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## LEGITIMATE USE OF POLICE FORCE: WHAT ARE THE LIMITS?

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#### Panel

 <p><b>Abdelkarim Boujradi</b> Secretary General, Interministerial Delegation for Human Rights of Morocco</p>	 <p><b>Alejandro Lenz</b> Director, Tumbokas ONG, Colombia</p>	 <p><b>Christine Fossen</b> Head of UN Police (UNPOL) in UNMISS, South Sudan - Norway</p>	 <p><b>Louise Edwards</b> Director of Research and Programmes, African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum, South Africa</p>	 <p><b>Mark Kroeker</b> Former UN Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary- General for Rule of Law, USA</p>
 <p><b>Ambassador Nathalie Chuard</b> Director, DCAF</p>	 <p><b>Abigail Robinson</b> Senior SSR Expert (Moderator)</p>	 <p><b>Cristina Hoyos</b> Head of the Latin America and the Caribbean Unit, DCAF</p>	 <p><b>Gary White</b> Coauthor - Assistant Chief Constable (ret'd), Northern Ireland Police</p>	 <p><b>Natalia Escobar</b> Coauthor - Programme Manager, DCAF</p>

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## Opening remarks, Panel & Moderation



### **AMBASSADOR NATHALIE CHUARD, DIRECTOR DCAF**

Ambassador Nathalie Chuard did her studies in Arts and Political Sciences in Switzerland and Russia. In 2000, she started her career at the Swiss NGO Terre des hommes and took on a variety of postings abroad, including in Afghanistan, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Madagascar, and the Middle East.

She joined the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs in 2005 and, as a Swiss Diplomat, served among other positions as Deputy Head of the Human Rights Section in Berne and Political Coordinator at the

Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. From 2018, she headed the Middle East and Northern Africa Division (Humanitarian Aid) of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation. From 2020 to 2023, she was the Ambassador of Switzerland to Bangladesh. She speaks French, German, English, and Russian. Joining DCAF in March 2023, Nathalie Chuard is the first woman appointed as Director of DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.



### **Cristina Hoyos PhD., Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Unit, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.**

Cristina Hoyos is currently the Director of DCAF's Latin America and the Caribbean Unit. Dr. Hoyos has more than twenty-five years of experience working in the field of development cooperation, diplomacy and issues related to security and peace, leading multilateral and bilateral negotiations (OECD, African Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and important bilateral cooperation programs) in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. She has worked at the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC) for the past 12 years, where She was responsible for the development of new

approaches for fragile countries and programmes related to conflict prevention in development cooperation contexts. From 2005 to 2008, Dr Hoyos was co-chair of the OECD for cooperation on conflict, peace and development, representing Switzerland. Within the Colombian government, she was an advisor to two Ministers and Head of International Cooperation at the Ministry of the Environment (1998-2000). During that time he was part of the negotiating team in the peace process with the ELN (1998) and participated in the negotiations with FARC-EP in 2000. As a diplomat of the Colombian Government she held different positions in Germany (1995-1998) and in Brazil (1991-1994). Dr. Hoyos holds a PhD in Geography from the Humboldt University of Berlin, with a thesis on the peace process with farc-ep (1999-2002).



### **Abigail Robinson**

Ms Robinson is an independent expert in security, defense and diplomacy who has supported security sector reform processes in Latin America, the Sahel, East Africa and the Balkans. Her previous positions include Principal Programme Manager with the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance, Senior Program Officer with the Center for Civil Military Relations, Deputy Head of the U.S. Delegation to the OPCW, and U.S. Army officer. Abigail is based in the Netherlands and has an M.S. in Conflict Resolution and Governance and a B.S. in Chemical Engineering.



### **Christine Fossen, UNMISS POLICE COMMISSIONER**

**Mrs. Fossen is the Head of UN Police (UNPOL) component in UNMISS and vested with its overall command and direction. Mrs. Fossen joined the Mission in November 2021.**

Prior to joining UNMISS, Commissioner Fossen held the position of Special Advisor at the Ministry of Justice, in Oslo from 2019-2021. She represented the Norwegian Ministry of Justice in the United Nations' Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C-34) and worked on the Security Council team at the Ministry of Justice during Norway's time in the UNSC. She was daily in contact with the Norwegian MFA, the Norwegian PM and the Norwegian Police advisor team to the UN, in NY.

