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War in Cities

Thursday 20 April 2023
Rode Kruis-Vlaanderen
(Motstraat 42, 2800 Mechelen)

- 09.30 - 10.00 Arrival and registration
- (Announced use of languages TBC)
- 10.00 - 10.30 **Opening and introduction** (in Dutch)
- 10.30 - 11.30 **Panel I: The use of explosive weapons in populated areas** (in Dutch and French)
- Setting the scene: The human cost of use of EWIPA and the need to strengthen the protection of civilians
 - The support to the adherence to the Political Declaration and its implementation by Belgium
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Panel II: Challenges related to assistance to the civilian population & protection of essential infrastructure** (in Dutch and French)
- Physical injuries and mental health and psychological effects as consequence of urban conflict
 - Humanitarian responses to the consequences of urban warfare: lessons learned and recommendations
 - Protection of essential services under IHL
- 12.30 - 13.00 Q&A
- 13:00 - 13.45 Lunch

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- 13.45 - 14.45 **Panel III: The protection of civilians in the planning and conduct of military operations** (in English)
- Planning military operations in cities: putting protection of civilians at the heart of Commanders objectives
 - Distinction, Proportionality and Precautions in cities – considerations for coping with the challenges
 - Exercise as you fight – UW in military training
- 14.45 - 15.00 Q&A
- 15.00 - 16.00 **Panel IV: “New technologies: friend or foe in urban warfare?”** (in French and English)
- New technologies blurring the lines between combatants and civilians
 - Challenges related to the dual-use of objects: the example of reliance on the satellites in the urban battlefield
 - How could new technologies enhance IHL compliance in urban warfare?
- 16.00 - 16.15 Q&A
- 16.15 - 16.30 **Conclusions** (in French)

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