Strengthening Security and Criminal Justice in Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations

A roundtable discussion co-sponsored by the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group, supported by the Rule of Law Unit in the United Nations Executive Office of the Secretary-General, and the International Peace Institute

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9:00am–1:00pm

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Trygve Lie Center for Peace, Security & Development
777 United Nations Plaza, 12th Floor
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New York
AGENDA

9:00 - 9:15 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Edward C. Luck, Senior Vice President for Research and Programs, IPI

Mr. Edric Selous, Director, Rule of Law Unit, UN Executive Office of the Secretary-General

9:15 - 10:45 SESSION 1: STRENGTHENING NATIONAL SECURITY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAPABILITIES

What progress has the UN made in delivering on the goal of strengthening national security and criminal justice capabilities in conflict and post-conflict situations since the publication of the 2004 report of the UN Secretary-General on the rule of law and transitional justice in conflict and post-conflict societies (S/2004/616)? What lessons have been learned, and how have they changed the practice of the organization’s work in this field? What further steps should be considered?

Chair: Dr. Edward C. Luck, Senior Vice President for Research and Programs, IPI

Speaker: Ms. Colette Rausch, Director, Rule of Law Center of Innovation, United States Institute of Peace

11:00 - 12:30pm SESSION 2: PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND IMPACT AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

How can the UN and donors overcome challenges to coherence and coordination in planning and implementing programs supporting the reform of criminal courts and security sector institutions? In which fields does the UN have comparative advantages on supporting security and criminal justice sector reforms? Have specialized approaches to tackling serious crimes, such as terrorism, corruption, and mass atrocities, proven effective? On what evidentiary basis and through which processes should priorities be decided?

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Speaker: Mr. Graeme Simpson, Policy and Learning Director, Interpeace

12:30 – 1:00 CONCLUSION AND WRAP-UP DISCUSSION

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