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# **Global-Local Issues in Peace Operations: An Overview**

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# AGENDA

- DEFINING “PEACE OPERATION”
- SIX QUESTIONS
  - I: What kinds of operations are (should be) undertaken?
  - II: What crises (should) get a response?
  - III: Who does (should) authorize?
  - IV: Who does (should) execute?
  - V: What should be done about genuine C7 operations?
  - VI: Where should you go for information?

# PEACE OPERATION DEFINITION

- A PEACE OPERATION IS
  - a (generally) multilateral internationally-approved initiative
  - involving the deployment of military personnel, police, and/ or civilians
  - in order to
    - prevent occurrence or recurrence of conflict, and/ or
    - facilitate the implementation of a ceasefire or peace agreement, and/ or
    - help establish the conditions for lasting peace after a conflict's end.

# I. What kinds of operations are (should be) undertaken?

1. Preventive deployments (easier; generally interstate)
2. Observation missions (even easier)
3. Traditional peacekeeping (easier; mostly interstate)
4. Complex or multidimensional pk (harder; generally intrastate)
5. Peace inducement/ enforcement (even harder; generally intrastate)
6. Post-conflict peacebuilding (harder; generally intrastate)

ould) get a response?

- "Threats to international peace and security."
- Selective responses → double standard?
- Do no harm: from tourniquet to rehab
- P-5 exercise their power
- Mideast in 60's to 80s
- Europe, Timor and Haiti in 90s and 00s
- Africa 90s to now

# III: Who does (should) authorize?

- UN (22 in 2014)
- ROs (30)
- Ad hoc (with organizational blessing--10)

# (should) execute?

- Local actors and circumstances (should) determine
- Global interveners need numbers, versatility, and flexibility
- Problem more acute with increase in number, size and complexity/ danger of operations
  - 1987: 7 ops and ~12K troops
  - 2014: 62 ops, ~130K troops and 20K police and civilian
  - Observation and interposition v protect civilians and rehabilitating governments

# IV. Who does (should) execute?

## Part Two

- 14M in militaries but only 1 to 2% deployed in peace operations
  - Mean of 5% per contributor
  - 120 to 140 contributors
- No one global pool: WAG v UN & African ROs
- Where will WAG members go after ISAF drawdown?



## V. What should be done about genuine C7 operations?

- Under what conditions should they be authorized?
- Who (will) should undertake them?
- If nothing else, who will (should) protect civilians?
- Should the conflicts be allowed to burn out?

# VI: Where should you go for information?

## ■ Organizations:

- UN.org/ UN Wire
- SIPRI/ YB
- IISS/ Military Balance
- CIC/ Global Peace Operations
- IPI/ PROVIDING FOR PEACEKEEPERS
- Security Council Report
- ZIF
- USIP

## ■ Journals, especially

- International Peacekeeping
- Journal of International Peacekeeping
- Journal of IO Studies