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kindly invite you to a Lunch Seminar on

International Law Applicable to Air and Missile Warfare

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Thursday 1 April 2010 - 12.30 – 14.00

Large Meeting Room, Law Faculty, Tiensestraat 41, Leuven

On 4 March 2010, the **HPCR Manual on International Law Applicable to Air and Missile Warfare** has been published, as the outcome of a six-year effort led by the Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR), based at Harvard University. Adopted by consensus of a group of thirty internationally renowned experts in the law of armed conflict, it restates existing law *anno* 2010, and reflects the results of a worldwide series of consultations with most air powers, including Permanent Members of the UN Security Council. Air warfare, as a strategic feature and central component of military operations in many recent and ongoing armed conflicts, poses critical challenges to the protection of civilians. Yet, despite the fact that treaties applicable to armed conflict deal with certain aspects of air and missile warfare, no treaty specifically addresses it. The last time international law on this topic has been informally restated was in 1923.

The lunch seminar will present some salient substantive issues dealt with by the Manual.

Bruno Demeyere was a member of the Drafting Committee convened to draft the Commentary associated to the HPCR Manual on International Law Applicable to Air and Missile Warfare. A full version of the Manual and its associated Commentary can be downloaded via www.ihlresearch.org/amw/aboutmanual.php

Participation is open and free, but prior registration is required. Please notify via e-mail (conference@gqs.kuleuven.be) before 26 March if you wish to attend.