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Legad Study Period

In accordance with the NRDC-IT Training Directive 2003, Legal Branch held its study period from 12th to 14th of November 2003. The exercise was attended by representatives of branches and divisions within the Hqs and by Representatives from subordinate Division and affiliated Units.

The study period was conducted following the successful completion of FOC certification and built on the lessons learned from major exercises conducted by the Corps in 2003.

The aim of the study period was to provide a basic knowledge on legal issues related to the operations of an HRF HQ; to study, discuss and develop the operational concept and to standardize procedures in order to provide a useful forum for sharing information and expertise on legal matters. The final goal was to spread the Law of Armed Conflict concept and their applicability during military operations among subordinate and affiliated units.

The legal study period gave an overview upon the following topics:

- Law of Armed Conflict;
- Geneva Conventions;
- Rules of Engagement;
- legal basis for NATO operations;
- Prisoners of War;
- NATO SOFA and related issues;
- CIMIC concept;
- Role of Multinational Special Units (MSU - CARABINIERI).

Most of the lectures were given by legal branch staff and by some of the HQ NRDC-IT branches representatives; while specific topics have been dealt by Guestspeakers, such as:

- "Justice and War Crimes", by Dr. LUPPINO expert in Human Rights and War Crimes issues. He has worked for UNHCR and EU;
- "Treatment of paramilitary combatants and Joint Implementation Commission in cease-fire", by Mrs SPRINGER



Mrs Springer during the lecture

Consultant for UNHCR with a acknowledged expertise as Consultant for Peace and Negotiation Dialog with paramilitary groups.

Her lecture, titled "Treatment of paramilitary combatants and Joint Implementation Commission in cease-fire", covered the Strategic Analysis of Complex Scenarios during a Crisis Response Operations (CROs) and was very interesting for all attendees because it explained the links between military and civil affairs during operations and the guidelines that both of them should follow in the future.



Question time after the lecture

Next year HQ NRDC-IT legal branch is planning to hold its seminar to clarify the legal point of view about asymmetric conflict (e.g. IRAQ) and the evolution of the International Law.



In particular, Mrs SPRINGER's lecture was much appreciated as she is an expert in International law and Human Rights, working as an Independent