Workshop on the Regional legal Compendium of Regulatory Instruments for the Management on International Humanitarian Assistance in Emergencies
Panama
October 24th and 25th 2011
Monday, October 24, 2011

8:30 a.m.  Welcoming ceremony
Xavier Castellanos, Director of Zone IFRC
Minister Carlos Villalba, Vice President White Helmets Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Culture of the Republic of Argentina
Liliana López Ortiz, Director of Global Affairs, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
Douglas Reimer, Regional Disaster Response Adviser, Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Regional Office- OCHA

9:00 a.m.  Workshop orientation and instructions
Circe Romero Navarro, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
Purpose: To welcome participants and orient them to the workshop during their stay in Panama.

9:10 a.m.  Introduction to applicable international law
Teresa Camacho Espinosa, IDRL Programme in the Americas, IFRC
Purpose: To orient participants to the context of the IDRL Guidelines and the more common legal problems of international humanitarian assistance

9:30 a.m.  Introduction to the Regional Legal Compendium - Background
Barbara Schijman, White Helmets Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Culture of Argentina
Purpose: To orient participants to the background of the Compendium, the process of development and legal framework

9:40 a.m.  Applicable criteria for international humanitarian assistance in cases of disaster
Liliana López Ortiz, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico
Purpose: To orient participants to the principles of international assistance in disasters

10:00 a.m.  Introduction to applicable regional and sub regional instruments and mechanisms
a) OEA: Pablo Gonzalez
b) CEPREDENA: Walter Wintzer
c) CAPRADE: Reina Amparo Gallego
d) ACS: Eduardo Gonzalez
Moderator: Xavier Castellanos, IFRC

Purpose: To orient participants to the various regional initiatives and coordination mechanisms

10:40 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 a.m. Presentation of Colombia and Peru’s experience with the Regional Legal Compendium

Presenters:
- Colombia: Reina Amparo Gallego, Legal Advisor, Directorate of Disaster Management
- Peru: Luis Pitta Pereyra, Chief of Legal Affairs Office, INDECI

11:30 a.m. Discussion: Question and answer period for presenters
Moderator: White Helmets Commission

11:40 a.m. Working groups: How to approach and use the Compendium? Recommendations for the process of completing the Compendium

Introduction to Working Groups: Teresa Camacho, IFRC

Purpose: This session will introduce participants to the facilitators, describe the format of the training group sessions and introduce the Xland scenario.

**Theme A:** Information and Initiation of Assistance
Facilitators: Liliana López, Secretary of Foreign Relations of Mexico and Teresa Camacho, IFRC

**Theme B:** Legal facilities
Facilitators: Kathryn Lo, IFRC, Secretary and Barbara Schijan, White Helmets Commission

Rotation 1
- Group 1: Theme A
- Group 2: Theme B

12:40 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Continuation Rotation 1

3:00 p.m. Coffee break

3:15 p.m. Rotation 2
- Group 1: Theme B
- Group 2: Theme A
5:00 Plenary Discussion – Simulation completion of Compendium based on themes A and B

Purpose: To provide participants an opportunity to compile all working groups learning through a practical exercise

Moderators: Barbara Schijman, White Helmets Commission and Teresa Camacho, IFRC

6:00 End of day

7:00 Welcoming dinner

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Tuesday, October 25, 2011

9:00 a.m. Introduction to the criteria for the use of military and foreign civil protection resources in disasters
Max Bonnel OCHA and Nelson Castaño, IFRC

9:20 a.m. Working Groups

**Theme C:** Humanitarian principles and standards of quality
Facilitators: Liliana López, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico and Kathryn Lo, IFRC

**Theme D:** Private or non-governmental and non-civil assistance
Facilitators: Barbara Schijman, White Helmets Commission and Nelson Castaño, IFRC

**Rotation 1**
- Group 1: Theme C
- Group 2: Theme D

10:20 a.m. Coffee break

10:40 a.m. Continuation Rotation 1

11:30 a.m. **Rotation 2**
- Group 1: Theme D
- Group 2: Theme C

12:40 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Continuation Rotation 2

3:00 p.m. Coffee break
3:30 p.m. Presentation of the themes for the 31st International Conference of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies  
Teresa Camacho, IFRC

4:00 p.m. Plenary Discussion pledges for the XXXI International Conference  
Moderator: Teresa Camacho, IFRC

4:20 p.m. Plenary Discussion – Simulated completion of Compendium based on themes C and D  
Moderator: Liliana López Ortiz, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

5:15 p.m. Closing of the workshop