Until there is Peace

The film will be introduced by Ambassador Madame Roxane de Bilderling, Director - Office of the Deputy Prime-Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Didier Reynders;

And will be followed by a panel discussion featuring:

**Melonie Kastman**

Director, Melonie, has worked in film for over 20 years, producing commercials for major brands and networks around the globe. In the documentary world, she most notably directed ‘Road to Change’, along with shorts for African Leadership Academy, The American Cancer Society, Doctors Without Borders and Ronald McDonald House Charities; as well as ‘The Greenbelt Movement’: filmed with Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wanguri Maathi. And ‘Forgotten Diamonds: Literacy as a Wound of War’. Inspired by a negative story she heard on the news about Peacekeeping, she became determined to find and bring attention to the positive stories she was sure existed. ‘Until there is Peace’ is an intimate and personal look inside these lives and those of the people they protect.

**General Jean Baillaud**

General Baillaud studied at the Military Academy of Saint-Cyr. He has worked in Bosnia and Kosovo as part of a NATO force, with UN police and a UN mission; in New York as a military adviser to the French Ambassador, advising on issues in Africa and the Middle East, and travelling with security council members; ambassadors to the DRC, Chad, Sudan, and South Sudan; and accompanying numerous missions to West Africa, Syria, Liberia, and the Ivory Coast. Two years later, he was elected as general to serve in UN HQ. After this he joined the DPKO, before deploying to the DRC in 2013, where he was Deputy Force Commander of MONUSCO (UN Mission in DRC) until 2016. He is now an academic director of CHESD in DRC at Themis (The Management Institute of International Security).

**Rory Keane**

Rory Keane heads the United Nations Liaison Office for Peace and Security (UNLOPS) in Brussels. Previously, he worked for the office of the United Nations Special Envoy for the Sahel Region, and also served as Security Sector Advisor to the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General in Liberia. Mr. Keane has had roles within the OECD International Network on Conflict and Fragility, the European Commission and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

**Christophe Verhellen**

Christophe Verhellen is the Communications Officer for the Benelux at United Nations Regional Information Centre (UNRIC). He started his career with the UN in 1992 working as a Communication for Development Expert for the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Uganda. In 2011, he went on to work as the Head of Public Information for the UN’s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Afghanistan before joining the UNRIC Brussels team in 2014.

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MONUSCO took over from an earlier UN peacekeeping operation – the United Nations Organization Mission in Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) – on 1 July 2010. It was done in accordance with Security Council resolution 1925 of 28 May to reflect the new phase reached in the country.

The new mission has been authorized to use all necessary means to carry out its mandate relating, among other things, to the protection of civilians, humanitarian personnel and human rights defenders under imminent threat of physical violence and to support the Government of the DRC in its stabilization and peace consolidation efforts.

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