



International Law Association Committee Meeting – Use of Force: Military Assistance on Request

Introductory Note

Following the launch of the new International Law Association (ILA) Committee on the Use of Force in November 2020, the Committee has convened online on three occasions since. The two-day in-person closed meeting in Graz, with the support of the Netherlands branch of the International Law Association, will build on these discussions. In addition, it will also advance various aspects of military assistance on request that come within the Committee's mandate. Substantive discussion will focus on a range of topics, including State practice pertaining to the so-called 'negative equality' approach and the 'purpose-based' approach, as well as on the question of governmental authority to express consent in cases of atrocity crimes, and the role of necessity and proportionality in the context of military assistance on request. Papers will be circulated beforehand among the committee members, and discussants will be identified for each paper to open the debate with other committee members. In addition, the conference will enable the members to continue discussions on the draft structure for the envisaged committee report. Lastly, the purpose is to discuss the further assignment of work as the committee moves forward and to prepare an overall work-plan for the subsequent months and years.

Date Thursday, 12 May – Friday, 13 May 2022

Venue University of Graz, Faculty of Law, SZ 15.21

RSVP

Since the number of participants is **limited to a maximum of 40**, committee members are requested to confirm their participation as soon as possible at anna.hoerzer@uni-graz.at. Please note that this is a closed meeting for committee members only and registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

Accommodation Participants are responsible for their own accommodation. Hotel rooms can be booked individually at Romantik Parkhotel Graz. A contingent of rooms will be reserved by the hotel until **31 March 2022**. The reservation number "ILA0522GRZ" and all participants have to arrange their accommodation directly either by phone (+43 316 36300) or email (office.sales@parkhotel-graz.at)

Parkhotel Graz

Costs and Availabilities:

Room category I – 110,00€ per night [16 rooms]

Room category II – 117,00€ per night [10 rooms]

Room category III – 140,00€ per night [14 rooms]

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**Travel/
Transport**

Participants are responsible for their own travel and transport arrangements and costs. It is recommended to take a flight to Graz International Airport, from where the hotel can be reached by a 30-minute-taxi-ride. Information about the possibility of shared taxi-arrangements will be provided on the homepage of the Institute for International Law and International Relations closer to the time.

Despite Corona, there are still direct flights to Graz from various European airports such as Frankfurt, Munich and Amsterdam. Otherwise there are good connections via these airports or Vienna. However, there are currently less flights than in pre-Corona times and participants should therefore please book their flights as soon as possible.

Costs

There is no participation fee and the Institute for International Law and International Relations will be sponsoring the meals and refreshments indicated on the schedule below on 12 and 13 May 2022. In addition, we will be sponsoring a dinner on 12 May 2022. We will also reserve tables at a well-known bar for an informal 'get-together' on the night of arrival (11 May 2022).

Travel expenses, hotel rooms (including breakfast), the informal 'get-together' on 11 May and all drinks other than what is served during the seminar meals and breaks are at each participant's own expense.

**Virtual
Attendance**

Online attendance will be facilitated for committee members who cannot attend. As indicated, we will have to cap the in-person-attendance at 40.

Internet Access Eduroam access at the conference venue. Participants will need their access code from their home institution

Preliminary Schedule

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Evening	Arrival and check-in at hotel
Evening	Optional 'Get-together' (location t.b.d)

Thursday, 12 May 2022

06.45 - 10.00 am	Breakfast buffet for guests who have booked rooms at Romantik Parkhotel
9.00 am	Workshop beginning (SZ 15.21)
Mid-morning	Coffee Break
1.00 pm	Lunch
Afternoon	Coffee Break
7 pm	Dinner and Aperitif at Landhauskeller Graz

Friday, 13 May 2022

06.45 - 10.00 am	Breakfast buffet for guests who have booked rooms at Romantik Parkhotel
9.00 am	Workshop beginning (SZ 15.21)
Mid-morning	Coffee Break
1.00 pm	Lunch
Afternoon	Coffee Break

5.00 pm

End of Workshop and departure from hotel

Participants, whose return journey is not possible on Friday evening, might extend their stay at Romantik Parkhotel until Saturday, 14 May 2022.

In the event of such prolonged stay, we highly recommend enjoying drinks above the roofs of Graz during the sunset at [SKYBAR | SCHLOSSBERG \(schlossberggraz.at\)](https://skybar.schlossberg.at) (at own expense)

Members of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law will be provided online access to substantive parts of the workshop