

- (2) We should study and develop models for the management of multi-ethnic armed forces, particularly as a vehicle for promoting harmonious inter-ethnic relations and understanding.
- (3) We should look to the development of operational models for cooperative management of border zones in regions where minorities are located in areas contiguous to countries where they are a majority.
- (4) We should encourage mutual and balanced force reductions bilaterally and regionally, and especially in border areas where majority/minority or minority/minority relations are especially sensitive.
- (5) We should offer instruction on standards for military assistance to the civil power in emergency situations, to ensure that any such assistance is carried out professionally and under clear and generally-recognized principles.

CONCLUSION:

The main purpose of "internationalizing" human rights, and the protection of minorities in particular, is to establish the principle of "routine inspection", as it has been developed in the area of arms control. In this way, the political sensitivity of using a challenge mechanism could be partially eliminated, and the instruments could play a preventive and confidence-building role.

Similarly, the idea of a "Roving Commission" is essentially a way of promoting a permanent and constructive dialogue on these issues in situations which otherwise might deteriorate into conflict situations. Over time, such a Commission might even be called upon to play a mediating role.

The broad acceptance of new "machinery" could reinforce the credibility of existing instruments for protecting minority rights, while partly avoiding the difficult and divisive debate on collective rights and "de jure" recognition of minorities. It also avoids the equally thorny question of the right to self-determination. While these types of issues will have to wait further evolution in international law, our approach is advocacy of incremental but relatively radical changes in practices, procedures and attitudes, largely through a case-by-case approach, which might over time produce the necessary evolution.

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