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**THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION**

*New York, NY  
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**Draft Agenda**

**Day One**

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| 9:00-9:15 a.m.   | Introduction to specialized session   |
| 9:15-10:15 a.m.  | What is humanitarian protection? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Definitional challenges</li><li>◆ Operational perspectives</li></ul>   |
| 10:15-10:30 a.m. | Coffee break  |
| 10:45-12:00 p.m. | International humanitarian law and protection in armed conflict <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ The principles of distinction and proportionality</li><li>◆ Protected persons under IHL</li></ul> |
| 12:00-1:00 p.m.  | Lunch   |
| 1:00-2:30 p.m.   | Humanitarian access under international law   |
| 2:30-3:30 p.m.   | IHL and negotiating access <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Engaging non-state actors</li><li>◆ Managing safe access</li></ul>   |
| 3:30-3:45 p.m.   | Coffee break  |
| 3:45-5:00 p.m.   | Case study, follow-up plenary discussion  |

## Day Two

- 9:00-9:30 a.m. Review of previous day
- 9:30-10:45 a.m. **Human rights and protection**
- ◆ Rights vs. needs based strategies
  - ◆ Applying human rights in times of conflict
- 10:45-11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 p.m. **Enforcement and accountability: responsibility of practitioners in the field**
- ◆ War crimes and crimes against humanity
  - ◆ International tribunals and domestic remedies
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. **Development of a protection strategy**
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:15-5:00 p.m. **Simulation exercise and plenary discussion**