



## TOWARDS A RAPID REACTION CAPABILITY FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

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- 21. The Secretary-General, in cooperation with Member States, should develop a set of generic and mission specific training standards and "type" curricula applicable to all troop contributing nations. Member States with standby arrangements with the Secretary-General should provide the UN with annual training summaries outlining the training activities undertaken and proposed for those units identified in the standby arrangements system.**

### **Towards a Vanguard Concept**

The emphasis of this chapter has been on recommendations which span all four levels of the UN system and which, if implemented, would create an integrated model for rapid reaction from decision-making at the highest levels to the deployment of tactical units in the field. If all of the levels of the UN, political, strategic, operational and tactical, work together collegially, unity of effort will be achieved among the disparate Member States, organizations and groups that contribute to peace operations. Only by reforming a variety of diverse capabilities will a rapid-reaction capability be created and sustained. In the short and medium terms, the vanguard concept offers the best possibility of achieving that goal.