

## **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 and the open meeting as part of the online ILA Conference on 7 December, the two-day closed meeting in Graz will set the stage for a series of intensive workshops on various aspects of military assistance on request that come within the Committee’s mandate. Substantive discussion will focus on several region-specific analyses of relevant State practice (including from regions that have hitherto received less attention in doctrine), on the one hand, and on a number of conceptual papers, e.g., exploring the interplay with the right of self-determination or the concept of democracy, on the other hand. Both sets of papers will be circulated beforehand amongst the committee members, and a discussant will be identified for each paper to open the debate with other committee members. In addition, the conference will enable the members to discuss the provisional structure for the envisaged committee report, the desired approach e.g, in terms of addressing both *lex lata* and *lex ferenda*, and to identify key questions to be addressed. Lastly, the purpose is to discuss the further assignment of work as the committee moves forward and to prepare an overall workplan for the subsequent months and years.

**Date** Thursday, 6 May – Saturday, 8 May 2021

**Venue** Hotel Schloss Seggau, Seggauberg 1, 8430 Leibnitz

## **RSVP**

Since the number of participants is **limited to a maximum of 35**, committee members are requested to confirm their participation as soon as possible at [fiona.abken@uni-graz.at](mailto:fiona.abken@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 Hotel Schloss Seggau, which is also the workshop venue. A contingent of rooms will be reserved by the hotel until **15 February 2021**.

Since this contingent might not be sufficient for all workshop participants, bookings will be made on a first come first serve basis. Please find below further information on the accommodation at Hotel Schloss Seggau and alternative hotels close-by.

### **Hotel Schloss Seggau:**

Costs and Availabilities:

Single room category I – 103,50€ per night [28 rooms]

Single room category II – 49,50€ per night [4 rooms]

www: <http://www.seggau.com/en/>

phone: +43 3452 82435 0

### **Hotel Hasenwirt**

Costs: 79€-98€ per night

Distance to workshop venue: 1,9 km

www: <https://www.hasenwirt.com>

phone: +43 3452 73055

### **Hotel & Wirtshaus Römerhof**

Costs: 50-65€ per night

Distance to workshop venue: 2,4 km

www: <https://www.hotel-roemerhof.info>

phone: +43 3452 824 19

### **Privatpension Lang**

Costs: 42€ per night

Distance to workshop venue: 2,4 km

www: <https://www.privatpension-lang.at>

phone: +43 3452 85 415

## **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 7 and 8 May 2020. In addition, we will be sponsoring a wine-tasting on the evening of arrival (6 May 2020).

Travel expenses, hotel rooms (including breakfast), the optional dinner on 6 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. We nonetheless very much hope that by May 2021, we would be able to welcome as many committee members in person as possible.

**Preliminary Schedule**

**Thursday, 6 May 2021**

Evening	Arrival and check-in at hotel
Evening	Optional dinner at Hotel Schloss Seggau's Castle Tavern
8 pm	Joint wine tasting in Hotel Schloss Seggau's Wine Cellar

**Friday, 7 May 2021**

7.30-10.30 am	Breakfast buffet for guests who have booked rooms at Hotel Schloss Seggau
9.00 am	Workshop beginning (Styria Hall)
Mid-morning	Coffee Break
1.00 pm	Lunch

Afternoon	Coffee Break
6 pm	Dinner

## **Saturday**

7.30-10.30 am	Breakfast buffet for guests who have booked rooms at Hotel Schloss Seggau
9.00 am	Workshop beginning (Styria Hall)
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 Saturday evening, might extend their stay at Hotel Schloss Seggau until Sunday, 9 May

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