2016-2019 Mrs. Fossen held the position as Police Commissioner, Southeast Police District, Norway. Commissioner Fossen has a rich career with the Norwegian

police force. Throughout the course of her career, Commissioner Fossen held several high-ranking posts. She began her police career in Moss Police District in 1990, serving as a Police Prosecutor. She was in 1995 appointed as Deputy Police Commissioner in Vadsø Police District where she in 1998 was promoted to Police Commissioner, at the time the youngest commissioner in Norway. For the period 1999-2001 Mrs. Fossen was Chief organized crime unit in Oslo Police HQ. In the period 2002-2019 she continued to serve in the capacity of Police Commissioner in various parts of Norway, through two major Police reforms in Norway. From 2013 to August 2015 Commissioner Fossen was Head of the Admissions Board at the Norwegian Police University College. From March 2013 to September 2014, she was Head of Mission Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), which was civilian surveillance organization, with a mandate to "observe and report", located in Hebron on the West Bank of Palestine. Police Commissioner Fossen has a total 32 years in the Police force, and 19 years as Commissioner in various parts of Norway, including 18 Months as Head of mission in Hebron/TIPH. Commissioner Fossen holds a master's degree in law from the University of Oslo in Norway, in addition several courses as, United Nations Senior Missions leader course, UN Police Commander course, NODIFEC peace mediation course, CEPOL/EU Police commander /law enforcement training, and 12 week training course for Senior Government officials at the Norwegian Defence University College.



**Mark Kroeker**

Mr Kroeker is Senior Partner of Kroeker Partners LLC. Following 32 two years in the Los Angeles Police Department he retired as Deputy Chief and served as Deputy Police Commissioner of the UN's Mission in Bosnia (UNMIBH). He later became Portland Oregon's Police Chief where he served for 4 years. In 2003, he was appointed the first Police Commissioner for the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Two years later he was appointed Police Advisor in the UN's Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) in New York. Then for 5 years, he served as Vice President for Global Intelligence, and Crisis Management for the Walt Disney Company. He served three years as Senior Vice President for Justice and Rule of Law at PAE a global government contracting company overseeing justice programs in Afghanistan, Haiti, Mexico and other countries. Most recently

he has worked on police reform projects in Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso. He holds a B.S. degree from California State University at Los Angeles and a M.S. in International Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

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**Natalia Escobar, Programme Manager, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance.**

Ms Escobar specialises in institutional strengthening and police modernization. She has supported various police institutions in strengthening governance. She has more than 15 years of experience in issues of institutional transformation, governance, human rights, public-private partnerships, and sustainable development. Ms. Escobar has led projects for organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the World Bank, as well as government institutions such as the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia. Prior to joining DCAF, she supported the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights on corporate human rights due diligence and procurement systems. She also participated in the design of peacebuilding plans for 40 municipalities in Colombia and in the analysis of the institutional changes necessary to implement the Colombian 'Territorial Peace' Policy. In Colombia, she was also an advisor to the Director General of the Department of Social Prosperity, where she formulated public policies and bills on the topics of public-private partnerships and financial inclusion. She was responsible for coordinating multi-sector projects in different organizations and ensuring strategic alignment with partners including ministries, local governments, companies, and multilateral organizations. Ms. Escobar is an economist and has a Master's degree in Management and Strategy from the London School of Economics (LSE) and a master's degree in Business Administration from the National University of Colombia.

**Gary White,**



Mr White served as a police officer for over thirty years in Northern Ireland. He reached the rank of (T) Assistant Chief Constable, with command responsibility for Operational Support Department, including specialist firearms teams, public order units, close protection and specialist search. He has extensive command level experience in some of Northern Ireland's most challenging postings. In 2013, Mr White was awarded the 'Member of British Empire' (MBE) medal by Queen Elizabeth II, in recognition for his contribution to policing and the

community in North and West Belfast – where he served for a significant part of his career. Since retiring from the police service in 2012, he has have taken up a number of consultancy roles including as a Deployable Civilian Expert to The British Government's Stabilisation Unit, a Senior Policing Advisor to London based International NGO-Saferworld and a number of large private contractors. He has been involved in developing and delivering training for international organisations including OSCE/ODIHR, DCAF (Geneva) and Amnesty International. He specialises in areas of Community Policing, Public Order, Human Rights, and the Use of Force and Police Accountability. Mr White is a member of the 'Informal Expert Group for the Implementation of EU Anti-Torture Regulation. He has just been engaged to work with the UN Special Rapporteur on Policing Assemblies, to participate in a global consultation and to develop international guidelines for law enforcement in the policing of assemblies. Mr White has experience in providing advice and assistance on police reform projects in Africa, the Middle East, Central and Southeast Asia, Eastern Europe and South America.