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Brussels, 29 August 2021

Dear Madam,
Dear Sir,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend our international conference in Aix-en-Provence, France. This conference will be organised in cooperation with the Institute for International Humanitarian Studies of Aix-en-Provence Law School, and hosted at the university campus from 26 to 29 October 2021. The conference will be supported by the University of Exeter (United Kingdom); the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Colombia); the Stockton Center for International Law (United States); the TMC Asser Institute; and possibly other partners.

The central theme of the conference is:

***Dealing with tensions, crisis and war
in accordance with international law and humanitarian principles***

Enclosed herewith you will find the draft programme, as well as the necessary documents for registration. A reduced participation fee applies for our members. A membership application form is attached to this invitation and can also be found at www.ismllw.org, under the 'To become member' section. The programme will be completed and updated in the coming months and will be made available on our website in its most current version.

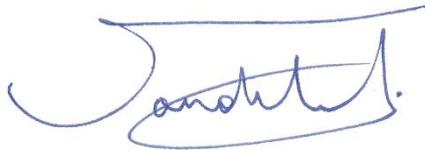
All registered participants will receive more information about hotels that offer a special conference rate. After acceptance of the completed registration form, the final confirmation of registration is subject to the payment of the registration fee. A copy of the *Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations* (Cambridge University Press, December 2017) will be given to each international participant during the conference as part of the package covered by the registration fee. Students of the University of Aix-Marseille will have free access to the academic parts of the conference.

Please note that travel to and from Aix-en-Provence is an individual responsibility. The nearest airport is the Airport Marseille Provence. Visa requirements, as well as health related requirements may apply; you are advised to verify these timely.

We will be delighted to welcome you and other representatives of your country or organisation in the lively city of Aix-en-Provence, and we are looking forward to a vibrant and international exchange of ideas on some of today's challenging legal issues in the context of international peace and security.

Yours sincerely,

The *Secretary-General*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ludwig Van der Veken', with a large, sweeping flourish on the left side.

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