

**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 “PRIVATIZATION OF WAR: IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS”

Thursday 21 July, 10:00 – 13:00

Conference Room 3, United Nations Headquarters, New York

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:10 Opening remarks by Ms. Patricia Arias, Chair of the Working Group

The effect of privatization of war on self-determination

10:10 – 10:15 Introduction and moderation by Ms. Elzbieta Karska, Working Group member

Discussion to cover, *inter alia*:

- How does PMSC activity affect the right of peoples to self-determination?
- In the context of PMSC activity, how can protection of the right to self-determination be strengthened?

10:15 – 10:25 Mr. Abu Ziad, International Advocacy Officer, Addameer, Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association, Palestine

10:25 – 10:35 Mr. Oladiran Bello, Executive Director, Good Governance Africa, Lagos, Nigeria

10:35 – 11:00 **Open for discussion**

The effect of privatization of war on accountability and remedy

11:00 – 11:05 Introduction and facilitation by Mr. Saeed Mokbil, Working Group member

Discussion to cover, *inter alia*:

- How does privatization of war impact accountability for violations of international human rights and humanitarian law?
- What is the impact of private actors in warfare on access to remedy for victims?

11:05 – 11:15 Mr. Jordi Palou Loverdos, NOVACT-International Institute for Nonviolent Action, Spain

11:15 – 11:25 Ms. Katherine Gallagher, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights, U.S.A.

11:25 – 12:00 **Open for discussion**

Options for regulation

12:00 – 12:05 Introduction and facilitation by Mr. Gabor Rona, Working Group member

Discussion to cover, *inter alia*:

- What regulatory framework would ensure accountability for PMSC activity?
- What regulatory framework would ensure access to redress and remedy for victims?

12:05 – 12:15 Mr. Andrew Orsmond, Executive Director of International Code of Conduct Association, Switzerland

12:15 – 12:25 Ms. Meg Roggensack, Senior Adviser on Business and Human Rights, Human Rights First

12:25 – 12:45 **Open for discussion**

12:45 – 12:55 Summary and wrap-up by Mr. Anton Katz, Working Group member

12:55 – 13:00 Final remarks and thanks by Ms. Arias, Working Group Chair