8.15 - 9.00  
**Arrival and registration**  
We kindly ask delegates to plan for their timely arrival and registration as the opening session will begin at 9.00 sharp.

9.00 - 10.00  
**High-Level Opening Segment**  
- **Alexander Schallenberg**  
  Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs  
- **Izumi Nakamitsu**  
  Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs  
- A message from His Holiness, **Pope Francis**  
- **Gilles Carbonnier**  
  Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross  
- A message from urban warfare survivor and victim advocate **Amina Azimi**  
- A message from UN Messenger of Peace **Michael Douglas**

10.00 - 10.15  
**Coffee break**

10.15 - 12.00  
**Panel 1: „Direct civilian harm caused by EWIPA”**  
*Moderated by H.E. Amb. Gloria Navarrete Pinto, Ambassador of Chile to Austria and Permanent Representative to the International Organisations in Vienna*  
It is well established that the use of wide-impact explosive weapons in populated areas results in a complex pattern of both immediate and long-term civilian harm. The purpose of session one is to reach a better understanding of the nature of direct civilian harm.

- Immediate and short term humanitarian consequences  
  **Hansjörg Strohmeyer, Chief of Policy Development and Studies Branch, UNOCHA**

- Impact on the human body and types of injuries, including injuries to children, disability and victim assistance  
  **Marco Baldan, Senior Surgeon, ICRC**

- Gender, age, psychological harm  
  **Alma Al-Osta, Disarmament and Protection of Civilians Advocacy Manager, Humanity & Inclusion**

- Data  
  **Iain Overton, Executive Director, Action on Armed Violence**
**Panel 2: “Indirect civilian harm and reverberating effects caused by EWIPA”**

*Moderated by H.E. Amb. Evan Garcia, Permanent Representative of the Philippines to the United Nations Office and other International Organisations in Geneva*

Session two will consider the longer-term and cumulative harm that arises from the use of wide-impact explosive weapons in populated areas and what this means for the civilian population. It will focus on the impact of explosive weapons in terms of damage to and destruction of critical civilian infrastructure and the knock-on effects on essential urban services, forced population displacement, access to education, and longer-term development and attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals.

- **Destruction of critical civilian infrastructure and impact on essential urban services**
  Michael Talhami, Urban Services Adviser, Water and Habitat Unit, ICRC

- **Displacement and refugees**
  Ole Solvang, Director, Partnerships and Policy, Norwegian Refugee Council

- **Development**
  Sara Sekkenes, UN Resident Coordinator in LAO PDR

- **Impact on children**
  Michael Copland, Coordinator Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility, UNICEF

**Coffee break**

**Panel 3: “Characteristics of explosive weapons and challenges of the urban context”**

*Moderated by H.E. Amb. María del Socorro Flores*

- **Technical characteristics of explosive weapons**
  Stefano Toscano, Director, GICHD

- **Factors that create wide area effects**
  Roos Boer, Programme Leader Humanitarian Disarmament, PAX
Session three will consider the challenge of conducting military operations in urban and other populated areas and, in particular, the use of wide-impact explosive weapons in such contexts. It will seek to develop a shared understanding of certain explosive weapons that may have wide area effects. It will consider their intended military purpose, the manner in which they have been used and how scale of area effects are already central to many military approaches to limiting risk.

End of session, followed by bus transfer to Palais Niederösterreich.

Reception (Palais Niederösterreich)
09.00 - 10.30
Panel 4: “International law and the use of explosive weapons”

Moderated by H.E. Amb. Pedro Comissário, Director for the Central Bureau for the Prevention and Combat against Drugs, Office of the Prime Minister of Mozambique, former Chair of the International Law Commission

Session four will consider the protection of civilians afforded by international law, in particular international humanitarian law (IHL), the IHL issues raised by the use of EWIPA, and efforts to ensure respect for IHL

- Overview of relevant issues under IHL
  Kathleen Lawand, Head, Arms Unit, Legal Division, ICRC

- Wide impact explosive weapons and legal concerns
  Maya Brehm, Advisor, Article 36

- The view of a practitioner in operations
  Brig. Lisa Ferris, Director of Defence Legal Services, New Zealand Defence Force

- The compliance framework for the G5-Sahel Joint Force
  Baptiste Martin, Director G-5 Sahel Project, UN OHCHR

10.30 - 10.45
Coffee break

10.45 - 12.30
Panel 5: „Military practice and policy”

Moderated by Colonel (ret.) Wolfgang Richter, Research Division International Security, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Session five will focus on the practical, operational steps that have been, and could be, taken to strengthen the protection of civilians from the use of explosive weapons in populated areas. With

- Military practice and policy in Iraq
  Sahr Muhammedally, MENA & South Asia Director, CIVIC

- Afghanistan’s Protection of Civilians policy
  Abdul Hai Rauf, Deputy Minister of Defence, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

- ISAF experience
  Marc Di Paolo, Director, Defence Institution and Capacity Building for the Operations Division, NATO

- AMISOM experience
  Maj. Gen. (ret.) Simon Karanja, former Deputy Force Commander of AMISOM
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<td><em>reference to Afghanistan, Iraq and Somalia, it will consider the different practices that have been adopted to limit and avoid the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas.</em></td>
<td>• Protection of civilians and targeting, collateral damage estimation and battle damage assessment&lt;br&gt;Simon Bagshaw, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Development and Studies Branch, UNOCHA</td>
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<td><strong>Session „The Way Forward – Issues to be considered in a political declaration“</strong></td>
<td>• The Agenda for Disarmament and EWIPA&lt;br&gt;Izumi Nakamitsu, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and High Representative for Disarmament Affairs&lt;br&gt;• The function of political declarations&lt;br&gt;Bonnie Docherty, Associate Director of Armed Conflict &amp; Civilian Protection, International Human Rights Clinic, Harvard Law School&lt;br&gt;• Why a political declaration?&lt;br&gt;- Amb. Pedro Comissário, Mozambique&lt;br&gt;- Pamela Moraga, Head of Disarmament Section Geneva, Chile&lt;br&gt;- Zahid Rastam, Principal Assistant Secretary, Malaysia&lt;br&gt;- Orlaith Fitzmaurice, Director for Disarmament and Non-proliferation, Ireland&lt;br&gt;<strong>Discussion among participants</strong></td>
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