

UN Charter envisaged the creation of the Military Staff Committee. There is no desire to get into the debate about the need or appropriateness the MSC for UN peace-keeping. However, the debate about it does highlight the gap between certainly politicians and the military on the strategic level.

An entire report can be built around the need for some form of MSC or international peace and security committee that would provide an interface between international political decision makers, in this case largely the Security Council, and the military/civilian peace-keeping operators including the Secretary-General and DPKO.

This report will restrict itself to merely identifying this political-peace-keeping interface as presently more of a gap than a bridge. It remains an ongoing impediment to UN peace-keeping both rapid reaction and otherwise.