

either by the forces themselves or by a civilian unit or agency attached to them.¹¹¹ Those attempting to foster peace through the provision of humanitarian aid would be well advised, then, to broaden their approach. They should consider not only arranging ceasefires specifically for the purpose of carrying out a humanitarian action but taking advantage also of those ceasefires already in place, where humanitarian action can further the cause of peace.

4.4 Summary of Findings

It is safe to say that the traditional approach to conflict resolution practised by the UN and the non-traditional approach, represented in this paper by the concept of a humanitarian ceasefire, are compatible and perhaps even complementary concepts. Each in its own fashion can contribute to the resolution of conflict. Each brings to that task certain attributes that are laudable. Peacekeeping attempts to provide conditions in which negotiation or mediation to end the conflict can proceed. Peacebuilding, the category that includes the humanitarian ceasefire approach, aims to instill in the belligerents a spirit of cooperation, from which may come the realization that problems can be solved through peaceful means.

One of the more important points raised in this paper is that these two approaches to conflict resolution would benefit if they were used to supplement each other. The participation of peacekeepers in a humanitarian ceasefire might make these operations less tentative. It might also provide an excuse for early and formal UN intervention in a conflict. Rikhye says that, without exception, the operational plans of states that go to war include an estimate of the period of time available for fighting before the UN intervenes. By implication, argues Rikhye, if not by intention, most member states expect, and sometimes hope, for UN intervention leading to peacekeeping.¹¹² An understanding among

¹¹¹ See: Henry Wiseman, *supra* note 106, p. 6; Gordenker and Weiss, *supra* note 100, p. 17; and, Major-General Gunther G. Greindl, "Peacekeeping and Peacemaking. The Need for Patience," Paper presented to the Joint NUPI-IPA Workshop on : "The UN and Peacekeeping: Results, Limitations and Prospects -- The Lessons of 40 Years Experience," Oslo, Norway, 12-14 December 1988.

¹¹² Rikhye, *supra* note 94, p. 3.