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"UN Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights' inquiry on drones"

Speakers:

Ben Emmerson QC

UN Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights

Professor Michael Clarke

Director General, Royal United Services Institute

5 pm, Wednesday 4 December 2013 Committee Room 9, Houses of Parliament

In January 2013, Ben Emmerson QC, UN Special Rapporteur on counter-terrorism and human rights, announced an inquiry into the civilian impact of the use of drones in Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Afghanistan and the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The inquiry's central objective is to examine evidence that drone strikes, together with other kinds of remote targeted killing, are causing, in some instances, disproportionate civilian casualties. Published in October, his interim report makes recommendations to States on their duty to conduct thorough independent and impartial investigations into such allegations.

The APPG on Drones and the APPG on the United Nations are pleased to host a meeting with both the Special Rapporteur and with Professor Michael Clarke, Director General of the Royal United Services Institute, in which they will comment on the issues covered by the inquiry as well as the wider impact of military drone technology.

Co-chairs: Tom Watson MP & Lord Hannay

This meeting is hosted jointly by the APPG on Drones and the APPG on the United Nations. Please note, this meeting was originally due to take place on 9 October but has been rescheduled for 4 December.

All Members of both Houses and their staff are welcome to attend.

Please RSVP to Ben Donaldson (donaldson@una.org.uk).