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on Public International Law**

## *Symposium on* **Independent Advice on Public International Law**

The Dutch Standing Advisory Committee CAW

*19 January 2023*

*13.00 – 17.00 (walk in from 12.30)*

Multi Purpose Room  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rijnstraat 8, The Hague

To attend the symposium, please register before 16 January 2023 through [cavv@minbuza.nl](mailto:cavv@minbuza.nl).

N.B. It is not possible to attend the symposium without prior registration. Identification is required to enter the Ministry.

*The symposium aims to showcase the work of the Dutch Advisory Committee on Public International Law and offers an opportunity to reflect on the role of independent advice on issues of public international law from a domestic, international and comparative perspective.*

**12h30** Coffee and tea

**13h00** Welcome

*Prof. René Lefeber, Legal Adviser and Head of the International Law Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**13h10** The function and relevance of the CAVV

- **Introducing the CAVV: an overview of its institutional setting and its advisory function**  
*Prof. Larissa van den Herik (CAVV Chair)*
- **The contribution of the CAVV to the development of international law**  
*Prof. Cedric Ryngaert (CAVV)*

**13h30** PANEL 1 - The institutional setting: a domestic, international and comparative perspective  
*chaired by Dr Guido den Dekker (CAVV)*

- **The contribution of the CAVV to Dutch debates – a perspective from Dutch Parliament**  
*MP Roelien Kamminga*
- **The contribution of the CAVV to the work of the ILC**  
*Prof. Patricia Galvão Teles (ILC)*
- **A comparative perspective: independent advice on public international law in Germany**  
*Prof. Roman Schmidt-Radefeldt, Regierungsdirektor Wissenschaftliche Dienste*
- Panel discussion and Q & A

**14h30** BREAK

**14h50** PANEL 2 – A substantive view: a closer look at three CAVV advisory reports

*Chaired by Dr Bibi van Ginkel (CAVV)*

- **The protection of the atmosphere**  
*Prof. Johan Lammers (CAVV) and Sir Michael Wood (ILC)*
- **The provision and funding of non-lethal assistance to non-state armed groups abroad**  
*Dr Rosanne van Alebeek (CAVV) and Ghassan Dahhan (Trouw newspaper)*
- **The use of the term ‘genocide’ by politicians**  
*Dr André de Hoogh (CAVV) and MP Sjoerd Sjoerdsma*
- Panel discussion and Q&A

**16h50** Concluding reflections

*by Dr Catherine Brölmann (CAVV)*

**17h00** RECEPTION