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Dear Madam,  
Dear Sir,

Following the success of last year’s edition, the *Belgian Group* of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* is pleased to invite you to the second **‘*Silent leges inter arma?*’ conference**. This international conference will once again be hosted at the Grand Hotel Casselbergh in the centre of the historical city of Bruges (Belgium) from 18 through 21 September 2018.

The conference will bring together practitioners and academics active in the field of security and defence from a wide variety of countries, to discuss the following topics:

- Autonomous Weapons & Artificial Intelligence: Definition, Ethics and Law
- Chemical Weapons: Centenary of the WWI Armistice
- Chemical Weapons & Non-State Actors
- Rights of Military Personnel in the EU Security and Defence Context
- The Leuven Manual on International Law Applicable to Peace Operations
- Detention by Peacekeepers
- Protection of the Environment in Peace Operations

The language of the Conference will be English. The further outline of the program will be sent to you in the next coming weeks. A detailed program will be published on the website of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War*. The conference is also designed to offer ample professional networking opportunities.

The number of participants in this Conference is **limited to 120**. Travel arrangements should therefore only be made *after* written confirmation of participation has been received. For practical reasons we strongly recommend that participants book their accommodation at the Grand Hotel Casselbergh, using our special hotel reservation form. Special room prices apply for participants in the conference: 138 euro for a room (even if it is occupied by two persons) (breakfast for the guest(s), VAT, free WiFi and free access to the wellness area included, but additional room and hotel services not included).

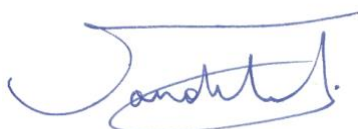
Foreign visitors to Belgium may have to apply for a visa at the appropriate Embassy or Consulate of the Kingdom of Belgium. Participants are responsible for timely application for their visa. Travel to Bruges is an individual responsibility. There are excellent train connections between Brussels Airport and the City of Bruges, and the *Society's* General Secretariat will be happy to advise participants on the best way to reach their destination.

The participation fee for the '*Silent Leges inter Arma?*' conference is 475 euro for members of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War*, 575 euro for non-members. This fee covers a conference package, a welcome drink on Tuesday, a reception on Wednesday, and a cultural event on Thursday, as well as lunches and coffee breaks as stipulated in the program.

Application forms have to be received by the General Secretariat of the *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* **as soon as possible and in any event no later than 15 June 2018**. Together with confirmation of participation payment details will be provided. Full payment has to be received no later than 30 June 2018. A reduced participation fee of respectively 435 euro and 535 euro is offered for registrations no later than 30 April 2018. In such case payment has to be received no later than 15 May 2018.

The *International Society for Military Law and the Law of War* and its *Belgian Group* very much look forward to your participation and contribution to this unique event in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bruges.

Yours respectfully,



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*Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War*  
& *President of the Belgian Group*