

Early Warning of Armed Conflict
UN Secretary-General Article 99 Revisited

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Abstract

The only independent... UN Charter... any matter which may... Secretary-General... I have... For over 50 conflicts in which the... only a very few (e.g., East Pakistan/Bangladesh 1971, Mozambique 1992) can be classified as early warning. There have been three explicit invocations of Article 99 in the Security Council (Congo 1960, Iran 1979 and Lebanon 1982) and about a dozen implied invocations, but most of these were in warnings or statements of support for warnings already provided by a member state. Even the best was not early warning in most cases (e.g., Korea 1950, Falklands/Malvinas 1982, Yugoslavia 1992, Rwanda 1994) and might rightly ask why such warning is so infrequent and so difficult.

This paper summarizes the Secretary-General's... early warning in each of its three stages (information gathering, analysis and dissemination) and... how some obstacles can be overcome... The UN Secretary-General is now in a better position to carry out early warning... lighter confidant... a more proactive approach in issuing warnings and undertaking response... This may be a tall order, but the goal of early warning for conflict prevention is a... of all such efforts.

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