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l'association des Journalistes de défense (AJD), l'association des Journalistes-écrivains pour la Nature et l'Ecologie (JNE)

Presentation of the Project – July 5th, 2007

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Admiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, Navy Chief of Staff, and Admiral François Dupont, IHEDN Director, support this initiative, and the first conference, out of 3, will be hosted at the IHEDN premises at the Ecole militaire (Military School), on Tuesday, July 10th, 2007. The Joint Chiefs of Staff supports this approach as well, and the Chief of the military cabinet of the Minister of Defense thus chose to place this set of conferences **Defense and Environment : a new way of thinking** under the High Patronage of the Minister of Defense.

Armed conflicts are often a source of suffering, both for men victims of the war and for nature. Environmental problems are very well-known.

The consequences of the war in the Gulf area, in Saudi Arabia, as well as the oil slick in a practically closed-sea, have generated major impacts in the 1990s on habitats in the coastal area. During the conflict which took place last summer (2006), the Mediterranean had to put up with another oil slick. Though it was less important than the previous one, the public opinion has displayed a new environmental sensibility, which encourages one to better manage environmental impacts. Could this new context urge current governments to change the conditions for use of military forces against targets located on the coastline, or such land targets as oil wells and gas tanks ?

There's an increasing need for in-depth thinking, with the pooling of joint military experiences, and possible conflicting constraints between the different parties involved : strategic goals, risks of major pollutions and their impact on civil populations, environmental constraints and efficiency. While taking into consideration these new established facts, 3B Conseils organizes a set of 3 conferences on the following theme : « **Defense and Environment : a new way of thinking** ».

Our goal consists in promoting wide thinking, and contributing to bringing about proposals for international organizations, such as the UN and its specialized institutions (IUCN...). The aim is to reduce, within an international legal framework, the environmental impacts of military actions and activities during both peace-time and times of conflicts.

- Should a new article be added to the Convention(s) of Geneva ?
- Can the development of a political idea responsible of the environment lead the governments to change the conditions for use of military forces ?
- What policy, and what kind of management could be implemented regarding weapons, life-ending armaments, and the return of military sites to civilians ?

The « Journalistes-Ecrivains pour la Nature et l'Ecologie » (JNE : Journalists-Writers for Nature and Ecology) and the « Journalistes de Défense » (AJD : Defense Journalists) associations are both partners of the first conference.

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Defense and Environment : a new way of thinking

The goal of these conferences is to foster a new way of thinking and contribute to bringing about proposals to international organizations such as the UN, or the IUCN, in order to better take into consideration the environmental impacts of military actions and activities.

Audience

About 200 people from the world of Defense, industrialists, elected officials, members of parliament, associations, delegates of public and private research organisms and think-tanks from all over the country and Europe.

Duration

Half a day.

Organization

The different international and European speakers will be sharing their experiences and recommendations in the form of 2 round-tables, in order to allow for better participation of experts and other specialists making up the audience. Prior to these round-table conferences, an expert will be giving a 2-to-4-minute lecture on the subject.

Registration

NB : Funding is underway. This first conference will only be taking place under this condition. It is important that you make arrangements for July 10th, 2007, from 8h30 up until 13h, and that you register online as soon as possible. A confirmation mail will be sent to you by June 29th, 2007.

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Registration is free, and admissions are limited to 200 people.

Agenda

Conference N°1 on Tuesday July 10th, 2007

The first conference is mostly oriented towards the Navy, and will be taking place on Tuesday July 10th, 2007, at the IHEDN (Institute of Higher National Defense Studies). This Institute is headed by Admiral François Dupont, with the support of Admiral Alain Oudot de Dainville, Navy Chief of Staff.

08h30 – Mars, Gaïa and Poseidon, can we turn the Gods green ?

11h00 – The Environment : a cost or an asset for the Defense ?

Conference N°2 in January – February 2008

Management of the environment in times of armed conflicts and post-conflicts, on a joint military level.

Conference N°3 in June – July 2008

Progress report and perspectives : where does the Law stand in the strategic debate over Defense and Environment.

NB : In order to complete the participants' information, a portfolio containing key regulations will be posted online prior to the first conference. Project : a DVD ROM will be edited, putting together the portfolio mentioned above, along with the video of all the speeches and lectures. A summary will be available by septembre 2008.



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