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Speakers	His Excellency Dr Krzysztof Szczerski, New York His Excellency Mr Grzegorz Kowal, Wellington
Topic	“Can the United Nations dispel the dictum <i>Among weaponry the laws are silent?</i> ”
Date & Time	Monday 25 April 2022 at 2 pm
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Synopsis	<p>In 52 BC, as the Roman state was being devastated by violence, the statesman Marcus Tullius Cicero proclaimed <i>Inter arma enim silent leges</i> - <i>Among weaponry the laws are silent</i>.</p> <p>The League of Nations was formed in 1919 with the aim of ensuring international peace in Europe and the rest of the world after World War 1. After World War 2 came the Nuremberg Trials, and the United Nations as the successor to the League and with the same aim.</p> <p>To celebrate that aim, on 4 December 1959 the Soviet Union gifted to the United Nations a statue of a man beating a sword into a ploughshare.</p> <p>In 2022, does law apply to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine? If so, how can it be enforced by the United Nations, or otherwise?</p>
Biographical Details	<p>Ambassador <b>Szczerski</b> has been the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations since 2021. Prior to this posting he was the Head of the Cabinet of the President of Poland Andrzej Duda and Head of the International Policy Bureau in the Presidential Chancellery (2015 to 2021). He also served as a Member of Parliament from 2011 to 2015.</p> <p>Ambassador <b>Kowal</b> has been the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to New Zealand since 2020. He is based in Wellington. His doctoral studies in political science were undertaken at the University of Warsaw. As a diplomat he has a particular experience in the Asia-Pacific region.</p>

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