DETAILED PROGRAM AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Monday, 7 October 2013
19h00-21h00 Informal welcome reception at restaurant

Tuesday, 8 October 2013
09h00-10h30 Opening Session
- Welcome Remarks
- Introduction of participants
- Aims and objectives of training

Content: Introduction of and by the participants, presenters and others involved with the training as a whole. Discussion on the aims and objectives of the training, stressing the participatory nature of the course.

11h00-12h30 General overview on Chemical weapons

Main presenters: General Salvatore Carrara with Dr Alastair Hay
- What are chemical weapons?
- When, how, why are chemical weapons used?

Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers

Content: This session will introduce participants to the basic nature of chemical weapons and the context in which they are deployed.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session participants will be familiarised with the basic nature of chemical weapons and understand when, how and why chemical weapons may be, or may have been, used. They will be in a position to explain and discuss this subject with (State) institutions and/or third parties.

14h00-15h30 International Legal Framework on Chemical Weapons

Main presenters: Alison Smith with Dr Niccoló Figá-Talamanca
- Relevant aspects of international human rights, criminal and humanitarian law
- International legal framework on chemical weapons, including elements of crimes

Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers

Content: This session will introduce participants to all relevant aspects of international human rights, criminal and humanitarian law, specifically with regard to chemical weapons, including the scope of the law and the elements required to prove the crimes.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session participants will have a common baseline understanding of the international legal framework on chemical weapons, including insight
into the set-up of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. The session will equip participants with the basic tools to identify which acts may constitute crimes and in what circumstances.

16h00-17h30  Nature of Chemical Weapons

**Main Presenters: Dr Alastair Hay with General Salvatore Carrara**

- Effects of exposure to mustard gas, nerve agents and riot control agents;
- Overview of agents, including delivery and dissemination methods.

*Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers*

**Content:** This session will deepen the content of session 1, which provided insight into the basic nature of chemical weapons, by providing an overview of different chemical agents, as well as methods for their delivery and dissemination. Participants will be familiarised with the specific effects of exposure to mustard gas, nerve agents and riot control agents.

**Learning objectives:** By the end of this session participants will have the basic tools to assert if and which general kind of chemical agent was used in a particular circumstance on the basis of the generated effects. Furthermore they will possess basic awareness on movements of delivery and dissemination of chemical weapons prior to their deployment, allowing them to engage in early warning activities.

17h30-18h00  Daily Wrap-up

**Moderator: Hadi Habal**

- Main Elements of the Day
- Questions and Answers
- Feedback from Participants

*Content:* During this session, the main content of the day’s sessions is summarised and additional questions are discussed.

**Learning objectives:** This purpose of this session is to allow participants to engage in deeper discussion, respond to any outstanding questions and to provide feedback to the speakers.

**Wednesday, 9 October 2013**

09h00-10h30  Effects of Chemical Weapons

**Main Presenters: Dr Alastair Hay with General Salvatore Carrara**

- Signs and symptoms
- Reducing exposure
- Medical responses and counter measures
- Long term effects and the need to collect data

*Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers*
Content: This session will study in more detail the signs and symptoms associated with the use of chemical weapons. Participants will be familiarised with protective measures, as well as medical responses.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session participants will be able to identify signs and symptoms as a result from a chemical weapons incident. They will understand the possibility of employing materials already in their possession for minimising the effects of such an incident. Participants will understand the need for efficient data collection to allow the effective use of evidence.

11h00-12h30 Documentation of crimes under international law

Main presenters: Alison Smith with Dr Niccolò Figà-Talamanca

- Sources of information and documentation
- Working with witnesses and victims
- Acquisition of information: PEACE model and the 6Ws

Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers

Content: This session will begin the discussion on common standards and challenges for the collection of evidence, documenting the sources of information and documentation to respond to the “who, what, when, where, why and how” of the crimes.

The session will present a discussion of different issues that may be encountered while working with witnesses and victims in conflict and post-conflict environments, including psycho-social care, cultural, social and gender dynamics. This session will present principles and strategies for the safety and security of witnesses and sources. Different ways in which people may be interviewed will be described, a practical interview model (PEACE model: Preparation and Planning - Engage and Explain - Account, Clarify and Challenge – Closure - Evaluation) will be introduced and a discussion on the 6Ws (who, what, when, where, why, how) will be held.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session participants will be familiarised with the sources available for the collection and recording of evidence.

The purpose of this session is to instil in participants the approach that witness wellbeing and safety depend on the daily way of dealing with witnesses and information they provide, including documentary information. By the end of the session participants will understand the merits of the PEACE interview model as a means to ensure both the wellbeing of their witness and the accuracy of their testimony and the utility of the 6Ws to ensure all relevant information is captured.

Thursday, 10 October 2013

09h00-10h30 Documentation of the use or existence of chemical weapons

Main Presenters: Dr Alastair Hay with Alison Smith

- Documenting allegations of chemical weapons incidents
- Previous cases of chemical weapons use
• Information management and analysis
• What do to with documentary information and objects
• How to prepare reports based on information gathered
• Conflict mapping and putting together the story of the crime
• Advocacy and legal purposes
• Best practices and lessons learned (based on previous experiences)

Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers

Content: This session will provide a deeper understanding of evidence gathering after alleged chemical weapons incidents. Through examples of previous cases of chemical weapons use and the study of lessons learned in those cases, participants will be introduced to the best practices in the collection of information and documentation regarding the deployment of chemical weapons. This session will also introduce participants to information management and analysis, as well as the storing of documentary information and material. It will provide a reporting framework for the information gathered, in order to allow for effective conflict mapping and putting together the story of the crimes for advocacy and legal purposes.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session, participants will be equipped with a broad evidence-gathering framework based on best practices to employ in the case of an alleged chemical weapons incident. They will be able to engage in the efficient management, analysis and reporting of their information. They will be in a position to explain and disseminate this information with (State) institutions and/or third parties. They will have an overview of reporting structures and overall conflict mapping efforts allowing them to contribute effectively to further advocacy and legal efforts.

