00 – 10:10 Opening remarks by Ms. Elzbieta Karska, Chair of the Working Group

PANEL I: 10:10 – 11:30 PMSC regulations at the national level

Discussion to cover, inter alia:

- Do regulations in your focus country/countries cover military activity?
- Do they cover activity abroad?
- What is entailed in licensing, authorization and registration of PMSC personnel?
- How is monitoring implemented?
- Are there standard rules and methods for acquiring, exporting, importing, possessing and using weapons?
- What resources are made available for victims?

Introduction and facilitation by Ms. Elzbieta Karska, Chair of the Working Group

U.S. law – Ms. Laura Dickinson, Professor of Law, George Washington University

South African law – Mr. Faustin Z. Ntoubandi, Alumni Fellow, Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada

Comparative analysis and global overview – Mr. Ottavio Quirico, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of New England

Legislative guidance tool - Ms. Alice McGrath-Crégut, Program Manager, Public Private Partnerships Division, Geneva Centre of Democratic Control of Armed Forces

Open for discussion

Summary and wrap-up - Mr. Gabor Rona, member of the Working Group
PANEL II: 11:30 – 13:00 National experience of PMSC regulations

Discussion to cover, *inter alia*:

- What would be the minimum standards of regulation?
- Do regional agreements offer coverage?
- What is the experience of mutual legal assistance between States involved?
- What gaps have been identified?
- What can be done to close existing gaps across countries?
- Are there any good practices that may apply?

**Introduction and facilitation** by *Ms. Patricia Arias*, member of the Working Group

UK law – *Mr. Nigel White*, Professor, University of Nottingham

Colombian law – *Mr. Antoine Perret*, Independent Consultant, from January 2016 - visiting scholar at the Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School, New York

Comparative analysis and global overview – *Mr. Hin-Yan Liu*, Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen

Representative of the industry – *Mr. Paul Gibson*, Director, Security in Complex Environments Group

**Open for discussion**

**Summary and wrap-up** by *Mr. Gabor Rona*, Working Group member