



## **Protection of Civilians in Urban Warfare – Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (EWIPA): Issues, Policy and Practice**

**7 September 2020**

**TIME 14:30-17:30 (CET)**

### **Programme**

Ireland is pleased to invite you to an online Webinar on the Protection of Civilians in Urban Warfare: Explosive Weapons in Populated Areas (EWIPA): Issues, Policy and Practice.

The webinar will include a high-level panel discussion and two additional panels designed to examine the broader issues surrounding the use, impact and measures that can be taken to address the humanitarian harm that can be caused by EWIPA.

The webinar is open to representatives of UN Member and Observer states, international organisations and civil society.

The Webinar will take place via Zoom. In order to receive an access link, participants must register by emailing [EWIPAWebinar2020@dfa.ie](mailto:EWIPAWebinar2020@dfa.ie) detailing your name, role and affiliation.

**The closing date for registration is 6 September. Only registered participants will receive a link to access the meeting.**

### Welcome and Opening remarks:

- **Ambassador Michael Gaffey**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.

### Keynote Address:

- **Mr. Simon Coveney** T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Minister for Defence, Ireland.

### High-Level Panel Discussion

*Moderated by Ms. Sonja Hyland, Political Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland.*

- **Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs
- **Mr. Gilles Carbonnier**, Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- **Dr. Renata Dwan**, Director, United Nations Institute Disarmament Research (UNIDIR)



Session One : EWIPA: Framing and Contextualising the Issue

*Moderated by Ambassador Michael Gaffey, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.*

- **Ambassador Thomas Hajnoczi**, Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria.
- **Ms. Amanda Wall**, Attorney Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State
- **Ms. Helen Durham**, Director of International Law and Policy at the International Committee of the Red Cross
- **Mr. Richard Moyes**, Managing Director at Article 36 and joint Coordinator of the International Network on Explosive Weapon

Session Two: Addressing the Issue through Political Commitments

*Moderated by Ambassador Michael Gaffey, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.*

- **Ambassador Frank Tressler Zamorano**, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva
- **Mr. Albrecht von Wittke**, Head of Division, Conventional Arms Control, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
- **Ms. Michaela Miller**, Head of Conventional Arms and Regimes, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom
- **Mr. Simon Bagshaw**, Senior Policy Advisor on Protection of Civilians at UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs UNOCHA
- **Ms. Sahr Muhammedally**, Director for MENA & South Asia, Centre for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC)

Closing Messages:

- Message from Urban Warfare Survivor and Victim Advocate, **Ms. Amina Azimi**, Afghan Landmine Survivors Organization (ALSO)
- Closing remarks and update on the Political Declaration Process, **Ambassador Michael Gaffey**, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.

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