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## 01

### Promoting compliance:

#### 01.1 Training for peacekeeping troops

We were commissioned by UK FCO and MOD to develop a comprehensive training package on conflict-related sexual violence for peacekeeping contributing troops. The draft training package was presented by Cynthia Petrigh in London on the 30th of April. By a coincidence of date, that same day the Bangui scandal broke out (French peacekeeping troops and their allies are accused to have raped young IDP boys), as if to remind us of the importance of this problem and the urgent need for peacekeeping contributing troops to receive a standardised training, as national-based trainings have not always proved sufficient for the troops to respect international norms.

The course developed by Cynthia Petrigh on behalf of the UK government draws on lessons learnt from trainings and good practice in recent operations such as EUTM Mali, EUTM Somalia, NCGM and PSOTC Bosnia. It contains four sets of presentations (two for Commanders: Complete and Core versions; two for Troops: Complete and Core versions) plus a set of material for advanced participants and a 60-page volume speaker's notes, that details – to the trainers – methodological aspects such as cultural awareness training tools and exercises, and provides guidance for efficient M&E.

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Training of the military on civilian protection in an urban combat setting

01.2 Beyond (peace) was invited to contribute to the Summer School "The Civilian Personnel of Peacekeeping/Peacebuilding Operations and of Political Missions" which will take place this coming July at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (PISA), in cooperation with the European Commission, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR), the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human rights (ODIHR) and the Italian Foreign Ministry. The training enables civilian personnel to operate in the field, as international officers, observers, experts and volunteers of international missions.

01.3 Beyond (peace) is also involved in training the civilian personnel such as human rights field officers, working in international missions, through Europe's New Training Initiative for Civilian Crisis Management (ENTRi). This upcoming ENTRi course will focus on International Standards for the Protection of Individuals and Groups.

#### 01.4 Support to societies in transition

Beyond (peace) has been contacted by Burkina Faso's "Balai Citoyen" for support in organising the non-violent transition from Blaise Compaoré's regime to a democratic one. A specific request was expressed for training on international norms and standards, for CSOs and the security sector. Beyond (peace) is studying partnerships and funding possibilities. More to come.

#### 01.5 A project aiming at rewarding compliance

Beyond (peace) is engaged in an advocacy effort aiming at creating an international reward system encouraging behaviour of armed forces.

While mechanisms are in place to criticise and punish armed forces' behaviour when at fault (civil society, Human rights NGOs, ICC, internal disciplining), or to reward armed forces' bravery in combat (military promotions and medals), there is generally little way of promoting and rewarding those who comply with IHL and Rule of Law and those who avoid massacres.

(01 continued) For too long, heroic and compliant behaviour has been left unnoticed. At a time where the world is appalled by the levels of savagery displayed by the Islamic State and other groups, it is about time we reward and encourage compliant behaviour, and not only during acts of violence. Yet, in many countries, policies and legislation are in place to enforce rule of law and IHL. However, the systems to reward those Commanders who apply and promote these standards are largely non-existent or ineffective.

We recommend the creation of effective mechanisms to support and reward the commanding officers who take the right decisions and who respect national and international norms and policies.

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## 02

### Monitoring, Fact-Finding & Reporting



Since the launch in Geneva last March of our Advanced Practitioner's *Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry* (now available [here](#)) we are continuing our involvement with the Harvard group on the topic. Beyond (*peace*) participated on the 30th of April in a podcast discussion on *The Role of Monitoring, Reporting, and Fact-finding in Civilian Protection*, with SRSG on CAAC = Leila Zerrougui and experts in the field Dan Fahey and Theo Boutruche. The podcast can be found [here](#).

On the 20th of May, The Hague Institute for Global Justice held a closed expert roundtable on evidence-based fact-finding with high-level personalities from the judicial field and experts in investigation missions including Cynthia Petrigh from Beyond (*peace*). The experts discussed – among other topics – the professionalization of fact-finding and the potential for interaction between fact-finding missions and international criminal investigations.

Along with the expert meeting, a public round-table

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(02 continued) organised by the Hague Institute for Global Justice and the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR) allowed for an interactive and interesting discussion with hand-picked practitioners, trainers, and policymakers engaged in investigative efforts in the domain of international criminal law, international humanitarian law, and human rights, on the development of methodologies and approaches for surmounting common challenges in recent fact-finding practices.

## 03

### Academic

At the time of writing this newsletter, we are getting ready to travel to Pisa to teach the Scuola Superiore Santa Anna course *Human Rights Field Operation*. Based on Beyond (*peace*) experience in the field, Cynthia Petrigh will share with Masters students interested in international careers, theoretical and operational



insights on the International Humanitarian Community; Documenting and Reporting Human rights Violations; Women's Participation in Peace Processes; the Complex Management of IDP Crisis; and on Non-State Armed Groups.

Our long-standing cooperation with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in Sanremo is continuing, with the participation in the Refugee Law Course in French last April, where we trained civil servants engaged in asylum procedures in their countries, on the topics of Refugees and the Displaced, as well as on Sexual and Gender Based Violence affecting displaced persons.

Beyond (*peace*) will be present at the XXXVIII round table on current issues of International Humanitarian Law in Sanremo, which will take place on 3-5 September. The topic chosen for 2015 is: *The distinction between international and non-international armed conflicts: challenges for IHL?*

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