



COUNTERING HYBRID THREATS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL LAW

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STRUCTURE OF THE PRESENTATION

1. Understanding the international security environment
2. Hybrid threads
3. Applicability of law
4. States' response countering hybrid threads in accordance with the international / national law
5. Way ahead
6. Conclusion

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IS UNPREDICTABLE AND FILLED WITH NON-TRADITIONAL THREATS

- Information and communication technologies brought many changes
(positive and negative aspects)

UNDERSTANDING THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT IN THE NEW ERA

Information and communication technologies brought many changes



Positive aspects

Negative aspects

MAY WE DEFINED THE HYBRID THREATS ?



HYBRID THREAT – DEFINITIONS



ANY ADVERSARY THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY AND ADAPTIVELY EMPLOYS A TAILORED MIX OF CONVENTIONAL, IRREGULAR, TERRORISM AND CRIMINAL MEANS OR ACTIVITIES IN THE OPERATIONAL BATTLE SPACE". - THE UNITED STATES JOINT FORCES COMMAND

HYBRID THREAT –DEFINITIONS

- “Hybrid threats are methods and activities that are targeted towards vulnerabilities of the opponent. Vulnerabilities can be created by many things, including historical memory, legislation, old practices, geostrategic factors, strong polarisation of society, technological disadvantages or ideological differences”. - European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats

<https://www.hybridcoe.fi/hybrid-threats/>

HYBRID THREAT –DEFINITIONS

- “Hybrid threats are combination of military and non-military means. The objective is to destabilize opponents, create confusion, mask the real situation on the ground and hamper decision -making”. – Council of the EU, Hybrid Threats, 18 April 2018

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xig1wtPRbnY>

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL) AND WAR EXIST IN A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP

- “ Most major humanitarian law treaties arrived on the heels of a major conflict in response to post factum concerns over particular aspects thereof “ – prof. Michael N. Schmitt, Texas State University

5. WAY AHEAD

- Education plays a significant role in preparing to counter hybrid threats
- Raising the awareness of potential hybrid threats
- Undertaking measures to ensure respect and implementation of the international humanitarian law

CONCLUSIONS

- Effective International legal convergence
- To minimize the discrepancy and divergence of social-economy capacities and development of the States

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