



# MINDEF LEGAL SERVICES

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# MINDEF's Mission

- The mission of MINDEF and the Singapore Armed Forces is to enhance Singapore's peace and security through deterrence and diplomacy, and should these fail, to secure a swift and decisive victory over the aggressor.

# How Does MINDEF Legal Services support MINDEF and the SAF's Mission?

- Provide Timely and Effective Legal Advice
- Prosecute Firmly and Fairly Military Offences
- Enhance Legal Education through Training

# Organisational Structure

- 18 Legal officers comprising 9 Legal Service Officers and 9 Defence Executive Officers
- Divided into 6 Practice Groups:
  - (i) Civil Law Practice Group
  - (ii) Contract Law Practice Group
  - (iii) Military Law Practice Group
  - (iv) Technology and IP Law Practice Group
  - (v) Agency and Statutory Law Practice Group
  - (vi) International and Operations Law Practice Group

# Examples of International Law Work

- Negotiating, drafting and advising on agreements with foreign defence ministries or armed forces

Eg. Defence Co-operation Agreements, Status of Forces Agreements, Use of training land agreements, Logistical Support Agreements

- Negotiating and advising on Treaties

Eg Arms Trade Treaty

- Advising on Treaties

Eg CEDAW, ICCPED

# Examples of International Law Work

- Advising on UNCLOS
- Advising on the Laws of Armed Conflict
- Conduct training on Geneva Conventions, Laws of Targeting etc
- Involvement in military exercises as legal advisers to the SAF

# MINDEF Legal Services Officer

- Strong legal professional skills such as legal analytical, research and writing skills

AND believes in the MINDEF and the SAF's mission

- Progression within the International and Operations Law Practice Group from Legal Counsel → Dy Head → Head
- Apart from OJT, there is training in foreign institutions and international seminars/workshops as well as domestic seminars and courses



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