

- economic sector, but even more extensively in the military
- o Such a force would have to be conspicuously neutral with respect to other nations in the region as well as to outside nations;
 - o The force would not have the mandate to interfere in internal conflicts, but it would have the right and duty to ensure that national armaments, as agreed on beforehand, are drastically reduced and that the surplus is dismantled or removed and that no new nationally-owned weapons are installed and/or stored;
 - o A review board and an ombudsperson with specific legal power would be established to ensure the perception as well as the fact of fairness in the force's operation.

In addition, it is important to emphasize that:

- o Changes in the constitution could only be made with the participants' unanimous consent;
 - o They would need to agree that nations wishing to leave the association must give at least one year's notice.
- Depending on the region, close economic cooperation between the nations involved would be important. In many cases, such as that of Central America, cooperation leading to the formation of a common market would be essential.
- The argument may be made that such closely integrated and comprehensive associations of nations cannot be achieved because the organization's operations would interfere with the sovereignty of the participating nations. However, the curtailment of sovereignty has become common since the end of the Second World War. This is the case today not only in the