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### 01

**Beyond (peace) is moving on. Beyond (peace) is growing...and becoming: Rose des Vents.**

*Beyond (peace)* was created 3 years ago and is now moving on. We are in the process of founding, with other skilled and committed experts, a leading company in the field of training, assessment, mentoring and consultancy solutions on international norms for state security forces, non-state armed groups, government officials and humanitarian professionals.

more in our next issue!

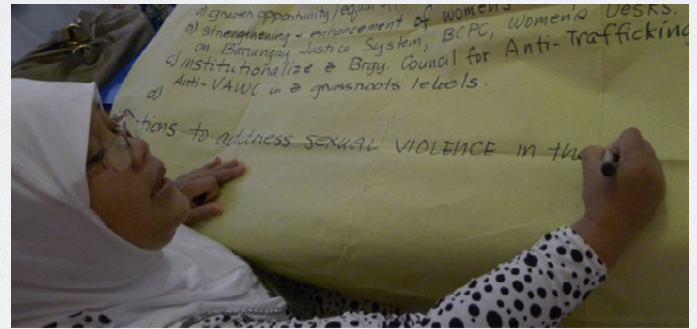


### 02

**Women, peace and Security**

We joined a number of conversations in the context of the preparations for the 15th anniversary UN Security Council Resolution 1325. Our testimonies and ideas were shared from Manila to New York, in various groups supporting women's participation in non-violent and creative ways to promote peace.

At the UN HQ in New York, we met with Under Secretary General on Communications and Public Information Cristina Gallach, with representatives



from UN Women, DPKO Office of Military Affairs, Conduct and Discipline Unit, with the Security Council Affairs Division and representatives from other departments, to discuss Human rights and Women, and peace and security aspects of Peace Operations. At a time when the UN and the member states are sending a clear political message, with the release of the High-Level Independent Panel on Peace Operations June 2015 report ; the SG's report on SEA at the member states meeting earlier this month; and the strong political message sent by UNSG with the replacement of MINUSCA Mission Commander, discussions focused on training, conduct, and evaluation aspects of peace operations.

**Quote:** "Current times are crucial times for Women, Peace and Security . We are at a turning point where decisions, and actions must be taken, so that 1325, and all what it means, are fully implemented. This can only be for the benefit of women and for the benefit of peace in the world. The confluence of the 1325 anniversary, the HIPPO report and the upcoming Peacekeeping Summit are creating a momentum for member states and UN agencies to show leadership and take the right steps. As an example, we are promoting human rights advisers and gender advisers to assume their role in peacekeeping missions close to the MC and SRSG, and a boost of women at the peace table" - USG Cristina Gallach, in an interview with Beyond (peace)

### 03

**San Remo roundtable**

More than 200 government officials, practitioners, academics, military and specialised agencies were reunited once more this year to examine current issues of IHL. The round-table, which took place on 3-5 September, discussed the relevance of the distinction between non-international armed conflicts (NIAC) and international armed conflicts (IAC), in the light of the growing number of NIAC and trans-national conflicts, and the challenges they pose.



*Beyond (peace)*, which has been associated with the Institute for some years, participated in the discussions and presented to the Institute's leadership its project on increasing compliance through creating an international mechanism aimed at recognising good behaviour by combatants.



With IIHL President Prof. Pocar

## 04

### Working with NSAG

Consultations and discussions on training and advisory projects are ongoing with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF, Mindanao), the Balai Citoyen (Burkina Faso) and the authorities of Central African Republic (CAR).

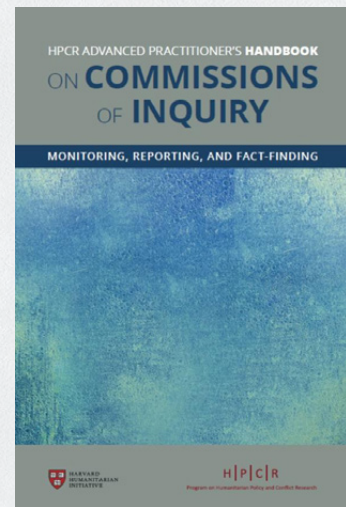
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### Monitoring, fact-finding and reporting

1. Cynthia Petrigh from *Beyond (peace)* spoke as a panelist at an event hosted by the Swiss Government at the UN HQ. Attended by member states and representatives from the UN agencies, the conference discussed dilemmas surrounding mandate interpretation, applicable legal lenses, witness protection and public communication.



2. *Beyond (peace)* will be speaking about witness protection in Commissions of Inquiry at an event organised by the HPCR at the African Union in Addis Abeba on November 2 and 3.



3. At the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent in Geneva (December 8-10) we will be discussing methodologies and dilemmas of international investigations, around our Advanced Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry, in an event organised by the HPCR.

4. Our work for the Advanced Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry will be gathered in a Cambridge University Press publication, including the background articles and research conducted by the Group

## 06

### Training humanitarian professionals

At the time of sending out this newsletter, *Beyond (peace)* is in Dakar, to co-teach another set of PHAP core and technical courses on the protection of civilians in armed conflicts, in Dakar, Senegal, from September 21 to 25. Addressed to experienced participants from DRC, CAR, Mali, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger and Guinea representing OCHA, MONUSCO, local and international NGOs, the workshops will focus on humanitarian access, protection strategies, and negotiating with non-state armed groups.

Rose des Vents – don't miss the launch – you will be receiving more information soon!