11h00-12h30 Environmental and biological samples

Main Presenters: Dr Alastair Hay with Alison Smith
• What is a Chain of Custody
• How to collect samples
• How to protect samples
• What do samples reveal and what can’t they show
• Persistence of agents
• The need to collect data

Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers

Content: This session will introduce participants to the basic protective principles of collecting, transporting and storing samples. The concrete evidence value of samples will be studied.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session, participants will be familiarised with the basic principles of collecting and protecting evidence samples of chemical weapons. They will be provided with the means to handle evidence that might be encountered and to equip them with the means to avoid the contamination of evidence through collection procedures.
Participants will understand the need for efficient data collection to allow the effective use of samples as evidence.

14h00-15h30  Risk Awareness and Risk Management on chemical weapons

**Main presenters: Hamish de Bretton-Gordon, Dr Alastair Hay and General Salvatore Carrara**

- Principles of Risk Management
- Protective measures
- Medical responses and counter measures
- Guidelines for responding to a chemical weapons’ incident

**Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers**

**Content:** The session will review risk management principles and introduce basic protective measures for chemical weapons, as well as medical responses and counter measures.

**Learning objectives:** By the end of this session, participants will be familiarised with basic risk management principles, including differentiating between risks and threats, as well as protective and response practices and how to address them before, during and after a chemical weapons incident.

16h00-17h30  Post event actions and procedures

**Main presenters: Hamish de Bretton-Gordon with Dr Alastair Hay**

- Immediate action
- Escaping and surviving
- Decontaminating
- Decommissioning

**Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers**

**Content:** This session will introduce participants to the immediate, short- and long-term actions and procedures after a chemical weapons incident.

**Learning objectives:** By the end of this session, participants will be equipped to respond to the short- and long-term needs of surviving and ensuring survival after a chemical weapons incident.

17h30-18h00  Daily Wrap-up

**Moderator: Hadi Habal**

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19h30-22h00  Evening Discussion (at venue)
Open discussion among participants and presenters on Chemical Weapons in Syria

- Current situation of Chemical Weapons in Syria
- Challenges and methods in decommissioning Chemical Weapons
- Role of the international community on Chemical Weapons in Syria

Content: Participants and speakers will engage in an open discussion on chemical weapons.

Learning objectives: The purpose of this open session is to share information and experiences on the current situation of chemical weapons in Syria; and to engage in informal discussion on the challenges and methods in decommissioning chemical weapons as well as the role of the international community with regard to chemical weapons in Syria.

Friday, 11 October 2013

09h00-12h30  Workshop Session

- Chemical Weapons Effects and Response” outreach strategy and materials

In working groups, discussion on strategy, drafting and production of materials

Content: During this session, participants will break into groups to discuss concrete outreach strategies on the effects and responses to chemical weapons, based on the knowledge acquired during all previous sessions.

Learning objectives: The purpose of this session is to consolidate the learning objectives of the course and will enable participants to put the knowledge acquired into practice, to present proposals on an outreach strategy and to begin the drafting and production of materials to provide a concrete dissemination follow-up to the course.

14h00-17h30  Workshop Session

- “Chemical Weapons as a Crime” outreach strategy and materials

In working groups, discussion on strategy, drafting and production of materials

Content: During this session, participants will break into groups to discuss concrete outreach strategies on the investigation and follow-up to crimes related to chemical weapons based on the knowledge acquired during all previous sessions.

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Saturday, 12 October 2013

09h00-10h30  Reserved

Content: This session will be dedicated to responding to outstanding questions and to engage in deeper analysis of issues that were covered previously.

Learning objectives: The purpose of this session is to ensure and consolidate the learning objectives of the course.

11h00-12h30  Individual Criminal Responsibility for chemical weapons attacks

Main presenters: Alison Smith with Dr Niccoló Figá-Talamanca

- Principles of individual and command responsibility
- Modes of liability for military and civilian commanders and other actors
- Who “bears the greatest responsibility”?
- What are the various theories of “Joint Criminal Enterprise”?

Discussion (potentially in working groups) - Questions and Answers

Content: This session will review modes of liability for establishing criminal responsibility, focusing on the different ways in which individuals may be held accountable under international criminal law. The session will present an overview of how the identification of orders, command structures and weaponry can be used in determining responsibility for crimes in war.

Learning objectives: By the end of this session participants will be familiarised with the various theories of direct and command responsibility, including “Joint Criminal Enterprise”, and will have a common understanding of the different ways in which individuals may have responsibility for the commission of crimes related to chemical weapons, and to alert participants to different types of information that may be useful in establishing direct or command responsibility.
14h00-15h30  Closing the training

Moderator: Hadi Habal

- Wrap-up with participants
- Presentation of certificates of attendance
- Evaluation of course
- Final remarks

Content: This session will consolidate the information discussed over the previous four days and obtain feedback from participants regarding the course and their impressions. It will also recognise the participation of participants by providing them with an attendance certificate.

Learning objectives: The purpose of this session is to ensure all participants have a common understanding of the different issues discussed and would be ready to deploy in the context of a chemical weapons incident. The purpose is also for the course organisers to gain feedback on the participants’ thoughts and on how courses and workshops can be improved in the future.