

A

Legal Inquiry

into the Invasion and Military Occupation of Iraq

Date: Saturday 8th November 2003 10am – 6pm

Venue: Old Theatre, London School of Economics, Houghton Street

The legality of the war against Iraq has been a vital issue in recent times. Attracting less attention has been the related legality of the *conduct of the war* and subsequent *occupation* by the Coalition forces. But such matters may now be the active concern of the newly formed **International Criminal Court**. With the UK having ratified the ICC Statute, the Coalition's actions may be investigated and responsible persons prosecuted in the ICC.

PEACERIGHTS is organising a Legal Inquiry to examine one central question:

Is there sufficient cause for the International Criminal Court prosecutor to investigate members of the UK government for breaches of the ICC Statute in relation to crimes against humanity and/or war crimes committed during the Iraq conflict and occupation in 2003?

An internationally renowned panel of experts will consider the legal implications of:

- Civilian casualties
- Choice of military targets
- Use of cluster bombs
- Conduct of Occupation

Experts and eye-witnesses will present evidence to the panel on each issue.

Members of the audience will have the opportunity to ask questions

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The panel members are:

William Schabas, Professor of Human Rights Law at the National University of Ireland, Galway and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights.

Christine Chinkin Professor of International Law at the London School of Economics Department of Law.

Bill Bowring Professor of Human Rights and International Law at London Metropolitan University

René Provost Associate Professor Faculty of Law McGill University

Paul Tavernier Professor at the *Faculté Jean Monnet*, and Director of the *Centre de recherches et d'études sur les droits de l'Homme et le droit humanitaire* at the *Université de Paris Sud*.

Nick Grief Professor of Law and Head of the School of Finance and Law at the University of Bournemouth.

Guy Goodwin-Gill QC barrister and Professor of International Refugee Law at the University of Oxford.

The Legal Inquiry has the full support of CND. It will cost about £15,000 to organise authoritative proceedings. We hope you will be able to support this venture in any way you can.

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