

Mississippi Model Security Council

Issue Papers

Peace-keeping, Peace-making, and Peace-building

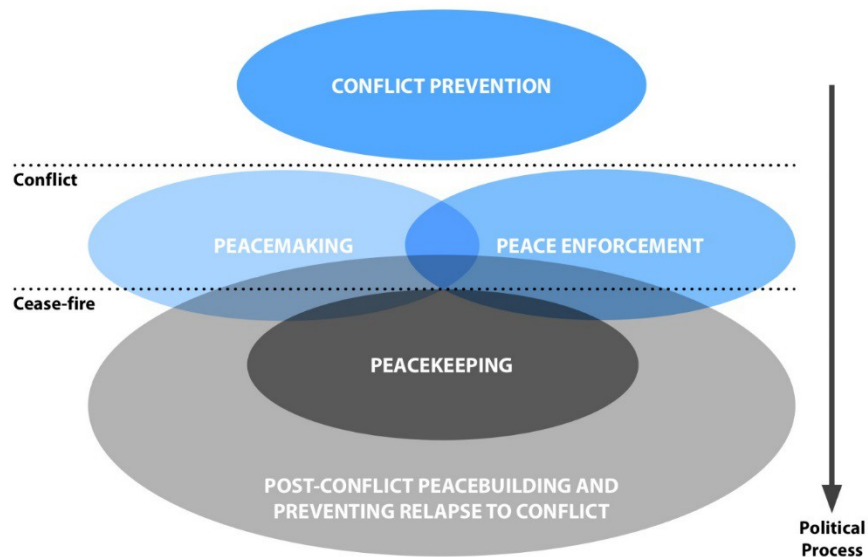
When the UN assists in areas of conflict they may decide to use peace-making, peace-keeping, or peace-building. Although the three may be easily confused, peace-making can be described bringing hostile parties to consent through the use of diplomatic negotiations and the consent of the partakers whereas peace keeping involves soldiers and other resources in domestic situations that could threaten peace and international security. Peace building, on the other hand, is involved in post-conflict reconstruction and is viewed as being more long-term.

Peacekeeping is generally used to maintain peace and security as well as facilitate the political process, protect civilians, assist in disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of former combatants; support the organization of elections, protect and promote human rights, and assist in restoring the rule of law. The UN lays out that peace keeping involves consent of the parties, impartiality, and non-use of force except in self-defense and defense of the mandate. The UN secures consent of the main parties of the conflict in order to keep from becoming part of the conflict. They also only use force as a last resort as to minimize the affect their actions will have on the national and local consent for the mission.

Significant Treaties:

- I-23431; Convention on Special Missions
- I-772; International Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Women of Full Age, concluded at Geneva on 11 October 1933, as amended by the Protocol signed at Lake Success, New York, on 12 November 1947.
- United Nations Peacekeeping Assistance; Concluded August 12, 1969

The UN Peacekeeping Operations Principles and Guidelines lays out peace-keeping, peace-making, and peace-building in the following diagram



Useful Links:

General Information

<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/peacekeeping.shtml>

<http://rfkcenter.org/peace-making-peace-keeping-peace-building-2>

<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/616264/United-Nations-UN/225020/Peacekeeping-peacemaking-and-peace-building>

UN Documents

<http://www.un.org/en/documents/charter/index.shtml>

http://pbpu.unlb.org/pbps/library/capstone_doctrine_eng.pdf

Examples

<http://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/23820/lincoln-p-bloomfield/peacekeeping-and-peacemaking>