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*The Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Conflict and Humanitarian Efforts***

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BIOGRAPHIES AND ABSTRACTS

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*The Functional Relationship Between Non-government Organizations,
Civil Society and Humanitarian Efforts*

Abstract

This paper presents and discusses both a short and long-term strategy which may serve as a point of reference in our efforts to formulate effective peacebuilding initiatives. It is motivated by a concern that the contributions of NGOs to peacebuilding may be limited by the lack of an integrated approach. It calls for a functionalist approach involving a short-term strategy, which would entail the progressionary involvement of different types of NGOs, and a long-term strategy which necessitates the mobilization of civil society and the development of an organization to oversee and facilitate the work of NGOs involved in peacebuilding.

Biography

I am currently finishing my first year of the PhD program in Political Science at The University of Western Ontario. At this time my research is largely focused on globalization and the use of communication technology by various non-governmental organizations. Prior to my PhD I worked as an intern at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights assisting in the implementation of the Decade for Human Rights Education. I have also gained related experience working with various non-governmental organizations, such as Amnesty International.

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Finding a Niche: NGOs as Peacemakers and Peacebuilders

Abstract

In this study the author tentatively assesses the record of NGOs as peacebuilders in the 1990s. A new world order has emerged in which NGOs have been called upon to play a significant role. As the paradigm of global politics has shifted, as the ability or willingness of