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Traduction simultanée anglais/français

DAY 1: Thursday 16th October

- 09.00-09.30 Registration and Coffee
- 09.30-09.45 Welcome address by **Prof. Paul Demaret**, Rector of the College of Europe
- 09.45-10.00 Opening address by **Françoise Krill**, Head of Delegation, ICRC Brussels

Session One: Setting the Scene: Transfers and Humanitarian Concerns

Chair person: **Knut Doermann**, Head of the Legal Division, ICRC

- 10.00-10.20 *New Legal and Operational Issues: a NATO Perspective:* **Lt Col Darren Stewart**, Legal Advisor, NATO
- 10.20-10.40 *An EU Perspective:* **Frederik Naert**, Legal Advisor, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU
- 10.40-11.00 *A United States Perspective:* **Milbert Shin**, Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crime Issues, U.S. Department of State
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

Session Two: Transfers, International Law and Non-Refoulement Principle

Chair person: **Knut Doermann**, Head of the Legal Division, ICRC

- 14.00-14.20 *Non-refoulement under Human Rights Law:* **Clive Baldwin**, Senior Legal Adviser, Human Rights Watch
- 14.20-14.40 *Non-refoulement: aspects of Refugee Law and the European Convention on Human Rights,* **Roland Bank**, Legal Advisor, UNHCR, Berlin
- 14.40-15.00 *An ICRC Perspective:* **Cordula Droege**, Legal Adviser, ICRC
- 15.00-15.30 Discussion
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee break

Session Three: The Use of Diplomatic Assurances

Chair person: **Jeno Czuczai**, Principal Jurist, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU; and Professor, College of Europe

16.00-16.20 *Use of Diplomatic Assurances to Protect Detainees:* **Ashley Deeks**, International Affairs Fellow, Council of Foreign Relations

16.20-16.40 *The Risks in Using Diplomatic Assurances:* **James Heenan**, Human Rights Officer, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

16.40-17.30 Discussion

19.30-22.30 Dinner at the "Provinciaal Hof" on registration

DAY 2: Friday 17th October

Session Four: Ways forward

Chair person: **Philip Spoerri**, Director for International Law, ICRC

09.30-10.00 *The Copenhagen Process on the Handling of Detainees:* **Thomas Winkler**, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

10.00-10.30 *How to Operationalise the Legal Obligations?:* **Lt Col Darren Stewart**, Legal Advisor, NATO and **Frederik Naert**, Legal Advisor, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-11.45 Discussion

Concluding remarks

11.45-12.15 Concluding remarks and closure by **Philip Spoerri**, Director for International Law, ICRC