

force, it is an unfortunate fact of life that thirty years later this fundamental problem still faces the United Nations. It seems increasingly clear that, contrary to the expectations after both the First and Second World Wars, international society will not develop into an international community by settling first the problems of the use of force. The process, in my view, will, on the contrary, consist of regulating, step by step, so many difficult fields of relations between states so effectively that there will be less and less reason to resort to force and thus less resistance to the gradual acceptance of real constraints upon its use. Success in this Conference will mark a tremendous step forward in the process of laying the foundations for a peaceful, stable and equitable world order.