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**INTERNATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON THE  
HUMAN RIGHT TO PEACE (IOHRP)**

**SPANISH SOCIETY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL  
HUMAN RIGHTS LAW (SSIHRL)**

With the collaboration of the German Institute of Human Rights  
and  
The World Council of Churches

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**Consultations of the Eastern and Western European  
States and Others Groups with experts on the codification  
of the right to peace at the UN Human Rights Council**

**Geneva, 16 May 2011**

**Palais des Nations  
Room XXVII  
10:00 – 13:00 h.**

**(Closed meeting)**



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## Program of work

10:00 – 10:30:

### **Opening session**

- Opening statement by the Chairperson-Rapporteur Mr. José Luis Gómez del Prado (Canada/Spain), Chairperson of the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries, member of the International Drafting Committee of the Barcelona Declaration on the Human Right to Peace (2 June 2010), and Rapporteur of the Santiago Congress on the Human Right to Peace (9-10 December 2010)
- Opening statement on behalf of the organizers: Mr. Carlos Villán Durán (Spain), President of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law

10:30 – 10:45:

### **First session: Legal foundations of the human right to peace**

- Speaker: Dr. Wolfgang S. Heinz (Germany), Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee drafting group on the declaration on the right of peoples to peace.

10:45– 11:15: Debate

11:15 - 11:30:

### **Second session: The individual and collective dimensions of the human right to peace**

- Speaker: Mr. Carlos Villán Durán (Spain), President of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law

11:30- 12:00: Debate

12:00 - 12:15:

### **Third session: The human right to peace as prerequisite to the enjoyment of all human rights without discrimination.**

- Speaker: Prof. Dr. Alfred de Zayas (United States of America), Professor of Public International Law at the Geneva School of Diplomacy and member of the Technical



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Drafting Committee of experts of the Bilbao Declaration on the Human Right to Peace (24 February 2010)

12:15 – 12:45: Debate

12:45 – 13:00 **Closing session**

- Concluding remarks by Dr. Wolfgang S. Heinz (Germany), Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee drafting group on the declaration on the right of peoples to peace.
- Concluding remarks on behalf of the organizers: Mr. Carlos Villán Durán (Spain), President of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law.
- Final remarks by the Chairperson-rapporteur, Mr. José Luis Gómez del Prado (Canada/Spain), Chairperson of the UN Working Group on the use of mercenaries

## EXPERTS BIOGRAPHIES

### **CHAIRPERSON-RAPPORTEUR**

Mr. **Jose Luis Gómez del Prado** is the chairperson of the UN HR Council's Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries, servicing in his personal capacity as a human rights independent expert (2005-2011). He also submitted a number of reports to the UN Human Rights Council and the General Assembly. Besides, he is a member of the Advisory Group of the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) Private Security Regulation Net. He also served as a member of the U.N. Advisory Group of the Voluntary Fund for the First International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

As former senior human rights officer (1981-1997) he was in charge of advisory services and human rights field presences of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; he has been responsible and innovator of the UN Human Rights Advisory and Technical Cooperation Program, establishing field offices and elaborating cooperation programs in Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Paraguay, Cambodia, Mongolia, Palestine, the Region of the Great Lakes of Central Africa, Romania and Georgia. He has been Senior Coordinator of the World Conference against Racism (Durban 2001) assisting the former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Mary Robinson.



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## SPEAKERS

Dr. **Wolfgang S. Heinz** is senior researcher and policy adviser at the German Institute for Human Rights responsible for international fight against terrorism, human rights and the United Nations. He is a senior lecturer in political science at the Free University of Berlin. He is a member of the European Committee on the Prevention of Torture since 2005 and rapporteur of the UN Human Rights Council Advisory Committee's drafting group on the declaration on the right of peoples to peace.

Prof. **Carlos Villán Durán** is a free-lance professor of international human rights law; Co-Director of the Master on International Human Rights Protection at the University of Alcalá (Madrid); former staff member of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (1982-2005). He is President of the Spanish Society for the International Human Rights Law and author of some 130 publications on international human rights law, among them three books and 11 articles on the human right to peace.

Prof. Dr. **Alfred de Zayas** is an American lawyer, writer, historian, and expert on international human rights law. He was a senior staff member of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, where he served as Secretary of the Human Rights Committee and the Chief of Petitions. He is currently professor of international law at the Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations. He practised law in New York as an associate in the law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett from 1970 to 1974 specializing on corporate law, and is the author of numerous books and pieces on international human rights law.

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Mr. **David Fernández Puyana** is bachelor in Philosophy and Education Science by the University of Barcelona (Spain) and Graduated in Law by School of Law University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona); Master in International Studies by University of Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona); Master in International Human Rights Protection by the University of Alcalá (Madrid) and holder of the LL.M. in International Human Rights Law by the University of Essex (Colchester, UK). He was Director of the SSIHRL World Campaign on the Human Right to Peace (2007-2010). He is the representative of the SSIHRL and the International Observatory on the Human Right to Peace in Geneva.

Mr. **Oliver Rizzi Carlson** holds an MA in Peace Education from the UN-mandated University for Peace and is the Editor of the Global Campaign for Peace Education Newsletter. He



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works on Culture of Peace issues as Representative at the UN for the United Network of Young Peacebuilders, Operation Peace Through Unity, as well as the Global Alliance for Ministries and Departments of Peace. He is Sower and Caretaker of The Culture of Peace Organization, a member of the Youth Team drafting the World Report from Civil Society at the end of the Decade for a Culture of Peace, and speaks on Peace Education at conferences in various countries.

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