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**Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
International Bar Association
and
British Institute of International and Comparative Law**

jointly present a Seminar on

HUMAN RIGHTS FACT FINDING MISSIONS

1-2 June 2009
at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law
London

Programme

**DAY 1
Monday 1 June 2009**

9.00 – 9.30 Registration and Coffee

9.30 – 9.45 Welcoming Remarks in the presence of the Ambassador of Sweden, HE Mr Staffan Carlsson
Speaker: **Professor Robert McCorquodale**, Director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

9.45 – 11.00 Keynote Address
Speaker: **Geoffrey Robertson QC**, Doughty Street Chambers; Appeal Judge, UN Special Court for Sierra Leone

11.00 – 11.30 Tea/Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 What is Fact Finding ?

Chair: **Sarah Williams**, Dorset Fellow in Public International Law, British Institute of International and Comparative Law

Speakers: **The Hon Justice Robert J Sharpe** , Court of Appeal, Ontario
Wilder Tayler, Acting Secretary-General, International Commission of Jurists
Christian Åhlund, Executive Director, ILAC
Prof Charles Garraway, UK Representative, International Humanitarian Fact Finding Commission; British Red Cross, Legal Adviser on International Humanitarian Law

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Interviewing Vulnerable Groups

Chair: **Dr Louise Arimatsu**, International Humanitarian Law Project, London School of Economics

Speakers **Mona Rishmawi**, Legal Adviser and Coordinator of the Rule of Law and Democracy Unit, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Graham Dossett, Fellow, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex
Carla Ferstman, Director, Redress

15.30 – 16.00 Tea/Coffee

16.00 – 17.30 Practical Issues

Chair: **Alan Stephens**, Director of Research, Clemens Nathan Research Centre
Speakers: **Andrew Mawson**, Deputy Program Director, Human Rights Watch London Office
Anne FitzGerald, Director, Research Unit, Amnesty International
Purna Sen, Head of Human Rights, Commonwealth Secretariat

18.00 – 18.30 Drinks Reception

DAY 2
Tuesday 2 June 2009

9.30 – 11.00 Effectiveness of the Mission

Chair: **Prof Sir Nigel Rodley** KBE, Chair, Human Rights Centre, University of Essex; UN Special Rapporteur on Torture from 1993-2001; Member, UN Human Rights Committee

Speakers: **Dan Saxon**, Senior Prosecuting Trial Attorney, Office of the Prosecutor, ICTY
Philip Leach, Professor and Director of the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute and the European Human Rights Advocacy Centre at London Metropolitan University
Alison Smith, Legal Counsel and International Criminal Justice Program Coordinator, No Peace Without Justice

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 Fact Finding Guidelines: Launch and Commentary on the Guidelines – Open Session

Chair: **Dr Phillip Tahmindjis**, International Bar Association

12.30 – 12.45 Concluding Remarks

Speaker: **Leif Holmström**, Director, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law